



Venturing Program Updates

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As I'm sure all of you have heard by now, there have been a lot of changes to Venturing announced over the past couple months, and there will be even more over the course of the year. I want to discuss a couple of the highlights with you to hopefully put some rumors to rest and give you the most recent updates.

1. Venturing now has a motto! It's "Lead the Adventure"
2. The Boy Scout sign, salute, oath and law are now used in the Venturing Program
3. The new program model is called the A.L.P.S. Model and stands for Adventure and Activities, Leadership, Personal Growth, and Service
4. The Bronze, Gold, and Silver award are going away at the end of December and will be replaced by a new set of Awards
5. The new awards are the Venturer, Discovery, Pathfinder, and Summit awards. Requirements for these have been announced, and so have the patch designs!
6. The Ranger, Quest, and Trust awards will stay in place, but there might be a change or two to some of the requirements.

7. There is a new manual for Venturing Advisor Specific Training and Crew Committee Challenge have been released
8. The manual for Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews and a series of other trainings for Venturers will be released soon
9. The new Venturing handbook and Advisor Guidebook will offer more resources to better serve the crew.
10. The VOA and governance structure will stay the same, but national, regional, and area Venturing Committees will be implemented

If you have any questions, I stress you to check the FAQ the national has put out and continuously updated over the past several months. Also, the Area VOA and I will be hosting an Area Venturing Forum on August 10th, and we are asking council leaders to attend. We are hoping to equip each council with all of the resources they need to make sure that every Venturer has best information and all questions are answered. If you would like to attend our forum, please email me at Area5President@crventuring.org for more information.

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area5vp-communications@crventuring.org

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DID YOU KNOW

You may have already have one of the new venturing awards!

If you were a registered Venturer before June 1st, 2014 then You have already completed the first pillar in the new 4 pillar system of Venturing. Way to go!

You may be able to attend the 23rd World Scout Jamboree

If you are a registered Venturer and were born between July 27, 1997 and July 28, 2001 you are able to attend the World Scout Jamboree. More about the World Scout jamboree on page 3!

Area 5 Venturing Forum

Are you a youth or adult leader in Venturing? Would you like to Be a leader in your council? Do you have questions about the Venturing Program changes? Area 5 will be holding a Venturing forum on Sunday, August 10th starting at 10:00 am to help all of you. This will be for Venturing Adult Leaders and Youth leaders in the Council. It will take place at the Heart of America Council Office, 10210 Holmes Road Kansas City MO 64131-4212. The Forum will include presentations on Venturing Changes, Adult

Trainings, VOA's in Councils, Recruitment, Communication, and Council Standards of Venturing Excellence. We hope that many Council Executives, staff members, Volunteers, and Venturers interested in becoming a leader in Venturing will come to this informational and fun Venturing Forum. The cost is only \$5 which includes all materials and handouts.

HOW TO SIGN-UP

Please sign- up as soon as possible so we can get the materials needed for the forum.

CONTACT ME WITH QUESTIONS AND TO SIGN UP:

area5president@crventuring.org



Fall Fun Rally in St.Louis

by Chance Ziegler, Vice President of Communications, Area 3

Fall Fun Rally is an amazing event that happens every year. 1300 Scouters descend on Saint Louis for a weekend of fun, food, and activities. It all starts from the moment you move into your tent for the weekend, themed activities (Doctor Who this year), games of all kinds, talent shows, contests, trainings, and so much more! Fall Fun Rally has a little bit of everything and something for everyone! I encourage everyone to come take part in the largest annual Venturing event, to meet new friends and grow closer to old ones, and to make memories that will last a lifetime!

Registration is now open online at fallfunrally.org, along with all

kinds of information about the event, please register early to avoid price increases and make crew plans!

I look forward to seeing you at the event and hope that you all will come and make this another Fall Fun Rally to remember!

Yours in Scouting!

Chance Zeigler

When: September 26th – 28th, 2014

Where: Beaumont Scout Reservation; Saint Louis, Missouri

Who: Venturers, Explorers & Older Scouts (Venturing Age)

More Info: fallfunrally.org

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT AREA 5?

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There Are 12 Councils in Area 5 Those Councils include Cornhusker, Coronado Area, Great Rivers, Heart of America, Jayhawk Area, Mid America, Mid Iowa, Overland Trails, Ozark Trails, Pony Express, Quivira, Santa Fe Trail

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Area 5 covers parts of 5 states. Those states are South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri



2015 World Scout Jamboree

On July 28, 2015, more than 30,000 Scouts and leaders from 161 countries around the world will start the 23rd World Scouting Jamboree in Yamaguchi, Japan! The Central Region will be sending a Venturing Crew to the Jamboree, and Venturers from across the Region have the opportunity to be part of this a once-in-a-Scouting-lifetime event.

According to Chris Sandberg, the lead Advisor for the Central Region Crew, "Venturers at the Jamboree will learn about global issues, explore the environment, participate in community service, make friends from around the world, and deepen their understanding of developments in science and technology. It's a world fellowship exercise on an enormous scale."

The 36 Venturers and four Advisors will live and learn with fellow Scouts from around the world. Crew members will be housed in tents, cook their own meals, and mingle with tens of thousands of people for two weeks of activities and adventure, followed by a three-day tour of several sites in Japan.

To be eligible to attend, a Venturer **must** have been born **between July 27, 1997, and July 28, 2001**. Early registration is important, due to the very limited number of spaces in the Crew. Registration is all on-line, and

current information from BSA is also posted at <http://www.scouting.org/worldjamboree.aspx>. The Scout Association of Japan has the official Jamboree Web site up at http://www.23wsj.jp/index_e.html.

The cost to attend the Jamboree will be



\$5,750, which includes round-trip airfare, the Jamboree registration fee, touring, lodging, ground transportation, meals, Crew equipment, a duffel bag, day pack, neckerchiefs and contingent patches, shipping of equipment to Japan, and trip insurance. "If the Jamboree experience looks like an adventure you'd want to be part of, submit an application right away to be sure you don't lose a spot in the Crew," Chris noted. "Some scholarship funds will be available, but early registration is important to have a good opportunity for financial assistance," he explained.

The four Advisors for the Crew are Chris Sandberg from Northern Star Council, Annette Roe from Mid-Iowa Council, Ian Cheesman from Simon Kenton Council, and Sarah Mittrucker from Greater St. Louis Area Council. Together they have five World Jamboree and seven National Jamboree experiences. Chris was an Advisor at the 20th World Jamboree in Thailand, and will be glad to answer questions about the Crew and the Jamboree experience. His email is cksandberg.scouting@centurylink.net.

Save the Date

November 22: Area 5 Leadership Conference

The Area 5 Leadership Conference will be held in Kansas City in the Heart of America Council. This will be an opportunity to learn new skills and also meet fellow Venturers. Look for the details on facebook, in our Area 5 email, and in the next Venturing Voice!

April 10-12: Area 5 Fun Event

The Area 5 Fun Event will be in Omaha, Nebraska. There will be camping, making friends, fun, and is a chance to meet fellow Ventureres from your area! See next Venturing Voice for Details!