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Events Give Deeper Venturing Experience

By Thomas Spargo

Venturing is a lot of fun just as it is, but going to events brings on a whole new element to the organization. There are plenty that are coming up soon that you don't want to miss.

Area 1 has their annual Conference in Bloomington, MN on November 30th-December 1st. This conference helps train youth and adults for leadership positions, as well as just having a blast with other Venturers. Check out the article in this



month's newsletter for more details.

Area 2 has a Venturing Kickback weekend on February 15th – 17th in Twin Lake, MI. You can go climbing, rappelling, or even use snowmobiles. It's a great time to rest, unwind, and have fun aside from your usual routine.

Area 3 also has their annual conference in Normal, IL on January 11th-12th. Don't let the city name fool you. This isn't just a "normal" boring conference. It's a Venturing conference run by youth, which is loads of fun. You can learn more about this leadership training weekend by visiting the Area 3 page on CRVenturing.org.

Area 7 will be holding an Area Blast weekend on February 22nd – 24th in Oregon, IL. This event will also be winter based, but will also have dancing and shooting sports...err, but to be clear, there won't be dancing guns.

For those of you in an Area that doesn't have an upcoming event, don't fret. There are plenty of other events to go to. Check out the Venturing Training at SeaBase on January 13th – 18th. You can bask in the sunlight learning more about Venturing while others are stranded in the snow covered wasteland we call the Midwest (at least that's how we Minnesotans feel).

Finally, if you haven't already signed up for the National Jamboree, it's not too late. If you are still interested in staffing it, they are still accepting registrations. To learn more, visit <https://summit.scouting.org>.

So remember: Venturing is fun just by itself, but the events it has to offer bring an even deeper experience. So get out, and go Venturing.

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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:



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.

How to Grow and Sustain Venturing Training at Sea Base

Dustin Readenour

The national Membership Impact Department is offering *How to Grow and Sustain Venturing* at the exciting Florida National High Adventure Sea Base in Islamadora, Florida. The course will open your eyes to the unlimited potential of strengthening the Venturing program in your council, district, and unit! Participants will receive detailed information on new recruitment ideas and strategies for reaching the young adult population, and best practices that are taking place across the country.

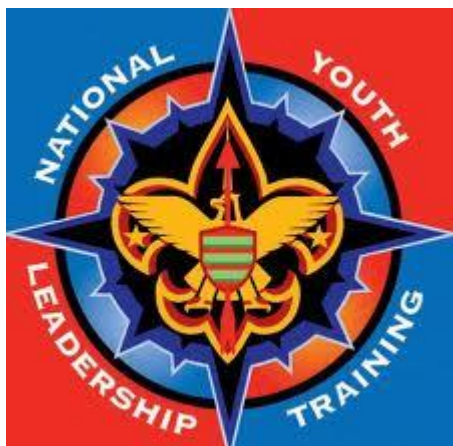
The course begins at 2 p.m. on Monday, January 16, and concludes by 19 a.m. on Friday, January 21. The price for the course is \$300, which includes housing and meals. However, the first 10 registrants will receive a \$100 discount. If you wish to arrive before the conference starts, the additional cost will be \$25 a night for lodging. Reservations and payments must be received by December 31, 2012. For more information, go to http://www.scouting.org/filestore/membership/pdf/523-017_Flier2_WB.pdf



NYLT: A Venturing Odyssey

Christina Vogt

How many of you have attended NYLT before? If you have, that's great! If you haven't, you should! National Youth Leadership Training, or NYLT, is one of the best Venturing Leadership trainings around. NYLT consists of presentations given by youth staff members to help you learn leadership skills, such as good presentation skills, team development, conflict resolution, and so much more. All of the presentations have games and activities throughout to keep them exciting and fun. During the week, you put the leadership skills and qualities you've learned into action while you have an awesome time. NYLT has been open to Venturers since 2010, and has already seen many Venturers as participants. So what are you waiting for? Isn't time to get your feet wet and attend NYLT?





Last month's picture:



"Venturers – The best and the brightest."

"Okay everyone, don't look down
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.

NAYLE 2013

By Ian Ridgeway

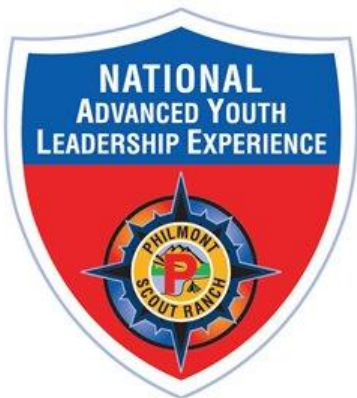
Are you a registered Venturer or Boy Scout who has completed NYLT? Have you attended NAYLE yet? If not, go ahead and sign up! NAYLE, or the National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience, is a weeklong course held at Philmont Scout Ranch. The course offers a large array of exercises and reflections to help you learn about how to be a servant leader in your Scouting journey.

The cost for the program is \$370. As a past participant and three-year staff member, I can tell you that the course is a fun, exciting, challenging week meant to cause you to think critically about how you can best be a servant leader in your everyday life.

To participate, you must be someone who has completed ILSC, as well as NYLT, and hold a leadership position in your home unit.

For more information, please go to <http://philmontscoutranch.org/PTC/YouthPrograms/NAYLE.aspx>

Hurry up! Registration is already open, and the slots are filling up quickly!



Area 1 Upcoming events:

November 30th-December 1st, Area 1 Conference,
Bloomington, MN

February 16th, 2013, Winter Amidships, Fond du Lac, WI
July 14th-20th, 2013, KODIAK Challenge, Phillips Scout
Reservation, WI



President: [Michael Moen](#)

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**Area 3** Upcoming events:

January 11th-12th, Area 3 Venturing Conference, Normal, IL
February 15th-18th, Sea Scout Area 3 Ski Trip, Wasau, WI
September 27th-29th, 2013, 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 5** Upcoming Events:

July 28th-August 2nd, 2013, Venture Quest 2013, St.
Joseph, KS



President: [Kim Legg](#)

Advisor: [Julie Dalton](#)

**Area 2**

Upcoming Events:

February 15th-17th, 2012, Venturing
Kickback Weekend, Twin Lake, MI



President: [Rita Mulford](#)

Advisor: [Jeff Gerald](#)

**Area 4**

Upcoming Events:

No Upcoming Events

To submit an event, please go to:
http://www.crventuring.org/event_submission.php



President:

Advisor: [Ms. Ann Rose](#)



Area 6 Upcoming Events:

No Upcoming Events

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President: [Dagny Gargas](#)

Advisor: [Carla Gargas](#)

**Area 7**

Upcoming Events:

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

February 17th, Arctic Blast, Wilmot, WI

February 22nd-24th, Venturing Blast 2013, Oregon, IL

May 11th, NYLT New Venturing Orientation Day, Trevor, WI



President: [Grayson Wolcott](#)

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Area 1 Conference

By Michael Moen

Area 1 will be putting on a training conference November 30th-December 2nd at the Holiday Inn in Bloomington, MN. Training cells will include ILSC, Awards and recognition, Program Planning, Communications and event promotion. There will also be a chance to ask others about what you are having issues with in your crew. For more information, and to register for this event, go to <https://scoutingevent.com/>

Would you like to see something in the newsletter?

Are you good at writing editorials?

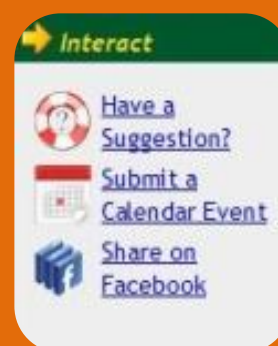
Feel free to send in ideas and/or completed articles to

vp-communications@crventuring.org

Who knows? Maybe your article could be in our next issue!

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!



President's Corner

By Elizabeth Wisman

Happy Thanksgiving, Venturers!



This month, I would like to do something a little different and tell you guys a story; so here we go:

September 12th, 2010--it was hot, but with a breeze that brought a sweet relief. I was the lucky first person to take a whack at the high ropes course. I had worked my way through the course before, and wasn't too afraid of the heights. However, I had never before attempted the giants' ladder. I could feel the embarrassment, frustration, and

laughter spilling color into my cheeks as I tried desperately to climb this beast. No matter what I tried, I couldn't seem to get my body up to the first rung, which was chest high. Every time I got a little higher, Jerry, my belayer, would be right with me, not letting any slack on the rope. Eventually, I'd give up or fall only to be caught time after time by that uncomfortable harness. I begged Jerry to let me down so I could use the regular rope ladder. Every time, I was met with a chorus of "Honk honk!" or "You can do it!" and "Just trust yourself" or "I'll catch you" and more "Honk honks!" Eventually I made it up that first rung. With sweat beads forming around the rim of my helmet, I made it up the second and the third. Every time I rested or wanted to give up, I received overwhelming amounts of encouragement until I had reached the very top.

When people ask me what my favorite Venturing memory has been, I almost always refer to the one you just heard. Although I love Venturing for the outdoors and the high adventure, what I love most is the way Venturing can make you feel. Never before had I experienced such support from a group of kids, or adults, I had just met. The atmosphere of scouting is one that encourages such attitude and behavior. I can go hike a trail or canoe a river anytime, but the spirit of scouting is one only found here.

I hope you've felt that spirit, and that you have passed it along to someone else. If you haven't, or even if you have, there's no better time than today!

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About Our Organization...



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.