

## 2009 Winter 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 have encouraged the Regional Venturing Presidents in the development of their Areas and have provided them with resources to help further develop their regional structures. I have visited with several councils about starting Council VOAs/TLCs.
2. I have communicated through Facebook, Yahoo Groups, and the National Venturing Youth Cabinet Website with Venturers around the country.
3. I have attended and promoted Venturing events across the country (traveling over 60,000 miles, since the end of May 2008). I have attended Venturing Award dinners and presented several Silver Awards, and many Council Venturing Leadership Awards.
4. I have attended numerous Roundtable meetings and training programs, including the Central Region Powder Horn and Kodiak Course Director Conference.
5. I helped staff a VLSC on my college campus, and I in the process of planning two Kodiak Treks this summer and a Kodiak X course for the fall, along with a Powder Horn Course for the fall of 2011.
6. I have been working with Greater St. Louis Area Council (GSLAC) Director of Public Relations, Joe Mueller, to incorporate Jack O'Neill, National OA Chief, and myself, on Venturing and OA media releases.
7. I am working with the National Office to help make the transition from the old division structure to the current structure smooth, and I am developing a set of bylaws for the National Venturing Cabinet.

### EVENTS

- September 28 Participated in a Philmont training hike with Greater St. Louis Area Council (GSLAC) Crew 2783 at Forest Park, in downtown St. Louis, Missouri. This first hike was designed to get our new hikers used to walking as a team.
- September 30 St. Louis' NBC News Channel 5 (KSDK) traveled to Lindenwood University to interview me on Venturing, and how I became the National Venturing President Position, for a segment of their evening news called "Making a Difference." ([photo log](#)) ([link to news report and video](#))
- October 1 Lead Crew 2783's Open House, in which we had five new members join the Crew.
- October 3-4 I presented/participated in the Coronado Council's Teen Retreat (Open House) for youth groups in Abilene, Kansas. For more details on this cool marketing event check out the [photo log](#).
- October 10-11 Sarah Ward, Central Region Area 5 Venturing President, and I presented on VOAs and Kodiak at the Area 5 Council Key Three Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. ([photo log](#))

- October 11-12 GSLAC every year puts on a safe Halloween alternative for over 1,500 Cub Scouts, which we call Fright Fest. I helped staff the Haunted Trail part of the event. ([photo log](#))
- October 14-15 I attended/presented in Irving, Texas at the last National Venturing Committee meeting a proposal for a Girl Scout Gold Award Knot. Attended/presented at the National BSA Executive Board Meeting.
- October 23 Brian Haverstick, District Executive of GSLAC, and I lead an intercity Internship program with 40 youth through a VLSC.
- October 24-26 I attended/participated/presented at the Central Region Powder Horn and Kodiak Course Director Conference in St. Charles, Missouri. ([photo log](#))
- November 1-2 I attended/presented awards at the Simon Kenton Council Annual Venturing Dinner/Overnighter in Columbus, Ohio. ([photo log](#))
- November 6 Created agenda and participated in the National Venturing Cabinet's phone conference.
- November 8 I went with Crew 2783 on a Philmont Training Hike at Beaumont Scout Reservation in Valley Park, Missouri. The purpose of this hike was to get everyone used to a backpack, and to teach them how to read maps. ([photo log](#))
- November 22 I served as the youth coordinator at one of the largest collection points for GSLAC's Scouting for Food Collection Day. ([photo log](#))
- November 28-29 I served as the lead youth in the fund raising distribution process for 70 plus non-profit groups that buy Christmas Wreaths through my Crew. ([photo log](#))
- December 2 I attended and gave the invocation for Lindenwood University's Alpha Phi Omega's Christmas Dinner of which I am a member. (The service fraternity is registered as a Venturing Crew.)
- December 7 I attended Venturing Crew 2783's Holiday Party.
- December 9 Headed preliminary planning meeting with the GSLAC Religious Relations Sub-committee to plan a Teen Retreat for religious youth groups in the St. Louis area for September 2009. Goal is to bring 1,000 teenagers (prospective members) to the Fall Fun Rally (nation's largest Venturing event) to introduce them to Venturing.
- December 12 I attended and spoke about Venturing at the GSLAC Executive Board Meeting and Luncheon.
- December 20 I traveled to Kenosha, Wisconsin, and lead a bowling event with several new Venturing Crews. ([photo log](#))

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- January 3 I attended an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for two GSLAC Scouts.
- January 6 I attended and spoke at the GSLAC New Horizons' District Venturing Roundtable.
- January 8 I attended/presented at GSLAC's Sea Scout Ship 362 Bridge of Honor.
- January 9 I attended and assisted with the color guard at the GSLAC Boone Trails' District Award Dinner.
- January 10 I attended the GSLAC Ski Night and helped teach some of the 400 Venturers in attendance how to ski.
- January 11 I went downhill skiing with Venturing Crew 2783.
- January 16-18 I went hiking with Venturing Crew 2783 to help prepare for Philmont. This hike was focused on getting used to longer distances and Philmont type food. My Venturing Crew has 3 full crews with 36 people going to Philmont in June.