

## 2008 Winter Quarterly Report – Central Region Venturing President

### GOALS

1. To increase the level of support and development at the Area level of the Central Region by helping to develop an Area TLC/VOA for all 5 Areas in the Central Region.
2. To increase the level of effective communication across the Central Region by direct and indirect communication.
3. To help plan and implement programs designed to increase the number of Venturers and Venturing Crews in the Central Region.
4. To market the Venturing Program every chance I get with the idea of increasing membership and awareness of the Venturing Program.
5. To promote Venturing Advancement at all opportunities and increase the awareness of the Venturing Awards.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. I have encouraged councils within the Central Region to form TLCs/VOAs and have visited several councils to promote starting VOAs or to help elect officers to their existing VOAs.
2. Four more Central Region Venturing Newsletters have been published, The Central Region Facebook group has over 800 members, and I am promoting Venturing events from councils through these two communication methods as frequently as possible.
3. I have promoted the Facebook groups and Yahoo groups as often as possible, I have also promoted and stepped individual councils through completing the Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award.
4. I have attended events outside the Scouting world to promote the Venturing program and how it can help to develop those individual groups further.
5. I have promoted the Venturing Advancement program and the Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award at all opportunities. I have congratulated all known Silver Award recipients for their hard work in achieving that high recognition. I myself have recently completed the Trust Award, and Kodiak Training

### EVENTS ATTENDED

- October 9 Presented and promoted to over 40+ Greater St. Louis Area Council (GSLAC) Commissioners on Venturing and the Role of the Commissioner.
- Oct. 12-14 Helped plan and lead a Wilderness Survival Course for Venturing Crew 2783
- October 13 Helped run a section of the GSLAC Fall Festival with over 1,500 Cubs in attendance
- October 16 Presented the God and Country Award Program to youth members from local BSA and GSUSA units.
- Oct. 26-28 Attended & Presented at the Central Region Kodiak/Kodiak X/Powder Horn Course Directors Conference in Rochester, Indiana
- October 27 Lead a Venturing Roundtable at the Central Region Kodiak/ Kodiak X/Powder Horn CDC for the 70+ participants from across the nation
- November 2-4 Attended/Presented at the Simon Kenton Council Venturing Recognition Dinner and Overnight in Columbus, Ohio

- November 5 Attended/Presented/Participated in the Central Region Venturing Committee Conference Call
- November 9 Sang the Invocation and explained Venturing at a large fundraiser in the GSLAC
- November 17 Coordinated the 2nd largest collection point for GSLAC Scouting for Food (Over 83,000 cans were collected)
- November 17 Promoted Venturing at Circle of Concern Dinner served by a local church
- November 17 Attended GSLAC VOA Venturing Pool Party/Movie Night
- Nov. 23-24 Helped coordinate a large fundraiser in GSLAC in which 72 BSA units/Venturing Crews/GSUSA units and other community organizations take part in. (Over \$100,000 profit made by the units)
- December 9 Attended Venturing Crew 2783 Annual Christmas Party
- December 11 Attended the St. Louis County Police Academy on Crisis Intervention Training and promoted starting Crews/Posts in different stations around St. Louis County
- December 29 Presented "How to start a VOA" and promoted the Venturing Advancement Program at an organizational meeting for the Southeastern Wisconsin Council in Kenosha, Wisconsin.
- January 4-6 Co-Course Director for "Tour Your Own Town" Kodiak Course, second  
Jan. 11-13 Kodiak Trek in GSLAC Council
- January 8 Attended the New Horizons VOA Meeting in GSLAC
- January 19 Attended/Presented/Served as a Resource at 6 sessions at the GSLAC University of Scouting
- January 28 Attended the GSLAC VOA Meeting
- February 1-3 Attended/Presented at the Southern Region Winterfest Event