

# The Central Point



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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

## 2013-2014 Officer Applications Available



Hey there!

Have you thought about running for an Area, Regional, or National office? The applications are now online at <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/venturing/pdf/VTPresidentNominationForm.pdf>

Applications for National offices are due February 1st, for Regional offices, they are due February 15th, and for Area offices,

they are due March 1st. If you haven't already, start thinking about it now and apply soon! Anyone who has been in one of these positions before will agree, it's the opportunity of a lifetime! The application requires a statement of qualifications from the applicant, as well as signatures from a parent, Crew Advisor, and your local council's Scout executive. We hope to see many of you apply!

## Area 6 Venturing Winter Olympics

By Tyler Andrews

Central Region Area 6 is starting the year off right with a huge winter Olympic event at Dan Beard Scout Reservation! There will be numerous activities to participate in, ranging from climbing, rappelling, and sled pulls, to skills instructions, movies, chess, and euchre. One of the main events that attendees will have the opportunity to participate in is a skiing adventure during the weekend. In order to ski, attendees must pre-register in time to get one of the skiing spots. There will be plenty of events for everyone to choose from, so show you've got skills, meet some new people, and have an amazing start to 2013!



**Venturing Winter Olympics**  
Dan Beard Scout Reservation 2012

## Follow us on:



## Venturing Leadership Awards

By Christina Vogt



Do you know a youth that has gone above and beyond in the Venturing program? The Venturing Leadership Award is a great recognition for their hard work. The Venturing Leadership Award (VLA) can be presented at the council, Area, Regional, and National level to outstanding youth. A council can present two awards for youth members per year for up to 50 crews/ships, and one additional youth recognition per year for each fraction of 25 crews/ships above 50. The Area, Regional, and National level can present up to 8 VLAs per year.

The VLA nomination form can be found at [scouting.org/venturing](http://scouting.org/venturing). It is a real honor as a youth to receive the Venturing Leadership Award, so no matter if you are a youth or adult get going on filling out those nominations.

## Area 3 Conference

By Emily Mausshardt

I have a dream for 11 active Venturing Officers' Associations (VOAs) in Area 3. I have a dream for a fun, excellent Area 3 Venturing Conference. It will be held January 11-12, 2013 at Calvary United Methodist Church in Normal, Illinois. On Friday night, there will be an Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews/Ships for youth, as well as a Venturing Leader Specific Training for adults. On Saturday, there will be five different treks. There will be one for those relatively new to the Venturing Program, one for councils without a VOA, one for councils with a VOA, one for Professionals, and one that will be a Kodiak Challenge Course Director's Conference. The conference cost will be \$18 until January 1<sup>st</sup> and \$20 after January 1<sup>st</sup>. Space is limited, so register now! The event will be held January 11-12, 2013. More information can be found at: [http://www.crventuring.org/cal\\_popup.php?ID=881](http://www.crventuring.org/cal_popup.php?ID=881).



*Come out and have a blast!*



"In Venturing, there are countless opportunities to simply hang around."

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:



"I didn't know COPE stood for 'Continuous Opportunities to Plunge Earthward.'"

Submitted by: Elizabeth Wisman, Central Region Venturing President.

## College Venturing

By Tyler Andrews

Venturing is a program for men and women from the ages of 14-21. Unlike Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, the Venturing program continues on into college. So this begs the question: how does a Venturer stay active when they go off to college? Simple: by starting his/her own Venturing crew! It is not hard to start your own Venturing crew. Wherever you go to college, find out who your local District Executive (DE) is. Once you've found and contacted him/her, tell him/her that you are interested in starting a crew. He/she will be overjoyed with the interest that your local young men and women show in Scouting. He or she will help you form the crew.

You can publicize the crew to your campus. Have a normal open-house as you would if it were for your home crew. Make it an outdoorsy movie, or a cookout, or a campout. Get your friends and get your friends' friends, and go from there! Venturing can provide a lot of guidance and fun into college, not to mention the fact that it could look great on a resume. Give it a try! The longer you're involved in Venturing, the more you can get out of it.

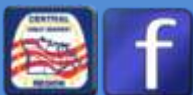


**Area 1** Upcoming events:

February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Winter Amidships, Fond du Lac, WI  
 May 24th-26th, Spring Shindig, South Haven, MN  
 July 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2013, KODIAK Challenge, Phillips Scout  
 Reservation, WI

President: [Michael Moen](#)

Advisor: [Chris Sandberg](#)

**Area 3** Upcoming events:

January 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, Area 3 Venturing Conference, Normal, IL  
 February 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, Sea Scout Area 3 Ski Trip, Wasau, WI  
 September 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 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:

February 9th-10th, Venturing Leadership Conference, St.  
 Joseph, MO  
 July 28<sup>th</sup>-August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, Venture Quest 2013, St.  
 Joseph, KS

President: [Kim Legg](#)

Advisor: [Julie Dalton](#)

**Area 2**

Upcoming Events:



February 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 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:  
[Crventuring.org](http://Crventuring.org)

President:

Advisor: [Ann Rose](#)





**Area 6** Upcoming Events:

February 22nd-24th, Venturing Winter Olympics, Loveland, OH

President: [Dagny Gargas](#)  
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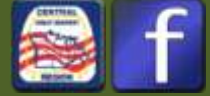
**Area 1 Conference**

By Michael Moen

The Area 1 conference was held Nov. 30th- Dec. 1st at the Holiday Inn in Bloomington, MN. The event was a blast, and featured training sessions on online communication, program planning, and the award program within Venturing. There was a lot of learning happening, both with youth and adults. We topped off the experience with a trip to the Mall of America. We are now looking forward to our Area Fun Event which will be held near the end of April or beginning of May. The theme will be Knights of the Round Table, so be ready to answer the Knight's Call.

**Area 7**

Upcoming Events:



February 17<sup>th</sup>, Arctic Blast, Wilmot, WI

February 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, Venturing Blast 2013, Oregon, IL

May 11<sup>th</sup>, NYLT New Venturing Orientation Day, Trevor, WI

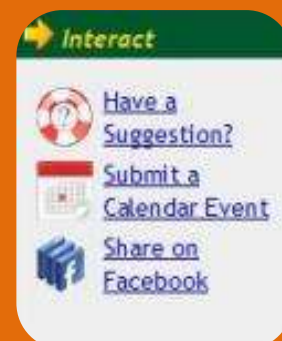
July 28th-August 3rd, Venturing Summer Camp, Morris, IL

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



## 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

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Happy Holiday season! I hope you are all looking forward to (hopefully) having some time off school or work! I know I am!

While you're on vacation, maybe it's time to start thinking about what you want to do next year. Have you considered applying for a youth officer position? There are President and Vice President positions available on the crew, district, council, area, regional and national level. Speaking from experience, there

is nothing like being a youth officer! Even just at the crew level, it is really encouraging to have that responsibility of having your crew depend on you. Of course, this responsibility increases as you move from crew to district to council, and so on. However, you also have the opportunity to even greater affect the Venturing program. Depending on your position, you have the ability to directly effect yourself and those around you, all the way to hundreds or even thousands of Venturers.

To give you an idea of some of the special opportunities that coincide with youth officer positions, please don't hesitate to e-mail me ([president@crventuring.org](mailto:president@crventuring.org)). I would be more than happy to tell you about travelling to 4 BSA camps, visiting 5 states, flying on 8 planes, writing 5 newsletter articles, reading at least 15 quarterly reports, attending 2 major meetings, and enough e-mails to make my head spin. Included was the chance to go to Philmont for a National Volunteer Training Committee meeting, and to attend two area fun events to talk to Venturers about their program, and to just have fun with them! Believe it or not, that's all just since September!

You can also talk to any other youth officer (a link to e-mail all members of the region VOAs can be found on their page at [crventuring.org](http://crventuring.org)).

If you are interested in a position at council or district levels, please talk to your council or district. If your council or district does not have a VOA, think about starting one! Applications are now being accepted for the position of National, Regional and Area Venturing Presidents and Vice-Presidents for the 2013-2014 term of office. All submissions are due by **February 1**, 2013 for National Venturing President, **February 15**, 2013 for Region Venturing President and Vice-President positions, and **March 1**, 2013 for Area Venturing President and Vice-President positions. For more information about these positions and minimum qualifications, please refer to the Venturing Standard Operating Procedures available at: <http://www.scouting.org/Venturing>. The application is available at <http://www.crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=644>. I sincerely hope you all will apply for a youth position!

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.

*About Our Organization...*

