

Venturing News

**“That is hard work being a
Venturer.”**

Larry the Cable Guy

Late Fall/Early Winter 2011



Upcoming Events

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| 12/2011 | Peace Light from
Bethlehem in Area 5
www.peacelight.org |
| 1/08/2012
4 pm | Area 5 Conference Call
All Venturers are invited to
attend.
Call In #: 610-214-0200
Code: 278959# |
| 2/18-
19/2012 | Area 5 Conference
Prince of Peace Church
Olathe, Kansas |
| 7/15/2013 | 2013 National Jamboree
Summit Bechtel Reserve |

Larry the Cable Guy

Experiences Venturing

About a year ago, Heart of America Council (HOAC) was asked by the National Office to host Larry the Cable Guy at Naish Scout Reservation for an upcoming episode of “Only in America with Larry the Cable Guy.” For the HOAC this was the capstone to an already busy centennial celebration year.

Larry spent about a day with both Boy Scouts and Venturers learning about the last 100 years of Boy Scouts of America. Scouts enjoyed showing the Larry what is important with each of the different levels of scouting.

For a “tough” country boy, Larry showed his true camouflage colors to Crew 2085. Crew 2085 lead Larry through Project COPE course at Naish. Larry toughness was really challenged at the 42 foot tower when several Venturers found out that Larry is deathly afraid of heights.

To see the YouTube version of the episode go to:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch%3Fv%3DnSgB8Kf8Vb0> or go iTunes.



Venturers Can Participate in 2013 Jamboree

For the first time in Venturing history, you can participate in the 2013 Jamboree at the new Summit Bechtel Reserve. To register to participate go to summit.scouting.org.





Area 5 Youth Leadership

These youth are the top Venturing Leaders within Area 5.

Sarah Griffey

Sarah is sophomore who is home schooled and an active member of her church. She is a member of Crew 2533 from Andover, KS in Quivira Council where she served as Crew Vice-President of Administration. She is also the current President of Quivira Council Venturing Officer's Association.

Sarah has been active in VLSC training in Quivira Council, as well as helping out with her younger brother's Cub Scout Den. During her tenure as Council VOA President, attendance at VOA meetings has grown. She has attended the Area 5 Leadership Conference in 2011. She is also the recipient of the Council Venturing Leadership Award.

In addition to Venturing, Sarah is an avid swimmer, competing for over 10 years. She is also active in her church's AWANA program, Vacation Bible School and church camp.

Michelle Boyer

Michelle is sophomore at Jefferson City High School and an active member of her church. She is a member of Crew 111 from Jefferson City, MO in Great Rivers

council where she served as Crew President. She is also the current President of Great Rivers newly created Venturing Officer's Association and has helped set up a district venturing and exploring round table.

Michelle has completed VLSC training in Great Rivers Council. She has obtained the awards of God and Life and God and Family. She's helped with various council and district Friends of Scouting events, and on staff at the councils 100th anniversary event.

In addition to Venturing, Michelle is a manager for the school wrestling team and in the school choir. She is also active in her church's youth group, Vacation Bible School, church camp and work camp (mission trip for the youth group).

Casey Lafferty

Casey is the Area 5 Vice President of Programming, as well as the President of Crew 2240 in Heart Of America Council. He is a senior at Olathe North High School from Olathe, KS. Casey is working on becoming one of few boys to receive the rank of Eagle Scout through Venturing, as well as various Venturing awards. He looks

forward to being able to work with many other scouts outside of his own crew and council. He loves the performing arts and hopes to go on to Kansas State University to pursue a music or engineering degree.

Brigid Rasins

Brigid Rasins in the Vice President of Communications for Area 5, as well as the Vice President of Communication for Heart of America Council. She is from Shawnee, Kansas, and hopes to attend K-State to double major in Theatre and Secondary Education, in order to teach theatre to high schoolers. She is very excited for the opportunities this year will bring.

Adult Leadership

Julie Dalton – Area 5 Advisor
Ralph Jacobs – Assoc. Advisor – Program
David Weerts – Assoc. Advisor – Communications
Judy Tuckness – Powder Horn Coordinator
Brick Huffman – Area 5 Director

Area 5 VOA Supports Joplin, MO Recovery

On the early evening of Sunday, May 22, 2011, the community of Joplin, MO changed. An EF5 multiple-vortex tornado killing 116 people changes the landscape of this peaceful community.

On August 6th the scouting community from as far away as Wisconsin and Ohio came in to help the school district get ready for the upcoming year.

The Area 5 VOA leadership at the annual Central Region planning conference decided to lead the

effort to get the Venturers out to help. Having approximately 50 Venturers and adults definitely lighten the load and made a difference in the Joplin community. If you would like to view a news story about the clean up efforts go to:

<http://www.ky3.com/videobeta/d5edc8bc-556c-4e30-9bd4-9ed7061872c1/News/Boy-Scouts-Help-in-Joplin>



Changes to Venturing Leadership Award

Starting in 2012, the Venturing Leadership Award (VLA) will only be available to youth. The National VOA Cabinet worked with the National Office to ensure this award was inline with similar awards.

Adults will still be able to receive the following awards:

- Advisor's Key
- Venturing Leader Training Award
- Unit Leader Award of Merit
- District Award of Merit
- Silver Beaver

Save the following Dates!

There are two upcoming events that Venturers and leaders should place on their calendars and attending.

Area 5 Conference

This is a great opportunity for you and your crew to learn about the interworkings of the Venturing movement within BSA. The conference will be held in Olathe, KS on the weekend of February 17-19, 2012.

Area 5 Fun Event

The last weekend of April (4/27-29) will be the first fun event. It is tentative scheduled at Camp Jayhawk.

As the details are firmed up, information will be on the CR Venturing web site.

Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award

The Central Region Venturing Committee is pleased to offer the Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award. Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award Forms are Due by February 15.

If all of the requirements are completed, a council is eligible to earn the award. The Council Standard of Venturing Excellence Award is determined based on successfully achieving the 2011 criteria by December 31, 2011.

The Council and VOA leadership completes the form. It is completed shortly after the end of the calendar year for which you are submitting for the award (example, for 2011, you should complete and mail the form no later than February 15, 2012).

Recognition items will include a plaque, recognition in the Central Region newsletter, listing in the Central Region luncheon program at the Annual BSA Meeting, and listing on crventuring.org

To apply for the award, fill in the council information at the top of the form, mark the requirements that have been completed, and get the requested signatures. Mail or fax the completed form to the Central Region Venturing office now located in Irving, TX.

Please send your completed forms to:

Boy Scouts of America, Central Region

PO Box 152079

Irving, TX 75038

Support (index to resources) for the CSVE can be found at:

[http://www.crventuring.org/Other/Council Standards of Venturing Excellence/](http://www.crventuring.org/Other/Council_Standards_of_Venturing_Excellence/)

President's Moment



Hi Everyone, I would love to be able to say "hi" to every one of you. But since I don't think it is possible do that this is my "hello". Right now it is just starting to become popcorn time. It is a great way many Venturers raise money. I would hope that everyone takes advantage of this time to sell, sell, sell. Also, I hope that everyone has a good holiday season. Keep in mind the Area 5 Conference, and the Area 5 Fun Event.

Hope to see everyone soon.

Sarah

Central Region Venturing Web Site

The Central Region Web Site is one of the best locations for Venturing related information on the Internet. By going to crventuring.org with your web browser, you will see all the different opportunities in the Central Region.

Make sure you include your council events on the Events page, so everyone in the region can see all the Venturing activities!