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Central Region Venturing Monthly Newsletter

Welcome to the 4th edition of the 2009-20010 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 Teen Leadership Councils, 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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Want to go to the National Jamboree?

Youth staff members will need to be between 16 and 21 years of age and be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America by the time Jamboree starts.

Jamboree staff provides all the support and program services needed for an outstanding event. Volunteer staff operates everything from bus and telephone systems to a hospital and first-aid stations, police and fire departments, post offices, banks, food warehouses, a daily newspaper, and retail stores

National BSA will have you fill out a national staff application on-line at www.bsajamboree.org, which is then forwarded to your home council office for approval by the council. Than your Council then sends it on to National.

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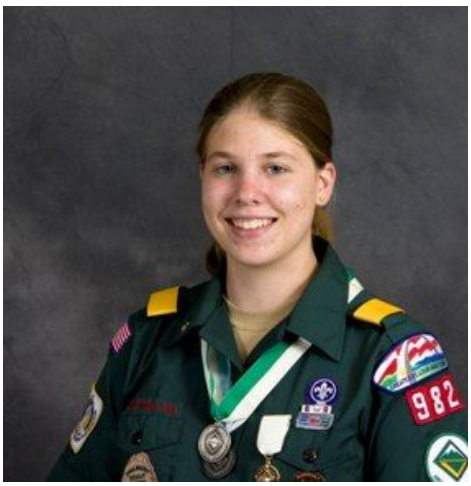
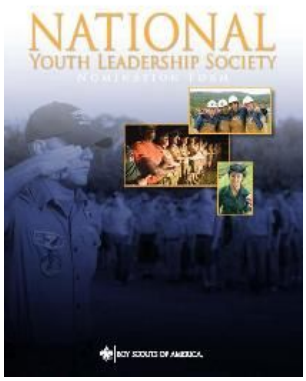
Venturer You Should Know



Sarah Ward is the Central Region Area 3 Venturing President for 2009-2010. She will be a senior at Marquette High School in Chesterfield, Missouri in the fall of 2009. She currently plans on attending the University of Missouri - Rolla for a degree in Engineering.

Sarah is a member of Venturing Crew 982, chartered through American Legion Post #208 in St. Louis, Missouri. She is dual registered in Crew 2783 in Ballwin, MO. She is an 11 year member of the Girl Scouts of America, and is working towards the completion of her Girl Scout Gold Award (Girl Scouting's highest youth award).

Sarah has served this past year as the Central Region Area 5 Venturing President. She has also served for 2 years as the New Horizon's District VOA Vice President of Communications of the Greater St. Louis Area Council. The New Horizons District is larger than 75% of all councils in the number of Venturing Crews chartered. In that position she has coordinated several multiple crews events, developed contact lists with Crew Advisors and Presidents, and helped increase the level of youth involvement in Venturing District Forums. Sarah has earned the Religious Life Bronze and nearing completion on Outdoor Bronze. Sarah has completed Kodiak and Kodiak X. She has earned her Venturing Gold Award and looks to have her Silver Award completed soon. She has received both the Council & Regional Venturing Leadership Award.



The Value of Leadership

The heart and soul of what we do in the Boy Scouts of America is produce leaders for tomorrow. One of our strengths is shaping leaders who have a strong foundation of values and who know how to serve others, and we have had 100 years of practice. Now, as we begin to celebrate that rich century of leadership development, we introduce the National Youth Leadership Society. Its purpose is to recognize youth members of the BSA who have learned and practiced outstanding leadership skills—the elite of our program. We want these youths, who have worked so hard at learning and leading, to enjoy a form of recognition that other organizations, such as schools, colleges, employers, and the military, can understand and value. Youths inducted into this National Youth Leadership Society may now receive the recognition they deserve in a more tangible way.

As a national honor society, the National Youth Leadership Society calls upon local councils to nominate those individuals who meet certain criteria. Upon acceptance, the National Court of Honor will offer the individual the honor of membership into the Society. The council will be sent the appropriate honors and will perform a formal induction. (See the process steps below.)

The National Court of Honor will maintain a national honor roll of inducted Society members as a class each calendar year. Individuals will be able to say they are a member of a particular class, for instance, the class of 2010 for members inducted in 2010. The class is based on when the individual was approved, not when the induction took place.

For an application, and all the requirements visit http://www.crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=1&id=234.

** KODIAK , KODIAK X and Powder Horn Course Director's Conference**

Your Council is encouraged to take advantage of this training weekend. Complete information including registration form can be found below.

This is the opportunity for you to learn the intricacies of conducting a successful Kodiak/ Powder Horn course. We've recruited a great staff of experienced course directors and staff members to cover a wide variety of course planning topics. If your council is interested in learning more about what either Kodiak or Powder Horn are and what it takes to plan a successful course, you need to join us!

While CDC participation is required to host a Powder Horn it is not a prerequisite to conduct Kodiak/X, experience has shown your Kodiak course will be much better by learning from an experienced Kodiak staff and interacting with CDC participants.

Your Council's opportunity for success is increased when more staff members understand the underlying concepts in preparing for these programs.

If you believe in the "X" factor of the Venturing program, we need you to get this information to people that should attend the conference (key Venturing volunteers and staff advisors from your Council, as well as Venturing folks you know from other Councils).

Our hope is to grow exciting Venturing in Central Region, get more Kodiak/X and Powder Horn courses approved, covering more councils throughout the region that end up with a successful result. Your help in promoting this CDC is one way you can help us do that.

We would really like to know if you or others you recommend have any interest in attending the CDC. If you could please let Central Region Kodiak Coordinator Connie Elliot or the Central Region Area 4 Powder Horn Coordinator Nancy Peto know if you are interested or have any leads as soon as possible we would appreciate it. Even better, it would be great if we could start seeing some registration forms mailed to the region office within the next week!

Mark your calendars: Friday, November 20 –Sunday, November 22, 2009; a great training opportunities that will bolster your council's Venturing program will be taking place. If you are not one who can attend this training conference, spread the word and encourage representation from your Council!

Q&A.

"Why should my church or civic club form a Venturing Crew?"

The Youth Ministries Bronze Award and the Religious Awards Program offer excellent activities to complement your church activities with requirements like taking part in a religious retreat for a weekend. One of the main focuses of all Scouting activities is development of citizenship and to encourage young people to develop good habits and values based on service to others. This complements the programs of both church and civic groups as well in providing excellent opportunities for youth development. With the Venturing program youth in the Church and Civic clubs are given the opportunity to hold leadership position, which is not often taught in these organizations.

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. 9-11 Kodiak/X
Oct 16. Fall Venturing Event
Dec. 5-6 Venture Night Lock In

Contact them at

Area President: Dan Carriveau
area1president@crventuring.org

Area Chair: Chris Sandberg
area1chair@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
area2president@crventuring.org

Area Chair: Jeff Geralds
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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

Nov. 6-8 Rock the Castle III
Nov. 7 VLSC

Contact them at

Area President: Sarah Ward
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Area Chair: Bob Vogt
area3chair@crventuring.org

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

Oct 10-13 and 29 to Nov 1 Powder Horn

Contact them at

Area President: Courtney Weerts
area5president@crventuring.org

Area Chair: Julie Dalton
area5chair@crventuring.org

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

Oct 9-11 Venturing Jamboree
Oct 4-5 Kodiak

Contact them at

Area President: Chelsea DuBose
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Area Chair: Len Roberts
area6chair@crventuring.org

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

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

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 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