

The Adventurer

Central Region Area 4

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President's Corner

Hello Area 4, hard to believe summer's over and school is already back in session. But, fall means cooler weather and one of my favorite times of the year for Venturing! Crews are meeting up again and planning their upcoming year, and there's great activities all over the place! Use this chance to get outside, have some fun, and lead the adventure, don't forget to share pictures of your fun time and encourage your friends to join you!

-Grace Porok

Area 4 Venturing President



Vice President of Program

Elena is 19 years old from Greater Cleveland Council and has been selected to serve as the 2016-2017 Vice President of Program. Elena is a founding member of Crew 139 from Greater Cleveland Council, she has served as crew president and VP of Administration, as well as 4 years on Greater Cleveland National Youth Leadership Training staff as a Scribe and as a Troop Guide. This summer Elena participated in National Advance Youth Leadership Experience at Philmont. Additionally, Elena studies at nursing at Cuyahoga Community College and participates in Greek dancing. We are very excited to have Elena leading the adventure this year!



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This last August on Saturday the 20th, Great Trail Council had our annual luau event at Camp Manatoc. This year the luau was fiesta themed! This included a taco bar, Mexican decorations, sombreros, and a showing of the movie *Rango*. We had 73 people from all over the area join us for swimming, games, food, and overnight activities. I enjoyed getting to see and meet so many new Venturing faces! Thank you to all of those who attended and made the night an awesome success! I hope to see everyone else at next year's luau!

-Anna Grund
Great Trail Council President

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Upcoming Events!

Area 4 Training Conference: Ohio University, Zanesville October 1st, Two Venturing courses available: Area Update & Achieving Venturing Excellence in your Council.

Registration and more information available at <https://area4scouting.org/>

Peace, Love, and Venturing: Great Trail Council Venturing's Fun Weekend, November 4th - 6th at Camp Butler. Registration is online at <http://GTCVenturing.org/events>
(Deadline October 10th)

Area 4 Leadership and Planning Conference: Muskingum Scout Reservation, Coshocton, OH, December 9th-11th Cost is \$25, Registration online at <http://tiny.cc/A4LPC> (Deadline November 18th)

WorldFest 2017: Seven Ranges Scout Reservation, Kensington OH – April 28th- 30th.
Get more information and receive and email when registration is open at <http://tiny.cc/WorldFest>

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How can your Council start A Venturing Officers Association?

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The A4LPC (Leadership and Planning Conference) is for you. Bring 4 or 5 interested Venturing youth who can meet other Council and Area youth leaders and can help build a VOA when you get home. Bring the adults who might be able to advise them. You will learn that to have a Council VOA you need only a youth spokesperson for the council and a Volunteer Advisor. That youth spokesperson can be the interim Council Venturing President and be your council's voice on the Area VOA until you have a more formally selected person. These interim Council Venturing Presidents are a perfect way to start to build a full VOA.



Area 4 Venturing Leadership and Planning Conference

Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation

December 9-11, 2016

Training Your Council's Best Venturing Leaders to run a Venturing Officers Association

<http://tiny.cc/A4LPC>



Attend the Area 4 Venturing Leadership and Planning Conference at MVSR in December. This conference is designed for all those who are serving or want to serve beyond the crew as well as those who want to improve their leadership skills. Our goal is to have youth from all of our councils attend and return to their council ready to help Venturing grow and prosper. Venturers will choose between two tracks, (1) program specific including project management training and (2) administrative and communication specific. A fun night away from camp is also in the planning.

Get the registration packet from the website (<http://tiny.cc/A4LPC>) for all of the details and how to register. Deadline is November 18 and the fun starts on December 9.

Attendance at the Area 4 Leadership and Planning Conference will provide youth from your crews with a foundation in the planning, administration and communication leadership skills necessary to operate a Venturing Officer's Association in your council, and also instill in them the confidence that they are capable of being a VOA officer. Through these trained youth operating a VOA your older youth program offering will increase through the use of volunteers, minimizing the impact upon the professional staff while you attract increased youth involvement and also increase the pool of trained and enthusiastic volunteers available to help operate programming you your Council.

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WorldFest 2017

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WorldFest is Area 4's annual fun event that began with WorldFest 2015: an International Experience, and has been a huge success since. Last year we had nearly 500 Venturers at WorldFest 2016: Pirates of the Seven Ranges who participated in fun things such as shooting sports, knife throwing, inflatables, COPE, a rock wall, nightly dance parties, and so much more. On top of all the exciting activities, and I believe the attendees last year would agree, that the food was great and the cooks did a fantastic job.

Venturers, it's the moment you have been waiting for! The theme for WorldFest 2017 is **WorldFest Through the Ages!** Going along with our theme crews will be able to dress up in any decade of their choice for the Saturday night dance. We will include many of the same events as last year plus many new ones. Areas of the Range will be set up to represent different decades, along with some of the fun activities. WorldFest is a great experience where you will get to enjoy not only the activities and food, but also make memories with scouts from all over. We hope to see you all at WorldFest 2017!

Registration should be live in October.

Get more information and receive and email when registration is open at <http://tiny.cc/WorldFest>



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Message from the Editor

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Hello Venturers!

Many exciting events are being planned by the Area and the councils including camps, trainings, and other fun activities. Follow our Area pages to keep up with upcoming events and all things Venturing. If you ever have any questions regarding Venturing feel free to contact myself or my fellow officers and we'll be glad to help any way we can. I'm looking forward to rest of my term and meeting you all at WorldFest!

Yours in Venturing,
Cierra Beatty



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