

# The Central Point



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## Central Region Splash!

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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.



Are you looking for a fun event where you can meet Venturers from all around the Region? Well then come and experience lush indoor water parks, cozy lodges, and friendly people at the first Central Region Event! The Central Region Splash will be held from April 12<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup> at The Wilderness Resort in the Wisconsin Dells.

The Resort offers four indoor water parks, mini golf, go karts, and a host of other activities.

The cost of the event is \$89 before March 1st. After March 1<sup>st</sup>, the price goes up to \$105. The cost covers lodging, food, and water park admission.

For more information, check out our website article at <http://www.crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=1&id=308>; see our Pinterest board at <http://pinterest.com/crventuring/crv-splash/>; and RSVP & watch our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Central-Region-Venturing/5584419563>

Registration information can be found at <https://www.threefirescouncil.org/oldsite/component/dtregister/?controller=event&task=options&eventId=142>

### Follow us on:



# Venturing Leadership Award Toolkit

By Christina Vogt

This year, the Central Region VOA is putting an emphasis on councils and areas presenting Venturing Leadership Awards. When asking councils in the past why they have not presented a Venturing Leadership Award, the most common response is that they do not know how to select the recipients. Therefore, this year we have worked to create a Venturing Leadership Award kit to help councils through the process. The kit includes suggestions for every step in the process from setting a nomination deadline to presenting the award.

Our goal for 2013 is that at least 80% of the councils in each area present a minimum of one Council Venturing Leadership Award. To help us measure this goal we ask that when a council presents a Venturing Leadership Award they let their Area Venturing President know about it by posting a congratulatory message on the Central Region Venturing Facebook page. The Venturing program is a youth led program; let's recognize our deserving youth by presenting them with a Venturing Leadership Award.

Please take the time to look at the Venturing Leadership Tool Kit and take the initiative to fill out a nomination form for a youth in your council or area.

You can find the tool kit on our Region website, at <http://www.crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=662>



## Caption Contest

Last month's picture:



*"Venturing gives you plenty of opportunities to climb to the top."*



*"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](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.

## Area 5 Conference

By Kimmi Legg



The Area 5 team held their 4th annual Leadership Conference Feb 9. 45 participants came and had a GREAT time learning about leadership, their VOA, and what the Venturing positions mean. The adults had a blast attending Kodiak CDC and VLSC. All in all everyone had a blast and cannot wait until next year. Not only did we attend classes, we were proud to award Faith Balkenbush her Venturing Gold Award and Kim Legg the Area VLA – congrats to Both!

**Area 1** Upcoming events:



May 24th-26th, Spring Shindig, South Haven, MN

July 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, KODIAK Challenge, Phillips Scout Reservation, WI

President: [Michael Moen](#)

Advisor: [Chris Sandberg](#)



**Area 2**

Upcoming Events:



June 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, Area 2 White Water Rafting Trip, Lansing, MI

President: [Jasmine Dittel](#)

Advisor: [Jeff Gerald](#)



**Area 3** Upcoming events:



March 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, LNT Trainer Course, Springfield, IL  
May 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, Area 3 Sea Scout Rendezvous  
June 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, Venturing Summer Blast, Fairmount, IL  
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 4**

Upcoming Events:



No Upcoming Events

To submit an event, please go to:  
[Crventuring.org](http://Crventuring.org)

President:

Advisor:



**Area 5** Upcoming Events:



May 27<sup>th</sup>-June 1<sup>st</sup>, NYLT, Sedan, KS

July 28<sup>th</sup>-August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, Venture Quest 2013, St. Joseph, KS

President: [Kim Legg](#)

Advisor: [Julie Dalton](#)



**Area 6** Upcoming Events:

April 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, Spring Ice Breaker, Howe, IN

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

**Area 7**

Upcoming Events:



March 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, Klondike Derby,  
 Oconomowoc, WI

March 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, Lord Baden Powell  
 University, Camp Lake, WI

April 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, U.S. Grant Pilgrimage,  
 Galena, IL

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



President: [Grayson Wolcott](#)  
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## Venturers of the Round Table

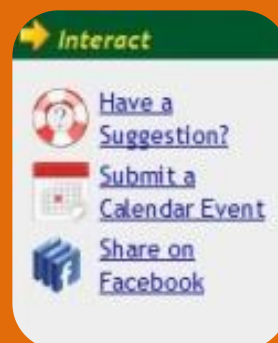
By Michael Moen

Area 1 is hosting its spring fun event May 3rd-5th at Camp Rokilio in Kiel, WI. The event is medieval themed, complete with lodging at an authentic castle! Events will include noodle jousting, a coronation and ball, and a craft session where we can make tunics and crowns. We hope everyone is able to attend this event, and get to know Venturers and officers from Area 1 and throughout the Central Region.



## 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 February Central Region! Winter is one of my favorite seasons! I love the snow, and always want more. However, I know a lot of Venturers out there disagree. If this sounds like you, you can't let the winter blues get you down! Winter is another perfect season for Venturing. Have you been snowshoeing, or cross-country skiing? What about ice-skating, or lugging? The

winter provides opportunities that can't be found other times of the year. Just last weekend, Area 2 hosted its annual Venturing Kickback weekend with about 150 Venturers from around the region. There was ice fishing, shooting, line dancing, rappelling, zip lining and more. If you don't have snow, or a hundred people, you can always do the "usual" activities, like zip lining, fishing, and hiking. Still too cold for you? Take the winter as the perfect opportunity to go bowling, roller blading, or do some indoor volunteering. Or better yet, join the Central Region at our fun event in April! As Venturers, it is our duty to seek adventure in our world, regardless of the weather. So what are you doing this weekend?



### 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.