



CENTRAL REGION Venturing • BSA



Central Region Venturing President

October 1st

Chris Mausshardt

I have attended the following

1. Powder Horn
2. National Orientation
3. Central Region Venturing Officers orientation
4. Swift Base Camp Staff
5. Central Region Conference Call
6. Venturing Fest
7. GSLAC Fall Reunion
8. Central Region Conference Call
9. Central Region Board Meeting
10. Fall Fun Rally



My goals are broken into 4 categories

Membership

What has been Accomplished

- PIVOT program presented at CRVOO
- Promotional contest about Venturers summer's to spread awareness of Venturing

Future Projects

- Continued PIVOT assistance
- Membership retention and recruitment presentation for area conferences

Area Support

What has been Accomplished

- Central Region Venturing Officer Orientation to train new officers
- Monthly conference calls for easy communication
- Discussed Area Standards of Venturing excellence form for measuring area success

Future Projects

- Follow up Area Standards of Venturing Excellence forms to see areas for improvement
- Continued Conference Calls
- Website editing possibilities for areas

Communication in the Central Region

What has been Accomplished

- Survey for website revision has been sent out
- Group Me set up for Area Officers
- Monthly Conference Calls
- Facebook Schedule for the Central Region Venturing Facebook page
- Monthly Newsletters

Future Projects

- Website revision and overhaul
- Continued communication and newsletters from the region

Awards and Recognition

What has been Accomplished

- Summit Award Ceremony at VenturingFest
- Area VLAs presented at council events and CRVOO

Future Projects

- VLA promotion
- VLA calls held for later in the term



Ariana Herman

2016-2017 Central Region Venturing Vice President of Communications

1st Quarterly Report

What I've done

1. I have done my part to complete four newsletters, they all include articles from both the President and Lead advisor. I also add other articles that promote venturing and show off what Area's have done or what they will do.
2. Facebook is a mean of communication I have been trying to get more used to using by posting plenty of times on facebook.
3. I have made a posting schedule for facebook for the month of October that hopefully all the area presidents and VP's will do their part for. I will be making one for every month.
4. I have promoted Venturing to many Scouts and friends by going to round tables to speak with people.

What I plan to do

My plans for the future is to post more on social media and to get the name of venturing out there. Along with having more activeness on facebook with other VOA members. I would really love the opportunity to go to some Area events if possible. Hopefully with getting in the swing of things I will be able to be more organized and efficient.

Quarter 1 Report - Nick Meier - Area 2 President

Events Attended:

- CRVOO - June 19th-21st

Goals Updates:

- Southern Shores VOA
 - Have contacted SE, Program Director, and DE's in Southern Shores. No response except from one DE due to the council being literally broke (can't even open doors to office almost) so lack of interest. Reached out to multiple youth, their crews have disbanded since when they were active. Found some youth interested. Considering working through the LDS.
- Rendezvous
 - Major fall event coming up 23rd-25th. Planning is almost entirely done. Event is going to be good.
- Social Media
 - Created Instagram and reactivated twitter and snapchat. Considering dropping all by twitter and moving towards FB page not groups.
- Council VOA Outreach
 - Have reached out to VOA presidents. No responses. Will do a follow up this weekend. Lack of interest it seems and past lack of communication has really hurt efforts to engage them.

Ideas for Exploration:

- Reprioritizing Venturing as high adventure, not an extension of boy scouts with camporees and stuff.
- Moving towards FB Page since groups are outdated.
- Trying to create a better system of communication between area and council VOA's. Looking into having bylaws rewritten to have it so that each council VOA elects the Area, rather than a top down system. That way it encourages actual upward mobility and not the clique system we have at the moment.
- Figuring out how we can rebrand VOA's so that they are something a crew cares about.
- Determining how much of the failures of the Venturing program (as in declining membership) is due to lack of engagement with charter organizations and how that can be fixed. I personally believe this is the fault of professional scouters but seeing what areas for growth and improvement can be done by volunteers and on what levels.
- How can we better advertise our events? Once page is create, FB boosting will be essential.
- Working with board to help facilitate better leadership development opportunities.

Central Region Area 1 Venturing
1st Quarter Report
Dominic Wolters, President
September 15, 2016

Events attended:

- Northern Star Council August VOA Meeting
- Section C-1A Order of the Arrow Conclave
- Central Region Venturing Officers' Orientation
- Crew 9761 Meetings
- Area 1 Officer conference calls (monthly May- July, bimonthly Aug.-current)

Tasks Completed:

- Selected a venue, date, and theme for the Area 1 Fun Event (Oct. 14-16)
- Planned specific program elements of the Fun Event
- Initiated research into possible venues for the Area 1 Leadership Conference (1/27-29/2017)
- Created an Area 1 Outreach Plan to increase council participation on the Area VOA
- Drafted model VOA meeting format to accommodate increased membership and input
- Appointed two Area Vice-Presidents: Kimberlee Horbal, Training, and Preston Podolske, Outreach
- Planned and conducted conference calls in May, June, July, and multiple times from August onwards
- Analyzed CSVE data to target outreach & support of councils
- Assisted with creation of the Area 1 Newsletter by contributing content and suggestions
- Delegated responsibility for social media content to the VP-Communications, who created Twitter and Instagram accounts for the Area
 - Created an account for the Area 1 President, independent of the Area page, to assist in promotion & personalize some aspects of promotional content
- Designed and submitted curriculum for introductory Venturing course at the Northern Star Council University of Scouting

In Progress:

- Promotion of Area events, namely the Fun Event
- Planning of Leadership Conference curricula and program features
- Outreach to Councils
- Engagement of Council Presidents with the Area VOA
- Outreach to encourage VOA growth/creation

Council Reports:

- No response was given to our inquiries from Northern Star, Samoset, or Twin Valley councils
- 5 out of 11 councils have some form of a VOA
 - The Area is beginning outreach to councils to encourage VOA creation

Cathie Seebauer
Central Region Venturing
Vice President of Administration 2016-2017
Quarterly Report 1

June Highlights

June was centered around preparing for, and putting on, CRVOO. As Vice President of Administration, I organized the data from all the 2015 CSVE forms from the Central Region and compiled it with recent membership number trends. This was then distributed to all the areas so they had information about their councils' performances. This allows us to understand categories with growth potential for our region and target them specifically. While preparing for CRVOO, I also reached out to all the area administration vice presidents, letting them know about upcoming tasks. The administration team also put final touches on the Central Region Operating Procedures, which were subsequently approved at a region-wide business meeting during CRVOO.



July Highlights

July began with a conference call with all area administration officers and advisors. We discussed goals and tasks for the upcoming months. We started collecting contact information for all council VOAs. We now have contact information for the Venturing professional in every single council, and have almost finalized contact information for all VOA presidents and advisors. Areas also began initial stages of planning their PIVOT trainings.



August Highlights

After completing the region contact sheet, we began working on improving other resources for areas. Last year, a database was collected of all training PowerPoints in the region. However, they were difficult to navigate and often outdated. Therefore, I began renaming all the files so they were easier to identify, as well as sorting them by category (awards, recruitment, VOAs, etc.). I also worked on changing some to a standardized format, using the Scouting themes, deleting outdated material, and combining similar topics. This database is still a work in progress, but when completed, will help areas put on better training conferences.

Goals Completed

- Update the region contact sheet in order to open communication with councils, as well as give each area the information they need to connect with their council VOAs.

Goals in Progress

- Implement the PIVOT program throughout the region to start and sustain council VOAs.
Coordinate communication between multiple areas to plan sessions in adjacent councils.
- Make training resources available for Venturers in the Central Region, such as PowerPoint data bases, example training schedules, and worksheets; utilize the Central Region Website and other forms of communication to distribute these assets.



Jennifer Bullock
1st Quarterly Report
Central Region Area 6 Venturing President

Events Attended:

June 17-19: Central Region Venturing Officer Orientation

June 19-25: CAC Pathfinder District Cub Scout Day Camp

July 17: Area VOA Conference Call

August 7: Crew 545 Meeting

August 14: Area VOA Conference Call

August 29: Region Cabinet Conference Call

Goals Accomplished/In Progress:

1. Began planning for Leadership Conference, which is in conjunction with an Area Program event.
2. Established contact with Area VOA.
3. Began brainstorming ways to reach our councils by planning to attend a majority of our council's Universities of Scouting.

Quarterly report

6/17-6/19	CRVOO
6/21-6/23	Health Officer for PTAC day camps
6/28	Health Officer for PTAC day camps
7/5-7/8	Health Officer for PTAC day camps
8/19-8/21	staffed a climbing day at Camp Lakota
9/9-9/11	Vigil guide for friend at fall fellowship
9/16-9/18	Took troop 297 to climb at Devil's lake
9/23-9/25	Took troop 399 to climb at Devil's lake
10/1	Area 7 extravaganza