

The Central Point



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2013 World Scout Moot

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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



The 14th World Scout Moot will be held this fall, August 8th-18th, 2013. "What is a World Scout Moot", you may ask? A World Scout Moot is similar to a World Scout Jamboree, but for an older age group. Participants in a World Scout Moot are 18 through 25 years old. Moot participants will be formed into international patrols in April, 2013, and will participate in the moot in these international patrols.

The 14th World Scout Moot will take place in Canada with activities in both Quebec and Ontario. The BSA will be putting together a contingent for the Moot, which will meet in Ottawa on August 7. This is much closer than a World Scout Moot has ever been to the Central Region.

The BSA contingent to the World Scout Moot will consist of registered Venturers, Advisors, Associate Advisors, Scoutmasters, and Assistant Scoutmasters who were born between August 9, 1987 and August 7, 1995. This will be the first time 21-25 year old leaders have ever been part of a BSA contingent to a World Scout Moot.

The BSA fee of \$1100 per person covers the World Scout Moot fee for lodging, food, transportation, and activities from the time you arrive at the Moot until the time you depart plus BSA badges, bags, and support. BSA contingent members will be responsible for their own transportation to and from Ottawa.

Those interested in applying must be nominated by their Council's International Representative. The nomination deadline is March 31, 2013. Nominees will be notified of their acceptance as soon as their nomination is received.

For more information, and links to a number of World Scout Moot videos, go to <http://www.michiganscouting.org/Scouting/International>

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Area 2 Kickback Weekend

By Lizzy Andrews

It's that time of year again! It's time to meet fellow Venturers from all around the state, and even the region! It's time to get to know each other while we do what we all do best: Venture! This February 15-17 at Gerber Scout Camp the President Ford Council's VOA will be hosting Venturing Kickback Weekend. This event will include ice fishing, game playing, shot gun shooting, rappelling, and snow shoeing, as well as many other things. It's a great way to get your crew together for an easy weekend of new experiences and new friendships. This weekend is a great one for just "Kicking-back"!



If interested, please visit the website:

<http://www.michiganscouting.org/PresidentFord/Events/01pfkickbac>

You can also view the video from 2012 Kickback here:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nk6SY1TEVRc&feature=player_embedded.



The cost for both youth and adults is \$40; it is completely worth the price for this fantastic get-together. If you are interested in joining staff for this event or have any questions, contact Lizzy Andrew--Vice President of Program--for the VOA at lizinholland@hotmail.com.

Area 7 ILSC

By Grayson Wolcott

As we move through our year of Venturing, we must remember to keep improving ourselves as well as our Venturing program. One way you can do that is to take the Introductory Leadership Skills Course for Crews. (ILSC)

Conveniently enough, Area 7 will be having an ILSC Training Day hosted by Northeastern Illinois Council, in Libertyville, IL on February 16th from 8 am to 3 pm. The cost of the entire event will be 5 dollars and participants will also have to bring a lunch.

With all this in mind, you would only be doing yourself a favor in the end. So keep your February 16th weekend open to get trained in the art of ILSC!

To register, follow this link:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/event/1132504>



The Central Point Caption Contest



"I seem to have partially lost myself in Venturing."

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:



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

Area 3 Conference: A Dream Fulfilled

By Emily Mausshardt

I had a dream for a fun, excellent Area 3 Venturing Conference and that dream came true! The conference began on Friday evening with 16 youth attending the Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews and Ships course and 2 adults taking Venturing Leader Specific Training. Saturday's learning included classes on various topics from how to start a new Venturing Officers' Association to recruiting new youth to one all about playing and teaching games.

Five adults completed the Kodiak Challenge Course Director's Conference during the day, learning how run a Kodiak Challenge course for their unit. During lunch, the Sea Scouts held a Bridge of Honor to recognize several youth who had earned awards over the past year. At the end of the day, the conference was wrapped up with a Roundtable session including a bloopers video for the Area 3 YouTube channel, an open floor for event promotion, and the presentation of Area Venturing Leadership Awards. Overall, 89 Venturers, Sea Scouts, and Professionals took part in the conference and we hope to see many more next year!



Area 1 Upcoming events:

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

President: [Michael Moen](#)
 Advisor: [Chris Sandberg](#)

**Area 3** Upcoming events:

February 9th, ILSC, Champaign, IL
 February 15th-18th, Sea Scout Area 3 Ski Trip, Wasau, WI
 June 14th-16th, Venturing Summer Blast, Fairmount, IL
 September 27th-29th, Fall Fun Rally, High Ridge, MO
 September 27th-29th, Wood Badge, Peoria, 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:

January 26th, Council Winter Event, Kansas City, MO
 February 1st – Mid-Iowa VOA Ice Climb, Cedar Falls, IA
 February 9th-10th, Venturing Leadership Conference, St.
 Joseph, MO
 July 28th-August 2nd, Venture Quest 2013, St. Joseph, KS
 Sept 6th- 8th & 20th - 22nd, Wood Badge, Woodward, IA

President: [Kim Legg](#)
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**Area 2**

Upcoming Events:



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

President: [Rita Mulford](#)
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**Area 4**

Upcoming Events:



No Upcoming Events

To submit an event, please go to:
Crventuring.org

President:
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Area 6 Upcoming Events:

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

President: [Dagny Gargas](#)
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**Area 3 Sea Scout Ski Trip**

By Peter Schmidt

You are invited to attend the Area 3 Sea Scout Ski Trip! Sea Scouts have fun on the water, but when the lakes freeze over, we are headed to the slopes. On President's Day Weekend, we will be taking a Charter Bus from St. Louis, Missouri to Wausau, Wisconsin followed by 2 full days of Skiing at Granite Peak, swimming in an indoor water park, a pizza party, and a Bunk House Camping Party.

As we travel from St. Louis, Missouri up to Wisconsin, we will be stopping along I-55 and I-39 to Pick-up/Drop-Off passengers if you do not wish to travel to St. Louis. So, all you have to do is rendezvous with us and ride the west of the way to Wisconsin. The cost for the weekend will be a bargain, all inclusive, \$240-\$300. More information can be found On the [Central Region Venturing Website](#). If you have questions contact trip coordinator [Mark Shapland](#).

**Area 7**

Upcoming Events:



January 24th-27th, Strictly Sail Show at Navy Pier, Chicago, IL

February 16th, Area 7 ILSC, Libertyville, IL

February 17th, Arctic Blast, Wilmot, WI

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

March 1st-3rd, Klondike Derby, Oconomowoc, WI

+ additional events on the Area 7 page

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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Hello Venturers!

I hope you have all enjoyed a good winter break and a few holidays! As we get back to school and life, it's the perfect time to move forward on something new in Venturing!

Boy Scouts of America boasts that it prepares youth for life. Many people think of this through outdoors skills, or even leadership. Now, Boy Scouts is

doing this in a whole new way! BSA has introduced its STEM Nova and Supernova Awards. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

These awards give Scouts on every level an opportunity to explore relevant skills and experiences in these fields through a recognizable, organized program. Hopefully, these awards will help scouts learn of new activities and interests for not only their youth, but for life!

The Nova award consists of individual activity elements in various STEM topics for every level—Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, & Venturers. Each of these topics is introduced in a fun, relevant and age appropriate way. The Venturing Nova awards are: Launch!, Power Up, Hang On!, and Numbers Don't Lie. The Nova award is a pocket patch with a separate pin awarded for each individual topic completed by the youth, up to three pins. The Supernova Award Venturing requirements are based on more independent achievement and teaching activities. Supernova is designed to encourage and recognize more in-depth achievement in STEM. The Supernova awards are medals on neck ribbons.

I am pretty excited to look more into these awards (especially since I'm studying to be an engineer), and I hope you do as well! If learning isn't enough of a draw, the medal is pretty cool looking too! For more information on these awards, check this out: <http://www.scouting.org/stem.aspx>

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.