



# Central Region Venturing

## Area 2 News

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### Important Dates:

**Area 2 Encampment**

**5/4-6/2012**

**Area Leadership  
Applications Due**

**3/1/2012**

## Zombies Invade Area 2!!

By now, hopefully you've heard about the Area 2 Encampment happening May 4-6th, 2012 at Camp Rotary in Clare, Michigan. The Lake Huron Area Council is proud to announce that registration information can officially be found online at the LHAC VOA website: [www.lhacbsa.org/VOA](http://www.lhacbsa.org/VOA).

Along with registration information, you can find further instruction on what to expect and what to pack. The weekend will kick off with an evening of Minute to Win It games, followed by a cracker barrel where you can mingle with the other Venturers and Sea Scouts. Saturday morning will consist of training opportunities and teambuilding activities. The afternoon is going to be a time to remember; as you and your team must strategize to save Camp Rotary from the zombie invasion! Our fingers are crossed in hopes that someone will be able to save us all- because we've got a pretty exciting evening planned. After

dinner, the Dining Hall will be packed with a dance upstairs, a movie night in one of the downstairs rooms and a card/game night in the other downstairs lounge. Sunday morning, we'll wrap up the encampment with a flag ceremony where awards and training certificates will be handed out.

Anyone who wishes to attend the Lake Huron Area Council VOA's final meeting of the 2011-2012 term is invited to join us as we gather at 10:30 a.m. in the Dining Hall, where the new President will be announced.

The sooner you sign up, the less you have to pay: early registration (by April 23rd, 2012) is \$40, late registration (by May 3rd, 2012) is \$43, and walk-ins are \$55. If you have any other questions, feel free to contact LHAC VOA President, Brienne Curtis by e-mail at [briannecurtis@delta.edu](mailto:briannecurtis@delta.edu) or call 989-780-0639. You could also contact Area 2 President, Nick Huyser, by e-mail at [area2president@crventuring.org](mailto:area2president@crventuring.org).

## Leave your mark

Area 2 needs a new logo! Are you interested in art or design? Area 2 is looking for creative Venturers to enter into the 2012 Area 2 Venturing Logo Contest! Each Venturer is encouraged to submit her or his logo to the Area at [area2president@crventuring.org](mailto:area2president@crventuring.org). This contest will run until April 30, 2012 and will be voted on and announced at the Area 2 Encampment in May. Each logo should say "Area 2" (or A2) and "Venturing". Every submission should include the Venturer's name, age, crew number, and service council. There is no limit on the number of logos per Venturer, so send them in!



Old Area 2 Logo

# An Opportunity at Sea

At the end of this newsletter a flier is attached for a great high adventure opportunity for registered Sea Scouts, Venturers and teenaged Boy Scouts this July!

Briefly, Your group has the opportunity to sail a racing sailboat "home" from Mackinac after the Port Huron to Mackinac Race. This five-day, four-night high adventure will voyage over 200 miles from Mackinaw City to Port Huron, Michigan.

It will be planned and run similar to your group going to a Scout Camp. BSA Age-Appropriate Guidelines and BSA policies will apply. BSA forms are required.

For more information or to register by March 31, 2012, please contact Wayne Hastings at (734) 718-1113 or e-mail [lwhastings@yahoo.com](mailto:lwhastings@yahoo.com).

You and your group will be responsible for you own transportation to the starting point at Mackinaw City, Michigan and from the finish point at Port Huron Yacht Club in Port Huron, Michigan.

You will be responsible for your food during the voyage and miscellaneous expenses and personal gear. The sailboat owner will provide the use of his vessel at no charge to you and your group, fuel expense (if any) and cost of dockage during the cruise. Two experienced sailors representing the owner and working with your group will accompany you.

This is a Sea Scout Centennial event, open to other registered Scouts and their adult leaders.

Jay Montgomery

# Powder Horn

The President Gerald R. Ford Field Service Council will be hosting an upcoming Powder Horn Course this September, 2012. This will be the first course in West Michigan which youth are invited and

encouraged to attend. Powder Horn is a resource course that is designed to give youth and adults the ideas and resources for high adventure outings. During the Powder Horn experience, participants will get the opportunity to experience most everything the Scouting and Venturing High Adventure programs have to offer. Participants will take part in activities from climbing to SCUBA diving, sailing to spelunking, mountain biking to shooting. This course also includes a special trip to the only summer Luge track in the United States! Check out the full flyer on the Central Region website at <http://crventuring.org/document.php?ID=745&NUM=1>. Sign up before the cost goes up and spots fill

up. For questions or further information, contact course director, Joel O'Connell at [Joel@Lafeton.com](mailto:Joel@Lafeton.com).

Hope to see you all there!



## Advisor's Moment

Its been an exciting time in Area 2! The local Councils have begun consolidating into the four Field Service Councils and the Venturing Officers Associations are being realigned. I have been very impressed by the spirit of cooperation and teamwork as we move forward with these changes. The Venturers and their Advisors at all levels are enthusiastically embracing the changes, and I look forward to great things happening with Venturing in Michigan.

The Area 2 Venturing Conference held in January was an outstanding event. The youth officers and guest presenters did a great job. We have been asked by the participants to consider making next year's conference a multi-day event to add break-out sessions and training. Watch for details to come in the fall.

I wish to express my sincere thanks ***Finnished on pg. 3***

# Area 2 Conference

The second annual Area 2 Conference was held in Lansing, Michigan on January 28th, 2012 at the Royal Scott Golf and Bowl. We had 55 total participants-- 20 youth and 35 adults. Nine of nine councils were represented! These participants included the entire Area 2 Sea Scout Committee, all of the Area 2 youth officers, the past and present Area 2 Presidents, the Area director and the new director of program!

The morning began with a welcome and introductions to the event and to each other. From there, the sessions focused on the different levels of VOAs featuring leadership from Regional, Area and Council levels. Included in these sessions was information on the SOP and about the CRVE. Following, was an informational session on the various Venturing trainings: ILSC, Kodiak, NYLT, Powder Horn, Woodbadge, and the Venturing Leader Specific Training. This session featured the Area 2 Kodiak and Powder Horn chairs as well as numerous youth presenters.

Lunch began the afternoon and was enjoyed as a time to meet new people and to share best practices before rejoining. The afternoon had many great features. Sea Scout Jay Montgomery

enlightened all of the green shirts in the room about Sea Scouting, and Mike Melinn answered questions about the changes up and coming to Area 2 with the Area Project. We also enjoyed a presentation on effective communication and how to utilize internet resources for better Venturing. Events for the upcoming year were promoted by the Area itself as well as by the various participants that brought displays. The Area 2 Logo Contest was also announced.

As a new part of the conference, Area VLAs were awarded for the past year. Nick Huyser, Brianne Curtis and Elizabeth Wisman were each presented with this award for their service and leadership within Area 2. Also, as one of the last adult council VLAs, Jay Montgomery was awarded a much-deserved VLA.

The Area 2 team reflects on this year's event and looks forward to next year's upcoming Venturing conference. We would love to have your input! If you have questions, suggestions, comments or concerns, please e-mail us at [area2president@crventuring.org](mailto:area2president@crventuring.org).



**Advisor Moment...** to the team that put Together the Venturing Kickback weekend at Camp Gerber in February. It was well organized and well attended. The Area 2 Encampment in May should be equally fun and exciting. Be sure to register soon; the event is at Camp Rotary during the first weekend of May.

The standard Venturing year runs from June 1 to May 31. We have just passed the half-way point, but its time to think about selecting the Area officers for 2012-2013. If you are interested, get the application at <http://www.crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=551> and submit it to the national office by March 1st. We will be choosing an Area President and three Vice Presidents. Contact Nick, Lizzie or Brianne if you want more information about an officer's roles and responsibilities.



## A Word From The President

Greetings,

It is hard to believe that my term as the president of Area 2 is coming to an end. Serving the Area has been a great opportunity. Soon we will be selecting the next Area Venturing President, and he/she will continue to lead Area 2 in its Venturing Program.

This year has been filled with a lot of great events. On January 28, the Area held its Second Annual Venturing Conference, serving almost 60 Venturers, advisors, and professional scouts from all over Michigan. This was a great learning opportunity for everyone involved. The weekend of February 17 to 19, the President Gerald R Ford Field Service Council hosted their Kickback weekend, which was an Area wide event for the first time this year. At this event, Venturers from all over Michigan and beyond were able to enjoy fellowship, learn new skills, and have fun with incredible activities like zip lining, rifle and shotgun shooting, ice fishing, and more. Can you believe there is still more this year?

On May 4-6 prepare for a Zombie Apocalypse! Lake Huron Area Council will be hosting this year's Area Encampment, and—you guessed it,—the theme will be a zombie apocalypse. Possible activities include ILSC, COPE, climbing, shooting sports, a zombie pentathlon, and more. Check out the registration form at [www.lhacbsa.org/VOA](http://www.lhacbsa.org/VOA) and keep on the lookout for more information coming

## Kodiak CDC

On February 11, 2012, Area 2 held the first ever Kodiak CDC to be taught exclusively by youth! There were lots of future course directors trained from across the Area. Everyone had a great time and learned a lot. What is Kodiak? The Kodiak leadership trek is one offered in an exciting atmosphere! Kodiak teaches leadership skills through a challenging 5-day trek (or two 3-day weekends) in a fun way that is internalized by the participants. Kodiak is not taught indoors or in a classroom; it is done completely outdoors using nature's examples of leadership. If you did not attend our CDC, look to the events' calendar on [crventuring.org](http://crventuring.org) to find the next one!

soon!

As always, I hope your crews and council programs are thriving! If you would like to tell me what your crew has been up to, or share it with all of the area in a future newsletter, email me at: [area2president@crventuring.org](mailto:area2president@crventuring.org).  
Happy Venturing,

Nick Huyser  
President, Area 2  
Central Region  
Venturing, BSA



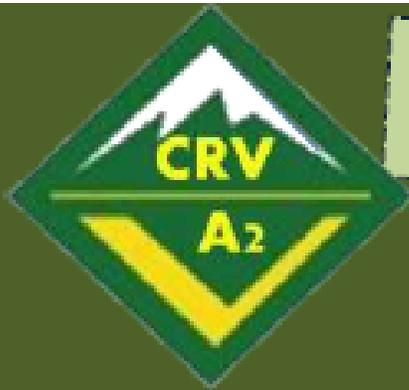
## Kickback Weekend

On February 17-19, The President Gerald R. Ford Field Service Council VOA hosted the biggest Kickback Weekend yet! There were 155 people in attendance from around the Area, and fun was had by all! Friday night featured a swing dance and a crackle barrel. The following day was a big day for everyone; there was zip lining, shotgun shooting, snowshoeing, rappelling, and ice fishing. There was even a demo on scuba diving! Lots of Venturers enjoyed meeting new friends and playing various games and watching a movie together.

Be sure to check out the video at [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nk6SY1TEVRc&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nk6SY1TEVRc&feature=player_embedded).



Ashleigh Kolski Teaching at Kodiak CDC



**Area 2**

**VENTURING**

**LOGO**

**CONTEST**

Area 2 needs a new logo!  
Are you the designer for the job?



**WITH YOUR ENTRY, PLEASE  
INCLUDE YOUR NAME, AGE,  
CREW NUMBER, AND  
COUNCIL**

**LOGOS SHOULD BE SENT TO  
[area2president@crventuring.org](mailto:area2president@crventuring.org)**

**ENTRIES ACCEPTED FROM  
FEBRUARY 1 - APRIL 30, 2012**

Each logo must say  
"Area 2" and  
"Venturing"

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WILL BE VOTED  
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