

Central Region Venturing



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Are You Ready For A Zombie Attack?!



Area 5's fun event is a ZOMBIE ATTACK! Are you ready?

The Venturers of Area 5 will be heading to Worlds of Fun for another day of FUN! This time, the park has a Zombie Twist. The cost is \$45 per venturer. This will cover Park Admission, Dinner on Saturday night, Sunday Breakfast, AND a Zombie Attack T-

shirt!

Registration for the event is now open and can be found at:

<http://ZombieAttack.kintera.org>

Check in at Worlds of Fun begins at 1:00 on Saturday. Camping space will be available in the Oceans of Fun Park area. There will be an additional charge of \$13 per car load, so car pooling is encouraged!

Additional t-shirts are available for \$10. Hoodie sweatshirts are available for \$15. To guarantee t-shirt availability with registration,

please register by September 15th.

Last spring we had over 200 venturers in attendance, so the challenge has been set to have more venturers in attendance this time! Will your crew be there?

Meet Your 2012 Area 5 Team!

Any good venturer knows that getting selected to be in your Area's Venturing Officers' Association (VOA) is tough business. It's one more commitment that we juggle into our already hectic lives!

But any good venturer also

knows that being a part of their Area's VOA is what gets things done. It's what makes change happen.

This year's 2012 Area 5 VOA consists of some very promising youth including Kim Legg, Katie Miller, Jimmy Klingele, and Faith

Balkenbush.

And don't forget those wonderful advisors! Julie Dalton, Ralph Jacobs, and Kirk Boyer will also be serving the 2012 term.

Special points of interest:

- AREA 5 ZOMBIE ATTACK
- "MADAME PRESIDENT"
- "THE ADMINISTRATOR"
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“Madame President”



Kim Legg - Area 5 President

The Area 5 Venturing President is Kimberlea Legg.

Kim is a senior at Olathe South High in Olathe, KS, and a member of Crew 2085 of Olathe in Heart of America Council. She served as Crew Historian and also as activity chair for many of the crew's activities. She was also the Vice President of Program for the Venturing Officer's Association in Heart of America Council. She has attended Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC) and will be an ILSC trainer in May.

As Vice President of Program, Kim worked to coordinate VOA events during the year. These events included the End of Summer Bash, the Haunted Trails, a ski trip and the annual VOA Banquet. She has attended the Area 5 Leadership Conference in 2011 and 2012. She has received the Venturing Leadership Award for Heart of America Council. Kim has also received her Religious Bronze award.

In addition to Venturing, Kim is a member of the Girl Scouts. She is the recipient of

the Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Awards and is working on her Girl Scout Gold Award. She is also active in her church, where she assists with the monthly Angelfood Ministries, Mid-America food distribution and has taught Vacation Bible School for the last three summers.

After graduation from High School, Kim plans on attending college and majoring in Genetic Counseling, with a minor in Education.

“The Lady In Charge”



Julie Dalton is the Central Region Area 5 Venturing Chairman.

Julie began her Scouting journey as a Girl Scout, earning her First Class Award, and as the sister to 4 brothers in Boy Scouts.

As a Scouting mother, she has two sons who earned their Eagle award and a daughter who earned her

Outdoor Bronze Award.

When her daughter was finally able to join Venturing, she served as an Associate Advisor for her Crew. She has also been active at the District level, serving on the Training Team, as Activity Chair and as District Chair. She also serves as the Advisor to Quivira Council's VOA.

She has been a frequent par-

ticipant at Philmont Training Center and takes advantage of every opportunity to get into the back country.

She has had many adventures in her Scouting tenure and looks forward to serving as Area 5 VOA Chairman in 2012.

“The Administrator”



Katie Miller - Area 5 Vice President of Administration

Katie Miller is the Area 5 Central Region Venturing Vice President of Administration.

Katie will be a senior at Omaha North High Magnet School.

For the past three years, she has participated in Venturing in the Mid-America Council. She has received the Outdoor

Bronze Award and Pope Pius XII religious award. Currently, she is working on the Venturing Gold Award.

She's been involved in Girl Scouts for the past 10 years and is working on the Girl Scout Gold Award.

In 2010, she participated in NYLT, and in 2011, she went

to Philmont with Crew 305 from Bellevue, Nebraska. For the past two years, she has taught Emergency Preparedness and First Aid at Camp Cedars.

She is considering going to Iowa State University or the Colorado School of Mines to study Environmental Science or Environmental Engineering.

“Program Is Kind of My Thing”

The Area 5 Venturing Vice President of Program is James Klingele.

James is a graduate of Bonner Springs High School, Kansas, and is an active member of Crew 2149 of Bonner Springs in Heart of America Council.

He has attended National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC), and will be attending Power Horn in September.

James has been involved with Scouting for over 11 years. During those 11 years he had been in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturing.

He has been staff for Kaw District Day Camp for 3 years and has been to Philmont Scout Ranch in 2010.

He has earned the Cub Scout Arrow of Light Award, Boy Scout Eagle Award, and Venturing Outdoor Bronze Award.

He is currently working towards his Venturing Ranger Award and his Venturing Gold Award.

This fall James plans on attending college and majoring in Engineering in four years. Then he plans on joining the military as an officer.



Jimmy Klingele - Area 5 Vice President of Program

“Those Wonderful Advisors”

The 2012 Area 5 Advisors are unbeatable!

With the dynamic duo of Kirk Boyer and Ralph Jacobs, who could ask for more?

Kirk Boyer, joining Faith from the Great Rivers Council, has been involved in the scouting community for 34 years, earning his Eagle Scout rank award with Troop 161 in

Palmyra, MO in the year 1975. Kirk Boyer will be serving as your 2012 Area 5 VOA Associate Advisor for Katie Miller in Administration.

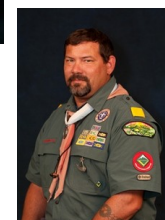
Ralph Jacobs, involved in scouting with his sons, is serving as your 2012 Associate Advisor for Jimmy Klingele in Program. Ralph has two scouts in his family, a Tiger Cub and a Webelo that will

be proudly crossing into Boy Scouts this year. Jacobs is currently the Cub Master for Pack 3164 and Associate Advisor of Crew 2888 in Lenexa, KS.

We look forward to working with these two amazing advisors as well as our Area Advisor, Julie Dalton (mentioned on Page 2).



Kirk Boyer



Ralph Jacobs

“The Communicator”

Faith is from the Great Rivers Council in Jefferson City, MO. She will be a junior at Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City, MO this fall.

Before joining Venturing at age 13, she pursued a career in Girl Scouts starting as a Brownie.

Currently, she is working on

her Pope Pius XII religious award, Girl Scout Silver Award, Venturing Gold Award, and Venturing Trust Award.

She has been involved with Venturing for 3 years (soon to be 4), and has held the Presidential office and is currently the Historian at the Crew level.

She has been to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM twice with the Ranch Dept.

Her primary goal as the 2012-2013 Area 5 Vice President of Communications is to raise awareness about Venturing through the advantage of working with other VOA officers to get the word out about Area 5 programs and activities.



Faith Balkenbush - Area 5 Vice President of Communications



Venturing Oath:

As a Venturer,

I promise to do my duty to God and help strengthen America,

to help others,

and to seek truth, fairness, and adventure in our world.

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A Quest For Success

Sunday, July 29th, 2012, eighteen Venturers embarked on a new adventure in Scouting. Venture Quest 2012. With three advisors they came to spend a week developing expertise in one of four majors they selected.

Unlike the summer camp programs, the experience for venturers is designed to spend a lot of time developing one skill, in addition to having a lot of fun. Nine different skills were offered for 2012, the group selected four of them.

Three youth and one advisory took advantage of the opportunity to become PADI certified open water SCUBA divers. Seven decided that they wanted to climb, both on a tower and live rock. Three youth and one advisor became Red Cross certified in

Wilderness First Aid. Due to the numbers signed up and available resources, we were able to combine shooting and fishing. The five youth and one advisor started their experience with 22 pistols, 9mm pistols, and muzzleloaders. They then learned to tie fishing flies, which they got to try out on some trout.

The adventure started at Camp Geiger, near St. Joseph, MO. Tuesday, after lunch, everyone loaded up gear and headed off for Beaver Lake, AK. On Wednesday & Thursday, the climbers traveled to Camp Orr (near Jasper, AK) and were provided with the opportunity to climb and rappel on real rock.

Breakfasts and lunches were trail meals that traveled with each group. Everyone got the opportu-

nity to help prepare the main meal each day and do their own dishes.

The adventure ended on Friday with a return to beautiful Camp Geiger and another delicious meal prepared for us.

Plans are underway for Venture Quest 2013. Many of the same activities will be offered, but other exciting opportunities will be offered as well. The tentative dates have been set for July 28-August 2. More information can be found by joining the Venture Quest group on Facebook, following the Venture Quest page, or visiting www.ponyexpressbsa.org/camping/ventureQuest.

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