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# Central Region Venturing Monthly Newsletter



Welcome to the 5<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 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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## Kodiak CDC, Powder Horn CDC, and Kodiak X Courses

**Mark your calendars: Friday, November 20 – Sunday, November 22, 2009;** for 3 great training opportunities that will bolster your council's Venturing program. If you can't attend one of these training conferences, spread the word and encourage representation from your Council.

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!

We will also be offering a Kodiak X for Venturers that previously attended a Kodiak course.



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## Venturer You Should Know

Elizabeth Williams is serving as Central Region Area 4 Venturing President for 2009-10.

Elizabeth is from Simon Kenton Council and lives near Powell, Ohio. Elizabeth is a sophomore at Worthington Kilbourne High School and is planning a career in Environmental Technologies and Nursing in the future. She comes from a strong Scouting family with mother, father and brother all being active in the program.

Elizabeth joined Venturing in 2008 with Crew 999. She has completed VLSC training and Kodiak and assisted with staffing many events at Camp Lazarus and the surrounding area. Elizabeth became the Venturing Officers Association Secretary in January 2009 and has enjoyed meeting fellow Crew and Ship members throughout this year. She has many activities planned this summer, including staffing Resident Camp at Camp Lazarus and looks forward to many exiting opportunities to come.



Elizabeth will be working hard this year to increase membership, promote and market the Venturing program to all of Area 4. Her goal is to help establish Venturing Officer Associations in each council and create an Area Venturing Officers Association to share the best practices in the Venturing program.

## International Venturing Opportunity

The 13th Pan American Jamboree, the first Pan American Jamboree ever to be held in the Northern Hemisphere, was scheduled for December 26, 2009, to January 3, 2010, in Toluca, Mexico. Due to concerns about swine flu in the area, this jamboree has been postponed to the week of Saturday, July 10, to July 18, 2010



The name of this 13 Pan Jamboree is "The Adventure of the Fifth Element"; the setting is a place where the weather gods have been made to teach man the care of ecological balance. Participants will form tribes regardless of the origin of each and will be directed by the gods. During 8 days living the essence of each element to learn the virtues of each, passing tests and challenges that will give you the final preparation for making the Fifth Element reborn.

BSA is allowing individual crews to participate as part of a BSA contingent, which may create an opportunity for Central Region Venturing Crew. It is a great opportunity to experience a large international Scouting opportunity over the summer. It is also creating a shorter time commitment, along with cost. This will be a lot like a world jamboree. If you have questions you can contact [international@scouting.org](mailto:international@scouting.org)

## The Fall Fun Rally!!!

**The Venue:** Beaumont Scout Reservation, near High Ridge, MO, played host to the nation's largest Venturing event. The Fall Fun Rally (FFR) is the largest official Venturing event. The Fall Fun Rally has been running since 1974 and is one of the oldest Venturing/Exploring events in the country. This year, the FFR was held on September 11-13<sup>th</sup> in the Greater St. Louis Area Council.

### The Participants:

The event hosted over 650 Venturers in addition to Advisors and event staff. These Venturers hailed from 10 councils and 7 different states and included Venturing youth, Advisors, consultants, staff, and Explorers.



**The Activities:** The FFR offered myriad of opportunities for enjoyment. Friday night hosted the Greater St. Louis Area Council's Venturing Officer's Association elections in addition to a Bingo game and movie night. Saturday was a whirlwind of activity with over 50 activities put on by the various districts. The program areas included Iron Chef competition, Fantastic Fun-Filled Frenzy, Police canine demonstrations and Fear Factor: Venturing Edition. Other featured activities included a volleyball tournament, fencing demonstration, Mountain Men Encampment, shotgun and rifle shooting, a climbing tower and the ever messy mud cave! Saturday night assembled all participants for an awards ceremony, slideshow, Venturing Idol, and even a Venturing dance.

**The Website:** Information on future Fall Fun Rally registration is always available on [www.fallfunrally.org](http://www.fallfunrally.org).

## Q & A

### Can a Venturer wear the Silver Award Knot?

Yes. As there is no 'informal' way to indicate they have earned the award (i.e. there is no Silver Award patch), they can wear the knot. Remember, knots are not only for adults. They can be worn as soon as the award is presented no matter what age.



### Can the Bronze Awards or the Gold Award ribbon be worn after turning 21?

No. Like other youth awards, they should be removed after turning 21. If earned, the Silver Award knot is worn.

### Can the Ranger Award bar be worn after turning 21?

Yes. This is a permanent award, much like the knots. After turning 21, the Venturer can wear the award as a bar that will go above the left pocket of the uniform.



## 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

Dec. 5-6 Venturing Night Lock In

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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

Nov 14 – Wilderness First Aid Scenarios

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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/Dance Cruise

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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

Nov 27 – Muskingum Valley

10 Commandments Hike

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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 7 – Pony Express 10 Commandments Hike

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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

Dec. 4-5 Kodiak X

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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

Nov 8 – NIU Native American Pow Wow

Nov 21-22 Wilderness 1<sup>st</sup> Aid

Dec. 5 Christmas Tree Ship

Dec. 5 – Back Country Workshop

Dec 18-20 Eagle Cave weekend

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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)

Submit your events to:

[http://www.crventuring.org/event\\_submission.php](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 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>

