

2008 Fall Quarterly Report – National Venturing President

GOALS

1. I will increase the support and development of Venturing at the Regional and Area level by helping to develop a Regional VOA/TLC in all four Regions by encouraging the Regional Presidents in developing an Area level VOA/TLC in their Areas.
2. I will increase the level of communication about Venturing across the nation through direct and indirect methods.
3. I will help plan programs designed to increase Venturing membership in Councils.
4. I will help to market the Venturing Program through training and service programs.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. I worked with Katelyn Childs, Central Region Venturing President, to train the Central Region Venturing/Sea Scouting Cabinet. I have encouraged the other Regional Presidents in the development of their Areas and have provided them with resources to help further develop their regional structures.
2. I have communicated through Facebook, Yahoo Groups, and the National Venturing Youth Cabinet Website with Venturers around the country. The National Cabinet is currently working to publish the first National Cabinet Electronic Newsletter.
3. I have attended and promoted Venturing events across the country (traveling over 28,000 miles) and I am working with several councils to develop VOAs/TLCs in their councils.
4. I have attended several Roundtable meetings and training programs, including two Powder Horn courses, to talk about Venturing Opportunities.
5. Course directed my second Kodiak Trek.
6. I have been working with Greater St. Louis Area Council (GSLAC) Director of Public Relations, Joe Mueller, on Venturing Media Releases.
7. I created and compiled a Regional President Resource CD that was given to each member of the National Venturing Cabinet with hundreds of helpful resources and information.

EVENTS

- May 19 Attended the GSLAC VOA Meeting
- May 20-24 Attended/Presented/Answered Questions/ and helped train the incoming cabinet at the Annual National Boy Scouts of America Meetings in San Diego, California. Was presented with the National Venturing Leadership Award.
- May 27 Attended Venturing Crew 2783 Parent's meeting in final preparation for Kodiak Trek and their upcoming super activity
- May 29 Attended/Featured Speaker/ and Presenter for Silver Beaver Awards at the GSLAC Council Annual Dinner
- May 30 - June 2 Attended/Presented at the Mount Baker Council Powder Horn in Seattle, Washington
- June 6 Attended/Presented at the GSLAC Annual Venturing Recognition Dinner at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri. Formally presented with Ranger & Trust Award.
- June 7-15 Attended Venturing Crew 2783's Rocky Mountain High Adventure Trip to Colorado. Served as Kodiak Course Director on the Trek with 4 staff & 14 participants.

- June 20-22 Attended/Presented/Helped lead the Central Region Cabinet Training in Evansville, Indiana at the first Central Region Venturing Program Planning Conference.
- June 24 Met with Sarah Ward, Central Region Area 5 Venturing President to help her create goals for her term of office.
- June 28 Honored as the Parade Marshal for the Ballwin Days Parade in Ballwin, Missouri and met with several Cub Packs & Scout Troops to promote Venturing.
- July 1 Toured San Diego-Imperial Council's Camp Fiesta Island and met with members of their council's Venturing Program in Mission Bay, San Diego, California.
- July 8 Met with representatives from GSLAC and Trails West Councils (Belleville, Illinois) to discuss working together to hold joint Venturing events in the St. Louis metro area.
- July 10-13 Attended/Presented at the National Venturing Cabinet Orientation in Dallas, Texas.
- July 11 Attended/Featured Speaker at the National Council's Venturing 10th Anniversary Reception in Dallas, Texas.
- July 18 Attended/Answered Questions at Bay Jammer, A Boy Scout, Venturing, Sea Scout, Girl Scout, and Mariner event in Menomonee, Michigan. Honored by being Parade Marshal for the event.
- July 26 Went spelunking at the City Museum with Venturing Crew 2783 and promoted Venturing to a Boy Scout troop visiting from Memphis, Tennessee.
- August 2-10 Attended/Presented/Answered Questions at Venturing Week at Philmont in Cimmaron, New Mexico.
- August 10 Promoted Venturing to youth at church camp event in Columbus, Ohio.
- August 12 Attended/Presented at the New Horizon's District Roundtable Meetings for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers in the GSLAC.
- August 17-20 Attended/Served as a Team Leader at Lindenwood University's Leadership Experience with a Venturing Crew with over 100 members. Course held at Swift Base (GSLAC Venturing Camp) at S-F Scout Ranch in Knob Lick, Missouri.
- August 25 Attended GSLAC Council VOA meeting for final planning for the Fall Fun Rally (largest Venturing event in Nation).
- September 5-7 Attended/Presented/Answered Questions at the Heart of America Council Powder Horn Course in Kansas City, Kansas.
- September 7-14 Participated in Venturing Crew 2996 Service Week (Rush Week for Lindenwood University's Alpha Phi Omega Chapter)
- September 18 Phone Interviewed for a featured article published on Venturing for the St. Louis Post Dispatch Newspaper.
- September 18 Interviewed by Mike Bush, St. Louis News KSDK Channel 5 Anchorman, for a featured story on Venturing to be shown at a later date.
- September 19-21 Participated/Staffed/Ran Elections/Helped Organize the Central Region's 10th Anniversary Venturing Event, the Fall Fun Rally, in St. Louis, Missouri with over 700 registered participants.