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2012 Fall Fun Rally

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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



1,326 Venturers, Explorers, and Sea Scouts gathered at Beaumont Scout Reservation on September 28-30 to shoot guns, play Quidditch, ride hippogriffs, test their knowledge with Harry Potter trivia, and to watch a helicopter land in the same field in which they were standing in, among countless other activities. On Friday

evening, Venturers and Sea Scouts gathered to begin the adventure. The new Greater St. Louis Area Council officers were elected, followed by a Harry Potter trivia night, complete with a snack of Butterbeer. Bright and early on Saturday morning, over 70 different activities began. Participants could play as part of an impromptu band using recycled materials, see how fast they could stack cups, compete in the talent show, and see how small of a space they could fit through in the squeezebox. Saturday evening brought district officer elections, religious services, the closing ceremony, and the ever-popular Yule Ball. Sunday morning came rather quickly, marking the beginning of another long countdown – only 363 days until Fall Fun Rally 2013. Are you ready?!



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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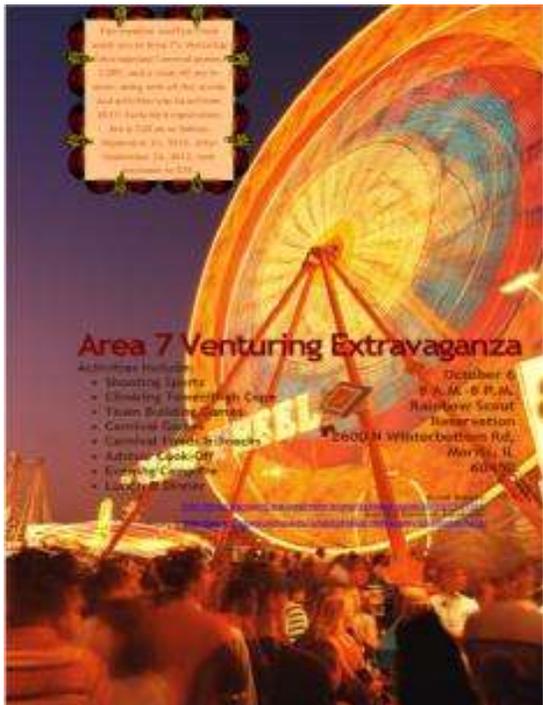
Area 7 Extravaganza

Hello Central Region!

As the month of October opened, so did Area 7 with the Area 7 Venturing Extravaganza at Rainbow Council Scout Reservation in Morris, IL. The day started out on a high note; the sun rose and so did the Venturers of Area 7! There was no time to waste due to the mountain of events to participate in during the day. Participants tried their luck on the range, testing their precision on the handgun range, tested their strength on the shotgun field, and fired their bows on the archery range. Later in the evening, the most precise Venturers competed in the **Area 7 Top Shot Competition**.

Also available for the participants was putting their teamwork and climbing abilities together on a 40 foot, C.O.P.E course! A zip line ride, chimney climb, and other

Tunez, a local Venturer who took on a huge role as the DJ for the day, keeping everyone's morale high throughout the weekend. All this and more next year at the 2013 Area 7 Venturing Extravaganza! We hope to see you all there!



Attack of the Area 5 Zombies

Venturers from around Area 5 met on a chilly October day in search of Zombies at Worlds of Fun in Kansas City, Missouri. Crews from seven different councils spent the afternoon riding the Mamba, Patriot, Boomerang and Prowler roller coasters, as well as many other thrilling rides.

After dark the real fun began as Venturers crept through several mazes and haunted trails, finding ghouls and goblins galore. At the end of the evening awards were presented to the Largest Crew, the Crew who traveled the farthest, as well as the Crew that found the most Zombies in an Area leader scavenger hunt.

Crews spent the night camping out in the frosty Oceans of Fun parking lot. After a breakfast of hot chocolate and hot breakfast sandwiches, crews headed home to share their tales of how they survived the Area 5 Zombie Attack of 2012!



Caption Contest



“Venturers – The best and the brightest.”

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:



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

BSA to use Scout Oath and Scout Law for All Programs

By Ian Ridgeway

This past month, the Boy Scouts of America opted to use one Oath and Law for all Scouting programs – Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity, Sea Scouts, and Venturing. This change is intended for implementation amongst Venturers between late 2013 or early 2014, and Cub Scouts in mid-2015.

The National office has been striving for years to operate as one organization, and this change is another step in the right direction. Additionally, the more a member is exposed to a consistent Oath and Law, the more the values will be instilled in the members, according to the National office.

These recommendations have come about through a volunteer taskforce – the Strategic Plan Goal 411 Task Force and the Venturing Task Force.



Area 1 Upcoming events:

February 16th, 2013, Winter Amidships, Fond du Lac, WI

November 30th – December 2nd, **Area 1 Conference**,
Bloomington, MN

July 14th-20th, 2013, KODIAK Challenge, Phillips Scout
Reservation, WI

President: [Michael Moen](#)

Advisor: [Chris Sandberg](#)

**Area 3** Upcoming events:

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:

No Upcoming Events

Be the first to submit an event at:

http://www.crventuring.org/event_submission.php

President: [Kim Legg](#)

Advisor: [Julie Dalton](#)

**Area 2**

Upcoming Events:



November 2nd-4th, ILSC Training, Twin
Lakes, MI

President: [Rita Mulford](#)

Advisor: [Jeff Gerald](#)

**Area 4**

Upcoming Events:



No Upcoming Events

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President:

Advisor: [Ms. Ann Rose](#)



Area 6 Upcoming Events:



No Upcoming Events

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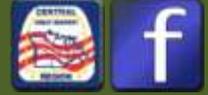
President: [Dagny Gargas](#)

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Area 7

Upcoming Events:



November 11th – University of Scouting, Chicago, IL

November. 30th – Dec. 1st, Christmas Tree Ship, Chicago, IL

February 17th, Arctic Blast, Wilmot, IL

February 22nd-24th, Venturing Blast, Oregon, IL

President: [Grayson Wolcott](#)

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President's Corner

By Elizabeth Wisman

Happy October, Venturers!

For those of you in school, especially college, I know how it can be this time of year. Midterms! That's all I've been thinking about for the past two weeks. At times like these, it can be really easy to get overwhelmed. School, sports, Venturing, band, family: it seems like all of these want all of your attention all at the same time.



These are also important times to step back for a moment.

Of course, school and family should always come first. It is okay to skip the climbing trip when you have a big test the next day. You can practice your trumpet for half an hour instead of an hour in order to spend time with your grandpa on his birthday. It's really important to learn to balance all of the activities in your life. Sometimes a Scouting meeting to break up your studying can be the best thing. It's up to you to figure out what works for you to best manage your time. Time management comes with time and practice, so start early!

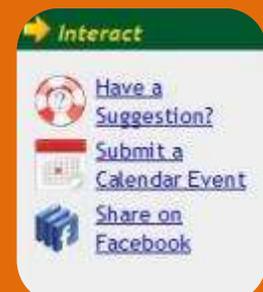
If you need help with creating a schedule, talk to your Advisor, or an older Venturer. He or she should always be more than happy to help. If you're not comfortable with that, there are lots of resources at school (teachers, counselors, librarians) that are excited to help you, and your parents or guardians are hopefully there for you as well. All of these are safe resources there to help you if you just need to talk about your stress and how to deal with it.

With that, good luck at school, regionals, state, or with whatever endeavor you're currently pursuing!

Lastly, Happy Halloween and Happy Venturing!

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!



September Poll Results

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Aside from Venturing, what programs are you in?



75.9% - Boy Scouts

13.8% - Girl Scouts



10.3% - Venturing
is enough for me

What does your Crew do for your Superactivity?



78.6% - We plan our own Superactivity

17.9% -
Venturing
Summer
Camp



3.6% - Non-
Venturing
Summer Camp

What is your favorite Core Requirement to work on?



28.6% - Wilderness
Survival

17.9% - Leave No Trace



10.7% - Land
Navigation



14.3% - Cooking

About Our Organization...



If you have anything you would like to see in the
newsletter, please send it to

vp-communications@crventuring.org and your article
could be in one of our next issues.

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.