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Central Region Venturing Monthly Newsletter



Welcome to the 2nd 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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Central Region Venturing Facebook Group

Central Region Venturing is proud to announce **3200** members have joined the Central Region Venturing Facebook Group!!! Help us to continue growing the largest Venturing social network by joining:
<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=2292491801>

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Venturer You Should Know

Dan Carriveau, from Bay Lakes Council, is the 2009-2010 Central Region Area 1 Venturing President. Dan has been president of his crew for the last two years, has planned the Bay Lakes Council Venturing Night Lock-In event for three years, and has been activity chair for crew events and service projects.

In addition to being an Eagle Scout, Dan is active in his church, school, and community, and has held leadership positions in his troop and Order of the Arrow chapter and lodge. He also works on staff at Bear Paw Scout Camp in the summer.

He plans to attend college and major in business, and is looking to major in Entrepreneurship or Hotel/Resort Management so that he can eventually open his own hotel or resort.

Dan wants to build up each council's Venturing program in Area 1, attend Venturing events throughout the Area, and use electronic media to help spread the word about Venturing.



What is the Venturing Leadership Award and what are the requirements needed to earn it?

The Venturing Leadership Award is presented by councils, regions, and the BSA National Council to Venturers and adults who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Venturing Code.

Venturing Leadership Award candidates must be registered and involved in Venturing as a Venturer or an adult for at least one year. They must hold a leadership position or office on the unit, district, council, area, region or national level (as appropriate for the level of award presented). The candidate must show exceptional dedication and give outstanding leadership and service to Venturing and to Venturers on the level appropriate for the award.

Venturing youth and adults may be recommended at the council, area, region, or national level by completing the Venturing Leadership Award candidate information form. An additional sheet with 200 words or less explaining why the candidate should receive the award and letters of recommendation (from school, church, clubs, etc.) must be provided with the information form.

Congratulations to the Central Region VLA Recipients!!!



(left to right) Cody Romano, Sarah Ward, Roder Mantony, & Ben Hayes



Fall Run Rally - Greater St. Louis Area Council

The Fall Fun Rally is a program of the Greater St. Louis Area Council that has been running for 35 years. The FFR is the largest Venturing event in the nation held annually at Beaumont Scout Reservation just outside St. Louis, MO. Last year they hosted over 700 people from 10 different councils. This year the FFR will be September 11-13. Crews, Posts, and older Boy Scout Patrols that meet the Venturing age requirements of age 14 or older and graduated the eighth grade are welcome to attend. For more details, please check out: http://www.fallfunrally.org/FFR2009/Front_Page.html

Fall Fun Rally Events:

- Rife Shooting
- Model Rockets
- Blacksmithing
- Rendezvous Encampment
- Volleyball Tournament
- Land Nav. Competition
- Climbing Tower
- Tabletop Display Contest
- Obstacle Course
- Frisbee Tournament
- Sea Scouting Activities
- Drunk Driving Simulator
- Caving
- Crafts
- Horseback Riding
- Shotgun Shooting
- Dance
- Mini-golf
- Eagle meet and greet
- Fencing
- Search and Rescue
- Armed Forces Demo
- Crazy Building Competition
- Cast Iron Chef
- Dunking Booth
- Venturing Skills Challenges



Central Region Venturing Planning Conference

Central Region Venturing took the lead once again by holding its second annual Regional Venturing Planning Conference. Members of the Central Region Venturing Committee and its subcommittees met in Evansville, IN on June 26 – 28 for a weekend of planning and networking. Breakout meetings were held for several subcommittees (Powder Horn, Kodiak, and Communications). Meanwhile, the Area Venturing Presidents spent the weekend orienting themselves

to their new positions, led by the past and present Central Region Venturing Presidents. The Central Region Venturing Youth Cabinet is looking forward to working with their Area chairs on achieving their goals and working toward further promotion of the Venturing program. On Saturday night, a court of honor was held to install the new youth officers and recognize several distinguished Central Region Venturers and adults who were recognized with the Regional Venturing Leadership Award.



Show off your photography skills in the Boys' Life "Happy Birthday, BSA" photograph contest.



Wow Boys Life, and your photograph just might appear on the cover of the February 2010 issue of Boys' Life. What's so special about February 2010? It's the 100th birthday of the Boy Scouts of America!

The Boys' Life "Happy Birthday, BSA" photograph contest is open to readers age 6 to 17. Its theme: The Five Pillars of Scouting. Use your imagination and come up with a photograph or photographs that illustrate one or more of the BSA values: Deadline for entries: Sept. 1, 2009. For complete official rules, see the site:

<http://contests.boyslife.org/engine/Welcome.aspx?contestid=5843>

Winning photographs will be published in the February 2010 issue of Boys' Life and on www.boyslife.org. Good luck. Now go out and start the birthday celebration!

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

Oct 16. Fall Venturing Event

Contact them at

Area President: Dan Carriveau
area1president@crventuring.org

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

Oct. 2 LNT Master Educators Course

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

Sept. 11 Fall Fun Rally
 Sept 11. BSA Venturing Division National Fencing Championships

Contact them at

Area President: Sarah Ward
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 Area Chair: Bob Vogt
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Central Region Areas (continued)

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

Aug. 1 Black Squirrel Adventure Triathlon
Aug. 21-23 Sea Scout Rendezvous

Contact them at

Area President: Elizabeth Williams
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Area Chair: Dale Hayes
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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

Aug 14-16 Venturing Weekend
Oct 10-13 Powder Horn

Contact them at

Area President: Courtney Weerts
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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

Aug. 7-9 Makahiki
Aug. 28-30 Ranger Quest /Outdoor Bronze weekend
Sept 11-12 VLSC

Contact them at

Area President: Chelsea DuBose
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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

Sept. 4 Stealth & Evasion

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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

Please submit new events to http://www.crventuring.org/event_submission.php

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/venturinglist/>



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/crventuring/>



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 Yahoo Group: 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>