



The Central Point



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Tidbit from Advisor Jeff

If you are planning to be a Region or Area officer for the 2017-2018 term, save this date in your calendar: the Central Region Venturing Officers Orientation will be June 16-18 at North Central College in Naperville, IL. We will be staying in suites at their brand new dormitory. We will have the finalized registration cost soon, and it will be less than in previous years. We're looking forward to a great event for training, team building and fun while celebrating this term's successes.

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This month's camp is...

Camp Wilderness!
Based out of Park Rapids MN

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Area 7 Event Recap!



OCTOBER 1ST, 2016 2016 EXTRAVAGANZA RECAP

The 2016 Central Region Area 7 Venturing Extravaganza was a huge success! The event was held at Rainbow Scout Reservation and had over 160 venturers participated in climbing, cope, shooting sports, and other outdoor activities. Be sure to check out our Facebook page to see all the great photos from the event and many participants testimony about the event.



**Winners of the first
ever camp cup!**

**We can't wait to see
you next year!**

**Save the date for the
2017 Area
Conference
March 4th**

**Go check out the
area on Facebook
and Snapchat
@CRVarea7**

AREA 7 TEAM



UPCOMING EVENTS!

Event Date(s)	Registration Deadline	City	State	Host	Event
2016-10-22	2016-10-22	Saginaw	MI	Area 2 --Non-Council Event-- (Central Region)	STEM Showcase
2016-10-22	2016-10-15	Springfield	MO	Ozarks Trails Council	Venturing Commissioner College
2016-10-28 2016-10-30	2016-10-24	Mauston	WI	Glaciers Edge Council	Venturing Freaky Fall Frenzy
2016-10-29	2016-10-29	Hobart	IN	Pathway to Adventure Council	Deep River Hike
2016-11-04 2016-11-06	2016-10-31	Peninsula	OH	Great Trail Council	Great Trail Venturing fun Weekend
2016-11-11 2016-11-13	2016-11-05	Twin Lake	MI	President Gerald R Ford Council	ILSC - Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews
2016-11-12	2016-11-12	Twin Lake	MI	President Gerald R Ford Council	Venturing Leader Training
2016-12-09 2016-12-11	2016-11-18	Coshcton	OH	Area 4 --Non-Council Event-- (Central Region)	Area 4 Leadership and Planning Conference

Find out more about these events at
http://crventuring.org/Activities/Events_Listing/

Submit events to the calendar at
http://www.crventuring.org/event_submission.php

Area Reports!

Area 1 Report:

We're doing great! As an Executive Committee, we are working to engage local councils with the Area VOA by inviting them to meetings and giving them more information. Area 1 has been hard at work planning our events and coming up with new ways to reach out to Venturers in our councils. Our first event is coming up, the Throwback in Time Fun Event (Oct.14-16) and our Leadership Conference (Jan. 27-29).

Area 2 Report:

Area 2 was present at a huge camporee (Rendezvous) this past Sept 23-25th! Progress on creation of our final VOA has been halted due to the council being broke and possible (but unconfirmed) mergers coming really soon. Conference will be Jan 21st, mark your calendars 'cause it's going to be awesome (bowling included)! Attention switching to supporting another VOA that is struggling. Finalizing plan for a new fall fun event to happen in November of 2017.

Area 3 Report:

- Fall Fun Rally was a blast. We trained over 70 youth and we had lots of fun doing it. Friday night was a hit
- We are continuing to plan out PIVOT training
- We are looking forward to our conference in Decatur Illinois this January

Area 4 Report:

Continued planning our Leadership and planning conference (Dec 9-11). Had our VP of program give presentation at area 4 conference over the weekend. 2 Active councils. Starting to form 2 more. Big merger coming up, work with the 5 councils affected.

Area 5 Report:

- We are continuing planning our Leadership conference for Nov 15th. Soon we will have our registration form out.
- Vp of Communication will have a newsletter out by the end of October.

Area 6 Report:

- Event with Keith Gehlhausen next month: November 18/19. Details are coming. Will include information and presentations to crews and council and volunteer staff.
- Beginning to plan representation at Universities of Scouting in our councils.

Area 7 Report:

- The Area 7 Extravaganza at Rainbow Scout Reservation this past weekend went swimmingly. Over 160 venturers participated in climbing, cope, shooting sports, and other outdoor activities. Our Admin team was able to sit down with Blackhawk and Rainbow to talk about problems that their VOA's are facing in getting off the ground.
- Our conference is tentatively scheduled for the 1st weekend in March.

Area 2 Rendezvous!

The Area 2 Rendezvous was an absolute blast. From a 10,000 dollar Ninja Warrior Course to a humongous foam obstacle course, all day Cub Scouts through Venturers had the time of their lives. During the day we met our a Venturer company, talked to potential Venturers, and even met Venturers from Canada, who came down to enjoy Rendezvous for the weekend. In the evening, the real party started with a dueling DJ bash and laser light show lasting two hours. As the fun died down nearing the end of the concert, the fun was just beginning for the Area 2 officers and all the Venturers in camp. Directly after the concert the after party began. Once every Venturer was rounded up, we broke out the snacks and glow sticks and hosted activities for almost another hour. Before the Venturers went back to their campsites, we discussed the amazing events Area 2 has in store. This year looks very promising for Area 2 with all of the excitement and amazing people we met at Rendezvous.

Gordon Meier

Area 2 V.P. of Program



Advisor's Minute



Wow! The last several weeks have been amazing!

I am so impressed with the Venturing fun events in the Central Region - Area 1 "Throwback in Time - Decades of Fun", Area 2 "Rendezvous", Area 3 "Fall Fun Rally", and Area 7 "Venturing Extravaganza". And a big hat tip for the incredible training and high visibility events that have been conducted in

Areas 4, 5 and 6. This is a great time to be involved with Venturing.

I also want to give a shout out to our Region Officers and their Advisors. Chris, Ariana, Cathie and Emelio; with Deb, Joe and Ken; have been working hard behind the scenes to help make this a great year for everyone. Many, many thanks for all they do.

A few weeks ago Chris Mausshardt and I attended the Central Region Fall Conference - the one where we find the Region and Area Directors, Council Executives, National Office representatives, and Key volunteer leaders that guide the Central Region. Chris did a great job with his presentations, and the CR leadership was eager to learn more about our successes. It was a real honor to represent you at the meeting.

The conference participants were eager to lend us their support to help further the Venturing movement. All of your hard work in recruiting new Venturers, supporting new Crews, and assisting Council VOAs is paying off. As our year continues, we will continue to shine, become evermore relevant, and have fun as we Lead the Adventure!

Jeff Gerald

CR Venturing Advisor

President's Corner

Happy October Central Region!



Lizzie Schneider, a past Central Region Venturing Vice President posted this picture on her Instagram account after the Fall Fun Rally. In Lizzie's caption, she says, "do as much as you can, and then do more."

And that really spoke to me. It reminds me of service, a core value in Scouting, and reminded me

of all of the service that Scouting provides to the world. I am so proud to be part of an organization that provides hundreds of hours of service to those in need. As you go through the month of October, try to find time to give yourself in service to other, helping to make the world and even better place.



55 likes

diabetic_liz This is the kind of effort that gets us through FFR year after year - do as much as you can, and then do more.
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October is also known for thrills and scares as Halloween approaches. When I attended Fall Fun Rally I saw a t-shirt with the following quote, "The purpose of life is to live it. To taste experience to the upmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience" (Eleanor Roosevelt). This month as Halloween approaches, do something that puts you outside of your comfort zone just a little, maybe it's taking charge of a crew event or participating in a high ropes course, something that pushes you to become a better you. Scouting an excellent program to try new things, take this challenge as opportunity to find new strength in yourself!

Have a wonderful October Central Region!

Yours in Venturing,

Chris Mausshardt