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Area 7 Extravaganza

By Grayson Wolcott

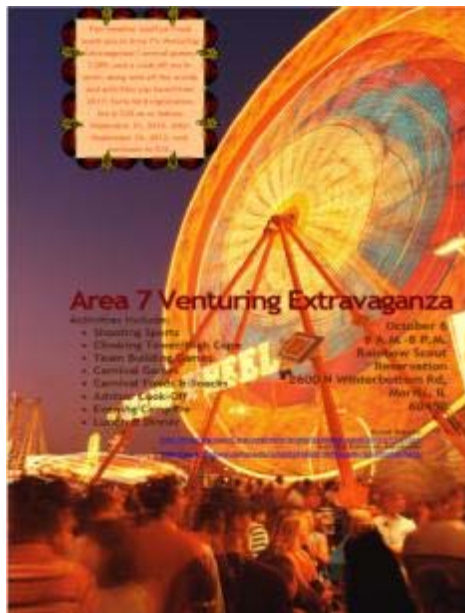
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Venturing Oath:

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 good is your best shot?

Are you brave enough to walk on cables suspended thirty feet up in the air?

Do you dare to taste your Advisor's cooking?

Then come join Area 7...Under the Big Top!

Coming in October 2012, Area 7 will be holding its **Second Annual Venturing Extravaganza** at Rainbow Scout Reservation in Morris, IL! This year Area 7 will be hosting a Carnival, so come ready for fair food, fair games, and fair fun! Also at the fair will be some of the events you loved last year, such as Shooting Sports, High COPE, Team Building Games, and the Advisor Dutch-Oven Cook Off!

Last year, despite the chill,, over 120 Venturers attended the first ever Area 7 Venturing

Extravaganza! Attendees participated in shooting sports, slack lining, and the high ropes C.O.P.E. course. Not to mention, Calumet Council's Crew 422 won the Dutch oven Cook-Off! This year we hope to host an even better celebration of all Area 7 has to offer!

Activities to look forward to...

- Shooting Sports: Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, & Archery
- Climbing Tower/High COPE
- Team Building/Initiative Games
- Advisor Dutch oven Cook-off
- Carnival Foods and Snacks
- Evening Campfire
- Lunch & Dinner
- Dance with music provided by Venturer DJ Tunes

And much more!

Come Live the Adventure... Under the Big Top on **Saturday, October 6, 2012!** Camping will be available both Friday and Saturday nights. Early-bird registration fee is \$30 on or before September 21, 2012. After September 22, 2012, cost increases to \$35.

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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Area 7 Extravaganza (Continued from Page 1)

Register for the Extravaganza at:

<http://threefirescouncil.org/component/jevents/icalrepeat.detail/2012/05/25/3201/>

Stay tuned for Extravaganza Updates and other Area 7 events on Facebook! 2012 Extravaganza Facebook Event

Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/325239280824215/>

Central Region Venturing Area Events

By Thomas Spargo



Have you been to an Area event before? Area events are a ton of fun no matter where you are from. As fun as other events may be, Area events have something extra special about them. They are planned completely by the Area VOA and have attendees from all over the Area. It's a great place to meet new people and have a blast. Take a look at some upcoming events:

Area 1 - Conference, Bloomington, MN. The 4th annual Area 1 Conference will give Venturers a chance to network, how to build their VOA, and other useful information to further their Venturing program.

Area 3 – Fun Fall Rally in High Ridge, MO. This is one of the largest Venturing events in the nation. It has over 1000 Venturers annually. It also has just about every event imaginable. Don't miss out on this one!

Area 4 – Conference, Zanesville, OH. This conference is on its 17th year. Come learn more about the Scouting program and see the vision it holds.

Area 5 – Zombie Attack at World, Kansas City, MO. This event looks REALLY awesome! Riding roller coasters with zombies, werewolves, and vampires – what more could you want in October? I'm slightly biased about the event. After all, I'm a card carrying member of the American Roller Coaster Enthusiasts. If you live near Worlds of Fun, take advantage of this scary night of spoktacular goodness.

Area 7 – Venturing Extravaganza, Morris, IL. Come one, come all to the Area 7 Extravaganza. This event is a Venturing carnival with all the fun and games you expect (No rigging – we promise). But, besides carnival games, they also have COPE, shooting sports, and more!

To learn more about these events, look on the Area tiles of the newsletter or go to the <http://www.crventuring.org> website and find the Area's page you are located in.

If you don't have the time to travel to one of these great events, consider trying out the Jamboree-on-the-Air. This event pairs Scouts from around the world to get to know different Scouting cultures over the radio. The event will be held October 20-21. To learn more, visit <http://www.scouting.org/jota.aspx>

Fall Fun Rally



Fall Fun Rally is less than a month away! It is likely to be the largest gathering of Venturers in the nation this year, and it is right here in the Central Region! Have you registered yet? The price will remain \$18 until September 27th. For more information and to register, go to www.fallfunrally.org. Check out our Fall Fun Rally video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eFPP7h30v10&feature=g-all-u>.



"The trick is to put the mask on before you go underwater."

We know you can do better than this caption. Send in your caption, name, and council you are from to 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:



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

Council Standards of Venturing Excellence

By Christina Vogt



February may seem like a long time from now, but it will be here sooner than you think! The Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award is a very important form that should be filled out by every council in the nation. This award originally started in 2007 as a Central Region Award designed by current and past Central Region Venturing Presidents and their Advisors. This year is the first year the award has grown to a national level.

The form contains very important information for National to help make improvements to the Venturing program by seeing which check points each council is meeting. Even if your council does not meet the requirements, it's important to fill out the form and submit it by February 2013. For more information, please visit http://www.crventuring.org/Other/Council_Standards_of_Venturing_Excellence/

Area 1 Upcoming events:

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

Sept. 24th-26th, Wood Badge, South Haven, MN

Sept. 28th – 30th, Wood Badge, Nisswa, MN

Oct. 12th-14th, Smiley's Fall Venturing Event, Rhenlander, WI

President: [Michael Moen](#)

Advisor: [Chris Sandberg](#)

**Area 3** Upcoming events:

Sept. 28th-30th, Fall Fun Rally, High Ridge, MO

November 2nd-5th, SeaBadge, Springfield, IL

November 10th, Area 3 Program Conference, Normal, IL

January 11th-12th, Area 3 Venturing Conference, Normal, IL

Also, check out Area 3's Youtube page!

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

President: [Emily Mausshardt](#)

Advisor: [Bob Vogt](#)

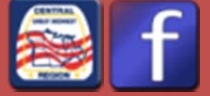
**Area 5** Upcoming Events:

Sept 28th-30th, Powder Horn, near Wichita, KS

October 6th-7th, Area 5 Zombie Attack at World, Kansas City, MO

President: [Kim Legg](#)

Advisor: [Julie Dalton](#)

**Area 2**

Upcoming Events:

October 13th – Cre 357 NRA Pistol

Training, Gregory, MI

October 20th-21st, Venturing Lock-In,
Novi, MI

President: [Rita Mulford](#)

Advisor: [Jeff Gerald](#)

**Area 4**

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 6th, Area 4 Conference, Zanesville,
OH

President:

Advisor: [Ms. Ann Rose](#)



Area 6 Upcoming Events:



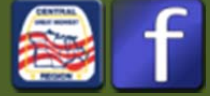
Oct. 12th-14th, Peterloon, Loveland, OH

President: [Dagny Gargas](#)
 Advisor: [Carla Gargas](#)



Area 7

Upcoming Events:



Sept. 28th-20th, Devil's Lake Hike,
 Baraboo, WI

Oct 6th, Area 7 Venturing Extravaganza,
 Morris, IL

President: [Grayson Wolcott](#)
 Advisor: [Kris Zahrobsky](#)



President's Corner

By Elizabeth Wisman

If you ask me what I did last weekend, I'll reply something along the lines of "scuba diving, low COPE, horseback riding, cooking with a published chef, learning about wilderness survival, and personal fitness, watching re-enactors shoot muzzle loaders, and lugging on the only summer luge track in the United States." If you ask me about next weekend you'll hear something like this: "rock



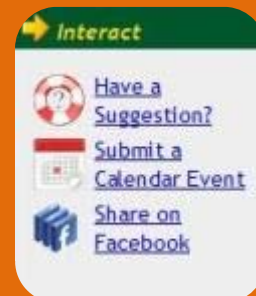
climbing, shooting, waterfront activities, star gazing, shooting off rockets, and climbing a high ropes course." Those sound like some pretty exciting weekends to me. I'll let you in on my secret: you can do all kinds of things like this at Powder Horn!

Powder Horn is a high adventure resource course designed to motivate and prepare Venturing advisors, older youth and other Scout leaders to support their troop/crew in a high adventure program. During the Powder Horn experience, participants get the opportunity to experience most everything the Scouting and Venturing High Adventure programs have to offer.

The option for youth to attend Powder Horn is a recent addition, and a great one at that! Youth are the leaders when it comes to Venturing, and this course is a great way for youth (and adults) to have fun and support their crews. If you haven't taken the course yet, or you want to take it again, I certainly suggest you do!

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!



August Poll Results

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Would you rather:



58.3% - Keep the
Venturing Sign, Oath,
and Code



OR

41.7% - Adopt
the Boy Scout
Oath, Law,
Motto,
Slogan, and Sign



What do you prefer?



36.8% - Tent Camping?



26.3% - Hammock
Camping



21.1% -
Rafting/Canoeing

What is your Favorite Field in Venturing?

88.3% - Outdoors



12.5% - Arts and Hobbies

4.2% -
Religious life



About Our Organization...

Find this month's Survey at:

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



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.