

# The Central Point



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## Fall Recruitment!!!

By Christina Vogt

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### Venturing Oath:

As a Venturer, I promise to do my duty to god and to help strengthen America. To Help others, and to seek truth, fairness, and adventure in our world

### Follow us on:



How do you recruit new youth into Venturing? There are tons of ways to recruit members for a Venturing Crew, but the most important thing to remember is that as a Crew, you should never stop recruiting. Recruiting only once or twice a year is a very bad habit for your Crew to get into. The key to recruiting is to do it frequently throughout the year. A Crew can recruit youth from their own friends, from a youth group, Girl Scout troop, or school.

There are many ways your crew can approach recruiting. First, you can have an annual open house and have crew members invite their friends to see what your crew is all about. There is always just inviting your friends along on a camping

trip or all the crew's events throughout the year. The ways to recruit are endless!

This past summer, the National Venturing Cabinet and the National Office collaborated to create this year's Fall Recruitment Campaign into a Peer to Peer to fit their crew needs including posting meeting or openys. Each crew can personalize it house information directly on the fliers. The kit can be found on [www.scouting.org/venturing](http://www.scouting.org/venturing) under crew support and is called the Venturing Recruiting Toolbox. Things that can be found in the kit include: four different fliers featuring Venturers in action all over the country; a brochure which includes marketing teasers; information on how to join; and the basics of what Venturing is. There is also a fact sheet to answer the basic questions about Venturing. All of these files are available as PDF's to download and make copies as needed

Welcome to the 2012-2013 monthly Central Region Venturing Newsletter.

Each edition will feature information that you will find useful for your council's Venturing program. We will highlight items that support the development of your council VOA, Venturing Forums, professional staff, and the Central Region Venturing Areas. We look forward to being of service to you in Venturing.

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## Fall Recruitment!!! (continued)



The other part of the National Office Recruitment Campaign for this year is located on [www.scouting.org/marketing](http://www.scouting.org/marketing) under National Recruitment Campaign. It contains: fliers, billboards, posters, yard signs, door hangers, bookmarks, postcards, and has an E-blast. These features are available in English, Spanish, or bilingual. Once again these are all available to download and print as needed. Also, the tool kit can be ordered piece by piece, or as an entire kit in hard copy from national for free. Thanks to the National Venturing Cabinet and the National Office, you now have the resources to get the word of Venturing out there. It is up to each of you to make this happen. This fall, please put this toolkit to the test and recruit as many new Venturers as possible!

## Fall Program Opportunities

By Thomas Spargo



Summer can be full of exciting Scouting events, but did you know there is a lot going on in the fall too? Powder Horn is an exciting event to experience. With Powder Horn, it's not only one thing you get to try, it's everything! There have been Powder Horn courses going on all summer, but almost every weekend in September has a Powder Horn course, so there are plenty of opportunities to experience something new.

If you have already been through a Powder Horn course and want to try something else, check out Smiley's Amazing Race on October 12-14 in Area 1, Fun Fall Rally on September 28-30 in Area 3, Venturing Kickback Weekend on September 21-23 in Area 6, or the Venturing Extravaganza on October 6 in Area 7.

In Venturing, there's always something for everyone. Check out the events calendar on the Central Region Website at [http://crventuring.org/Activities/Events\\_Calendar/](http://crventuring.org/Activities/Events_Calendar/) to see events, or select your Area on the Area pages to see events near you. If you have any events you'd like to submit to the website, go to [http://www.crventuring.org/event\\_submission.php](http://www.crventuring.org/event_submission.php) and after the approval of an administrator, will be seen on the website and right here in the newsletter.

## Fall Fun Rally



Fall Fun Rally is just one month away! Have you ever wanted to create an impromptu band with random materials you are given? Or how about fight your friends with foam weapons? Or how about getting a taste of just how cold it was in the water when the Titanic sank? These activities will be available, as well as over 60 other Harry Potter themed activities including Hippogriff (horse) rides, Quidditch, Ninja, Horcrux scavenger hunt, a squeezebox, tricycle jousting, and miniature boat races on Saturday. But don't forget to review your Harry Potter knowledge for our Harry Potter themed trivia night on Friday evening. Saturday evening will feature a closing show as well as a Yule Ball (dance). Check out our new Fall Fun Rally video!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eFPP7h30v10>. For more information, including a description of all events, go to [www.fallfunrally.org](http://www.fallfunrally.org).



*"Maybe that's not quite what they mean when they say 'teambuilding.'"*

We know you can do better than this caption. Send in your caption, name, and council you are from to [vp-communications@crventuring.org](mailto:vp-communications@crventuring.org). If you win, your caption will be featured in next month's newsletter and on our Facebook page. Check back next month to see who wins.

Last month's picture:



*"You ever been pushed out of a tree by someone like me before?"*

## Newly proposed changes to Venturing

The volunteer-led task forces supporting the 2011-2015 National Council Strategic Plan's Goal 411, after considerable deliberation, have recommended moving to the use of the Scout Oath and Law for all BSA programs. It has also been discussed and endorsed by the national officers of the BSA, and Wayne Perry, the incoming Chief Scout Executive has directed that the recommendation be brought forward to the National Executive Board at its October 2012 meeting.



As the changes might impact Cub Scouts, consultation with cognitive and child development specialists and educational practitioners involved in Scouting supported the reasonability of the recommendation and did not identify any age-appropriate difficulties with implementation. Additionally, research among parents and Cub Scout leaders was also supportive.

As also directed by the National Council Strategic Plan, a task force has been chartered to study the Venturing program in various areas and to make recommendations to increase relevance, stimulate growth and enhance program support.

Venturers are encouraged to share thoughts and comments at [411@scouting.org](mailto:411@scouting.org). Please include Venturing in the subject line. For more details, please visit: <http://www.crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=1&id=303>

**Area 1** Upcoming events:

Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, Wood Bagdge, Kiel/Mountain, WI

Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, Wood Badge, South Haven, MN

Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, Wood Badge, Nisswa, MN

Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, Smiley’s Fall Venturig Event, Rhienlander, WI

President: [Michael Moen](#)

Advisor: [Chris Sandberg](#)



**Area 2**

Upcoming Events:

Sept 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, Powder Horn, Twin Lake, MI

Sept 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, Wood Badge, Metamora, MI

Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, Crew 357 NRA Pistol Training, Gregory, MI

President: [Rita Mulford](#)

Advisor: [Jeff Gerald](#)s



**Area 3** Upcoming events:

Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, Wood Badge, Godfrey, IL

Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, Fall Fun Rally, High Ridge, MO

Also, check out Area 3’s Youtube page!

<http://www.youtube.com/user/CRVenturingArea3>

President: [Emily Mausshardt](#)

Advisor: [Bob Vogt](#)



**Area 4**

Upcoming Events:

Aug 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, Wood Badge, Kensington, OH

Aug 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, Powder Horn, Peninsula, OH

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, Area 4 Conference, Zanesville, OH

President:

Advisor: [Ms. Ann Rose](#)



**Area 5** Upcoming Events:

Sept 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, Powder Horn, Bonner Springs, KS

Sept 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, Powder Horn, near Wichita, KS

President: [Kim Legg](#)

Advisor: [Julie Dalton](#)



## Area 6 Upcoming Events:



Sept 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, Venturing Kickback, Bloomington, IN

Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, Peterloon, Loveland, OH

President: [Dagny Gargas](#)

Advisor: [Carla Gargas](#)



## Area 7

Upcoming Events:



Aug 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, Wood Badge, Morris, IL

Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, Devil's Lake Hike, Baraboo, WI

Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, Area 7 Venturing Extravaganza, Morris, IL

President: [Grayson Wolcott](#)

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## President's Corner

By Elizabeth Wisman

Happy Almost Fall,

I hope this summer has been a good one for all of you Central Region Venturers. I know mine has been great, but it's too quickly coming to a close.

I'm sure it happens to all of us occasionally where Scouting starts to become something we do routinely because it seems like we have always done it and we always will. I'll admit that it has happened to even myself on occasion.



However, I have recently had that spirit renewed. I spent the first week of August being a team leader for a NYLT course. It was so great to see a group of young teens turn into real leaders in just a week, to see a mismatched group of boys from over the state turn into a performing team. All the stress or frustrations with the course, and work, and the rest of life just fall by the wayside when considering the change in the participants. If you haven't already taken NYLT, I encourage you to find a course and sign up! The leadership skills you will learn on the course are endless, and the memories you'll gain over the week are priceless. If you've already taken it, go back and try teaching; share the skills you were taught with the next group of future leaders. If NYLT doesn't seem for you, try ILSC and Kodiak.

Whatever you do, do something! Find that Scouting spirit. Take a training, volunteer, work towards the Silver, or sign up for Sea Base or Northern Tier.

I'd love to hear about your scouting spirit; please write on our Facebook wall or e-mail me directly at [president@crventuring.org](mailto:president@crventuring.org)!

## Submit your Venturing event on the Central Region Website.

Go to <http://crventuring.org> and click on the "submit a calendar event" button on the lower left side of the page. Fill out the form, and now you will be able reach thousands of Venturers to come to your event!



## July Poll Results

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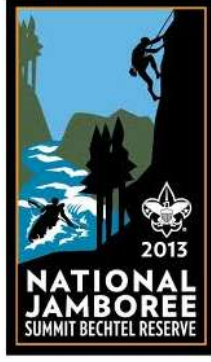
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What are you most excited about at the Summit?

45.5% - National Jamboree 2013



45.5% - High Adventure  
at the Summit



9% - World Jamboree 2019

I heard about Venturing from:



72.7% - Scouting Friend



18.2% - Adult Mentor  
or Family member



9.1% - Venturing Promotion Materials

My Favorite Crew Activity is:



50% - Caving/Climbing



37.5% - Hiking/Backpacking



12.5% -  
Canoeing/Kayaking

About Our Organization...

Find this month's Survey at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RCKD7GM>



Venturing is a Scouting program for male and female youth ages 13-21 that lets youth experience new activities, build leadership skills, earn awards, make new friends, and of course have fun.

The Central Region is one of four regions of the Boy Scouts of America. This region includes the states of: Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and West Virginia.