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# Central Region Venturing Monthly Newsletter



Welcome to the 1<sup>th</sup> edition of the 2009-2010 monthly Central Region Venturing Newsletter. Each edition will feature information that you will find useful for your council's Venturing program. We will highlight items that support the development of your Venturing Officer Associations, Roundtables, chairmanships, commissioners, professional staff, council-wide activities and the Central Region Venturing Areas. We look forward to being of service to you in Venturing.

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## Thank You and Congratulations!

Central Region Venturing would like to sincerely thank Katelyn Childs, the 2008-2009 Central Region President, for her outstanding service to Venturing in the Central Region and her continuing example of leadership excellence.

In addition, Central Region would like to welcome its 11<sup>th</sup> Central Region President, Ben Hayes. Ben will serve the Central Region throughout the 2009-2010 term as we collectively maintain a tradition of distinction. Finally, on a similar note, the Central Region is proud to announce that Katelyn Childs will continue to serve the Region as the Alumni Association President. This is an enormous honor that is well deserved. Please continue to lend your support to Katelyn as she helps to support the Central Region Venturing Youth Cabinet.

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## Venturer You Should Know

National Venturing President Matthew McGroarty is a native of Las Vegas, Nevada, and has been a Scout ever since the first grade. Matthew earned his Eagle award at 14, continued to stay active in his troop, and has attained 15 palms. He is an active and contributing member to the Las Vegas Area Council where he has helped with and put on many Council training events, spoken at and emceed numerous Council events and dinners, is a founding member of the Las Vegas Area Council's Venturing Officers Association and Committee, and is a Vigil Honor member of his Order of the Arrow lodge.

Matthew joined Venturing the day he became eligible to the program. Over the past six years, he has earned the Ranger, Quest, Trust, and Silver awards and he has been presented with the Council Venturing Leadership Award by the Las Vegas Area Council and the National Venturing Leadership Award by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America's Youth Development Team. Matthew has been with his council's VOA since it was founded in 2004 where he went on to serve as president for nearly three years. Matthew continues to serve as a member of the Las Vegas Area Council's Venturing Committee.



Outside of Scouting, Matthew is currently a full time student attending the University of Nevada, Las Vegas where he is studying for a degree in Business focusing on Entrepreneurship and Accounting while also studying Business-Law. After graduating, he is planning to further seek his Masters in Business Administration and his Juris Doctorate. In his spare time, Matthew enjoys reading, writing, backpacking, hiking, building models, playing 14 different musical instruments including piano, violin, and banjo, and growing the new business he started with his brother and friends.

## Monthly Q&A

### What is the Official BSA Uniform for Venturers?

The 'recommended' BSA uniform is the forest green Venturing shirt (with green, silver or gold shoulder loops as appropriate) with charcoal gray shorts or pants. As it's recommended, Crews do not have to choose this as their uniform, but if you are at an event where BSA uniforms are expected (i.e. OA events, council or national events like Jamborees, etc.), you should have and wear it. However, you must follow proper insignia placement with this shirt, including wearing the green loops (or silver or gold loops if that's appropriate for you). Insignia placement is pretty much universal, regardless of the program, youth/adult, or level of Scouting.

If your crew chooses not to use the green shirt as their official crew uniform, please consider allowing those crew members (youth and adults) who are involved with other Scouting activities (OA, council events, national events) to wear it. Wearing the green/gray Venturing uniform at such events is a great way of keeping Venturing 'alive' for others in Scouting, and has a greater impact than wearing crew t-shirts/polo shirts.



## Announcing 2009-2010 Central Region Venturing Area Presidents

Area 1:	Dan Carriveau
Area 2:	Corey Brown
Area 3:	Sarah Ward
Area 4:	Elizabeth Williams
Area 5:	Courtney Weerts
Area 6:	Chelsea DuBose
Area 7:	Cody Romano



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## Central Region Venturing Facebook Groups

The Central Region Venturing Communications team is working hard to grow the Venturing Facebook groups for every council within the Central Region. Links to the existing council groups are listed on the Central Region Venturing Facebook page and can easily be found under their respective Areas. Groups can also be found by simply searching the name of your council! Be sure to support Venturing by joining your council group and the Central Region group! We are on our way to reaching **3000 members!!!**

## COURSE DIRECTOR CONFERENCES KODIAK & KODIAK X/Powder Horn

**Friday, November 20 - 22, 2009**  
**Schiewetz Leadership Training Center**  
**Dayton, Ohio**



Would you like to learn more about Kodiak and Kodiak X so that you can better understand and offer these exciting programs for your youth? This is your chance to not only learn about the programs, but to also obtain useful information that will help you in planning your Treks with ease.

Also, an experienced staff of past Powder Horn course directors will cover a wide range of Powder Horn topics, including: course standards and guidelines, course format, council & regional approval process, budgeting, staff selection & development, participant recruiting, logistics planning, program planning and instruction, newsletters, resource & give away items, living history, working with teens, website and e-mail resources, etc. Ample time will be dedicated to answering questions about how to run a successful course.

You can download the registration forms at:

**Powder Horn CDC** <http://www.crventuring.org/document.php?ID=457&NUM=1>

**Kodiak CDC** <http://crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=1&id=215>

## Central Region Areas

**Area 1: Councils:** Winnebago Council, Northern Star Council, Twin Valley Council, Voyageurs Area Council, Minnesota Council, Gamehaven Council , Northern Lights Council , Gateway Area Council, Samoset Council, Bay Lakes Council, Chippewa Valley Council, Sioux Council

### Upcoming Events

July 17-19: Bay-Lakes Council Bay Jammer

### Contact them at

Area President: Dan Carriveau

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Area Chair: Chris Sandberg

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**Area 2: Councils:** Great Sauk Trail Council , Hiawathaland Council, Detroit Area Council , Tall Pine Council, Lake Huron Area Council ,Gerald R. Ford Council, Southwest Michigan Council, Chief Okemos Council, Scenic Trails Council, Clinton Valley Council, Blue Water Council, Erie Shores Council

### Upcoming Events

### Contact them at

Area President: Corey Brown

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Area Chair: Jeff Gerald

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**Area 3: Councils:** Lewis & Clark Council, Illowa Council, W.D. Boyce Council, Mississippi Valley Council, Abraham Lincoln Council ,Hawkeye Area Council, Northeast Iowa Council , Greater St. Louis Area Council, Glacier's Edge Council, Milwaukee County Council, Southeast Wisconsin Council , Potawatomi Area Council

### Upcoming Events

July 5-11: Greater St. Louis Swift Base Kodiak

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Area Chair: Bob Vogt

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**Area 4: Councils:** Great Trail Council, Buckeye Council, Greater Cleveland Council ,Simon Kenton Council, Heart of Ohio Council, Greater Western Reserve Council, Muskingum Valley Council, Mountaineer Area Council, Buckskin Council, Allohak Council, Ohio River Valley Council, Tri-State Area Council

### Upcoming Events

### Contact them at

Area President: Elizabeth Williams

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Area Chair: Dale Hayes

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## Central Region Areas (continued)

**Area 5: Councils:** Mid-Iowa Council, Coronado Area Council, Santa Fe Trail Council, Jayhawk Area Council, Quivira Council, Ozark Trails Council, Heart of America Council, Pony Express Council, Overland Trails Council, Cornhusker Council, Mid-America Council, Great Rivers Council

### Upcoming Events

Nov 15: VLSC  
Dec 6: VLST

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Area Chair: Julie Dalton  
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**Area 6: Councils:** Prairielands Council, Lincoln Trails Council, Hoosier Trails Council, Buffalo Trace Council, Anthony Wayne Area Council, Crossroads of America Council, Sagamore Council, La Salle Council South, Dan Beard Council, Tecumseh Council, Miami Valley Council, Black Swamp Area Council

### Upcoming Events

July 26-Aug 1: Crossroads of America Council  
Kodiak

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Area Chair: Len Roberts  
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**Area 7: Councils:** Chicago Area Council, Three Fires Council, Northeast Illinois Council, Des Plaines Valley Council, Calumet Council, Blackhawk Area Council, Rainbow Council, Northwest Suburban Council

### Upcoming Events

July 17-19: Mid-Iowa Council LNT Master  
Educator Course wknd 1  
July 24-27: Mid-Iowa Council LNT Master  
Educator Course wknd 2

### Contact them at

Area President: Cody Romano  
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More information on all of the events and links to the councils listed above can be found on [www.crventuring.org](http://www.crventuring.org)

### Venturing & Sea Scouting Discussion Lists

Please sign up for the many Yahoo Groups and Discussion Lists dedicated to Venturing and Sea Scouting. Information on these groups can be found by searching Yahoo Groups for Venturing, clicking on "Discussion Groups" at seascout.org, or by clicking on the links below.



**Venturing Yahoo Group:** this group shares information with Venturers and Advisors from across the nation: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ventinglist/>



**Central Region Venturing Yahoo Group:** this group is used to share resources and ideas, and to ask questions about Venturing in Central Region: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/crventing/>



**Sea Scouting Discussion List:** this group shares information with Sea Scouts and Sea Scout leaders across the nation:

<http://listserv.seascout.org/cgi-bin/wa?A0=SEASCOUT-NET>



**Central Region Sea Scouting Discussion List:** this group is used to share resources and ideas, and to ask questions about Sea Scouting in Central Region:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/crseascouting/?yguid=280725914>

