

Central Region Area 5 Venturing Monthly Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of our monthly Area 5 Venturing newsletter. Each edition will feature information that you may find useful for your council's Venturing program. We will highlight items that support the development of your Teen Leadership Councils, Roundtables, chairmanships, commissioners, professional staff, and council-wide activities. We look forward to being of service to you in Venturing.

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Area 5 Venturing President

Bob Vogt

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The Councils of Central Region Area 5 Venturing

Central Region Area 5 consists of 11 Councils and 4 metro area councils throughout 4 states. The 11 Councils are:

Illinois- Okaw Valley Council, Trails West Council, Mississippi Valley Council Missouri- Great Rivers Council, Ozark Trails Council, Pony Express Council Kansas- Jayhawk Area Council, Coronado Area Council, Santa Fe Trail Council

Nebraska- Cornhusker Council, Overland Trails Council.

The 4 metro councils are:

St. Louis- Greater St. Louis Area Council

Kansas City- Heart of America Council Wichita- Quivira Council

Omaha- Mid America Council

Council's addresses and websites are listed on page 4.

The Role of the TLC in a Council

Ideally, each council should have a Teen Leadership Council (TLC) for Venturing. Other names are commonly used, such as Venturing Officers Association (VOA) and Venturing Leaders Council (VLC). The TLC is a youth run organization with elected or appointed officers. Some Councils have a Venturing Roundtable which is led by a Commissioner, but also includes youth officers from the local Crews. Both formats are intended to help develop Venturing in the council by:

- Providing a communication forum for the Venturing Crews in the Council;
- Modeling effective Crew operations;
- Providing a learning resource for scouters interested in learning about Venturing;
- Promoting Venturing activities & opportunities;
- · Assisting with Venturing training; and
- Developing new Venturing programs.

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Upcoming Area 5 Venturing Events for 2007

January 13th: Greater St. Louis Area Council- **Downhill Ski Night**

Contact: Ben Brennecke bbrennecke@stlbsa.org

January 20th: Greater St. Louis Area Council- **University of Scouting (Special Venturing Sessions)**

Course Description: http://www.stlbsa.org/NR/rdonlyres/619D6070-6309-4643-B90E-

938C767AB1B9/0/2007UofSCourseDescriptions.pdf

Application: http://www.stlbsa.org/NR/rdonlyres/1A19D26E-DBDF-4963-B510-

001D3D6FE287/0/Form_2007UoSApplication.pdf

July 1st-7th: Great Rivers Council- Week Long Venturing Camp

Contact: David Harris dharris@bsamail.org

June 17-23, July 8-14 and July 15-21:

Greater St. Louis Area Council- Swift Base Venturing Camps

For more information: http://www.stlbsa.org/Camping/Summer+Camps/Venturing/

Please send us your council's Venturing events & Venturing Adult Leader Trainings. We will list them on the Area 5 Venturing Calendar.

Central Region Area 5 Venturing Goals

It is the Central Region's goal this year to provide your council with an opportunity to expand Venturing in your area. William Fisher, Area 5 Executive, and I, Amanda Vogt, feel that this goal can be obtained by promoting council interconnectedness. By this we mean that every council big or small has valuable resources in which you take much pride. This could be in the form of camping facilities, program ideas, etc. Our goal is for councils to share these resources with Venturers from councils in your nearby proximity. If you have any upcoming events please send me the information and I will put it in the next newsletter.

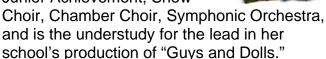
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Another goal that Robert Vogt, Area 5 Venturing Advisor, and I share is that youth involvement can only be promoted if you have adults that are willing and are trained to lead youth members in your council. This can be another resource for councils to share. Our goal is to create a list of adult Venture leader training dates for Area 5, so adults may go to the most convenient training program for them. If you have upcoming training please send them to me at the above email address.

Venturer You Should Know

Every month we will feature a youth or adult in this section that we feel you should know. If you would like to nominate them please send a picture, and a short paragraph describing them and how they have impacted Venturing.

This month we are introducing the Area 5
Venturing President. She is a senior at Marquette High School in Chesterfield, MO. She is involved in National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, Renaissance, Junior Achievement, Show



Through Venturing she has earned the Religious Bronze Award, the Outdoor Bronze Award, The Gold Award, The Silver Award, and her council's Venturing Leadership Award. She is VP of Administration for Crew 2783, and VP of Communications for the Greater St. Louis Area Council VOA.

Also she is a 13-year Girl Scout, and a recipient of the Girl Scout Gold Award.

This Month's Q & A

Q. What's my Council doing to develop a thriving and robust Venturing program?

A. Each of the 11 councils and 4 metro councils in Area 5 has a unique set of skills, resources, impediments and opportunities to implementing the Venturing program. The best way to get a true picture of the Venturing program in your Council is to meet with the professional assigned to Venturing, the key volunteer leader (TLC Advisor or Council Venturing Chair) and if available, the President of the TLC.

The best way to get youth involved in Venturing and to help your Council's membership grow is to keep activities fun and new. To many youth, sit down meetings, or repetitive activities are boring for teenagers with busy lives and schedules. You need to make every activity and meeting worthwhile to the youth and pretty soon they will start being excited and involved.

Keep in mind that the Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs are well over 90 years old, whereas Venturing has only been around since 1998. The program is still evolving at all levels, and it will take some more time to get the program functioning in high gear in each of the councils. Communication is the key to the success of a Council Venturing program. You are one of the vanguards for this new program in scouting. Keep those lines of communication open and working in both directions.

Venturing Awards and Recognition Program

Encourage your Venture Crew members to work towards the completion of one of these awards. The process of working towards the awards can help keep youth interested in Venturing.

Advancement Awards:

A variety of awards are available to Venturers who accomplish specific advancement achievements. These awards include:

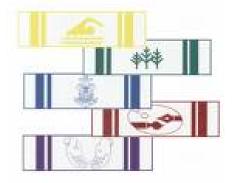
- Venturing Bronze Awards
- Venturing Ranger Award
- Venturing Gold Award
- Sea Scouting Quartermaster Award
- Venturing Silver Award
- Venturing Quest Award
- Venturing Trust Award

Recognition Awards:

The awards that are designed to provide recognition for youth and adults include:

- Venturing Leadership Award
- Venturing Advisor Award of Merit

In future newsletters we will explain more of the processes to achieve these awards.



The 11 Councils of Central Region Area 5 Venturing

Illinois Councils:

Okaw Valley Council

335 West Main Street Belleville, IL 62220 http://www.okawbsa.org

Trails West Council

1055 Harrison St. Wood River, IL 62095 http://www.twc-bsa.org

Mississippi Valley Council

2336 Oak St.

Quincy, IL 62301

http://www.mississippivalleybsa.org

Missouri Councils:

Great Rivers Council

1203 Fay St. Columbia, MO 65201 http://www.bsa-grc.org

Pony Express Council

1704 Buckingham St. Joseph, MO 64508 http://www.ponyexpressbsa.org

Ozark Trails Council

1616 S. Eastgate Springfield, MO 65809 http://www.ozarktrailsbsa.org

Kansas Councils:

Jayhawk Area Council

1020 Monroe Topeka, KS 66612 http://www.jayhawkcouncil.org

Coronado Area Council

644 S. Ohio St. Salina, KS 67402 http://www.coronadoscout.org/ Santa Fe Trail Council 1513 E. Fulton Terrace Garden City, KS 67846 http://www.sftcbsa.org

Nebraska Councils:

Overland Trails Council

2808 O Flannagan
Grand Island, NE 68803
http://www.overlandtrailscouncil.org

Cornhusker Council

600 South 120th Street Walton, NE 68520 http://www.cornhuskercouncil.org

The 4 Metro Councils of Central Region Area 5 Venturing

Missouri:

Greater St. Louis Council 4568 West Pine Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63018 http://www.stlbsa.org

Heart of America Council

10210 Holmes Rd. Kansas City, MO 64131 http://www.hoac-bsa.org

Kansas:

Quivira Council

1555 S. 2nd Street Wichita, KS 67214 http://www.quivira.org

Nebraska:

Mid America Council 12401 West Maple Road Omaha, NE 68164 http://www.mac-bsa.org