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Central Region Venturing Monthly Newsletter



Welcome to the 6th 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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Central Region Venturing Training Weekend

The largest EVER Powder Horn and Kodiak Course Director Conference (CDC) weekend was hosted by Central Region Venturing on November 20 – 22 at Schiewetz Leadership Training Center at Camp Cricket Holler in Dayton, OH. With almost 100 Scouters and youth officers in attendance for a Kodiak CDC, Powder Horn CDC, and Kodiak X, this was an awesome networking opportunity. Participants and staff represented over 35 councils, all four regions, and 20 States.

Kodiak/ Kodiak X CDC

If you are planning on hosting a Kodiak course then you should attend a Kodiak CDC. As part of its recent training weekend, Central Region hosted the second largest Kodiak CDC ever held in the country. The course was conducted by both the Central and Southern Region Kodiak Coordinators. Topics included course standards and guidelines, course format, approval process, budgeting, staff selection & development, participant recruiting, logistics, etc. In addition, a number of actual Kodiak commissions were presented.



Powder Horn CDC



The Powder Horn CDC is for anyone interested in learning more about how to plan a Powder Horn course. Future course directors, assistant course directors, staff advisors, and other staff members make up the majority of our participants. The recent Central Region Powder Horn CDC was the largest ever held in the country with 35 participants.

Topics included course standards and guidelines, course format, approval process, budgeting, staff selection & development, participant recruiting, logistics planning, program planning and instruction, administration, resource & give away items, crew guides, and program themes.



First Ever Regional Kodiak X!!!

The first ever Regional Kodiak X was held during our recent training weekend. Twelve youth from across the nation participated. Kodiak X is a weekend leadership challenge course that builds on the leadership commissions learned in Kodiak. During the weekend, participants reviewed what they learned at Kodiak, and learned two additional commissions:

1. Evaluating Performance
2. Mentoring



National Venturing Leadership Award

“Venturer You Should Know”

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

Our very own Central Region Venturing Chair, Mr. Keith Gehlhausen, was recently recognized with the National Venturing Leadership Award.

Keith is from the Buffalo Trace Council in Evansville, Indiana. He has served at the

unit level as a Venturing Crew Advisor, Sea Scout Ship Mate, Explorer Post Advisor, Varsity Team Coach, and Scoutmaster. At the council level, Keith has served as Council Venturing Chair, and course director for Powder Horn, Kodiak, JLTC, and Wood Badge. At the regional/national level, he has served as Powder Horn CDC director, Venturing Exhibit staff for the 2005 National Scout Jamboree, National Venturing Committee member, and Philmont Training Center faculty. He currently serves on several National BSA Task Forces. Earlier this year, Keith received the Silver Antelope.

For more information on the Venturing Leadership Award, check out:

http://www.crventuring.org/Awards/Venturing_Leadership_Award



Congratulations Keith Gehlhausen

*On Your National Venturing
Leadership Award!*

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 Venture Night Lock In
Jan. 22-24 Area 1 Get Together
Feb 20 Winter Amidships

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

Contact them at

Area President: Corey Brown
area2president@crventuring.org

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

Dec 18-20 Eagle Cave
Jan 16 Snowstorm
Jan 30 Area 3 conference

Contact them at

Area President: Sarah Ward
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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

Jan. 15-17 Trappers Rendezvous

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

Dec. 4-5 Kodiak X
Jan 24 Snow Down

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

Dec. 5 Christmas Tree Ship
Dec. 28 Venturing Crew 96 Bowling
Feb 24 Arctic Blast

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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

Submit your 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/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>

