



# The Central Point



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# #GoGreenForVenturing

By Pamela Petterchak

Thank you to everybody to participated in #GoGreenForVenturing on August 1<sup>st</sup>! We enjoyed seeing all of your pictures of your #SummerOfVenturing and posts about what Venturing means to you!

While there were many fantastic posts, the Central Region VOA had to pick only one to highlight. This summer, Venturing Crew 47 travelled 100 miles on bike from Cincinnati to Columbus. That's what we call an exciting #SummerOfVenturing adventure!



If you didn't participate or still have stories to share, keep using #SummerOfVenturing to share your summer adventures!



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# 2017 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

By Pamela Petterchak



From July 19<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>, 40,000 Scouts and Scouters gathered at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia to participate in and staff the 2017 National Scout Jamboree. Boy Scouts, International Scouts, Sea Scouts, Explorers, and Venturers from across the nation all had the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of adventures. Activities included climbing, zip-lining, BMX biking, and stand-up paddleboarding, to name a few. Additionally, Scouts participated in service activities that totaled to about 100,000 hours.

These action-packed days also included three stadium shows, featuring performances from X-Ambassadors, Jessie Chris, and the Plain White T's, as well as a visit from the President of the United States. The Jamboree ended with an amazing laser and firework show that left the stadium in awe.



Venturers and International Scouts at the Jamboree converged at the Foxtrot Basecamp. Foxtrot hosted numerous fun events for Venturers, like Foxtrot's Got Talent and the Foxtrot Basecamp Bash. Venturers also had the opportunity to get to know the National Venturing Officers Association and the Regional Venturing Officers Association through the Venturing Town Hall Sessions and the Regional Gathering Meetings.



Overall, the 2017 National Scout Jamboree was an amazing experience! Now it's time to look forward to VenturingFest in 2018, the 2019 World Scout Jamboree, and the next National Jamboree in 2021.

Were you at the 2017 National Scout Jamboree? Share your experience using #CRVJambo and #2017Jamboree!

# PLANNING FOR NEXT SUMMER? VenturingFest 2018



By Catherine Colletti

You better add VenturingFest 2018 to your bucket list! This event will be the second-ever national Venturing event held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. Not only that, it will be a celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Venturing—that's quite the birthday party! It will include all the Summit has to offer, including (but not limited to): mountain biking, BMX, Scout skills, conservation, whitewater rafting, paddleboarding, shooting sports, plus all kinds of extra excitement like trainings and concerts.

For those of you who were at Jamboree, this is a chance to experience the Summit decked out specifically for Venturers (which also means shorter lines!). For those of you who were unable to attend Jamboree, this is your chance to spend six days in beautiful West Virginia with all your Venturing friends!

- VenturingFest is July 1-July 6 2018
- The cost is \$500 for youth and \$400 for adults (price increases on 4/30/18)
- Registration closes on 5/31/18
- Venturers, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Sea Scouts, and leaders are all invited to attend

For more information and to register, visit <http://www.summitbsa.org/venturingfest/>

## NEW NATIONAL STAFF ADVISOR

By Jeff Gerald

Council Venturing Officers Associations feature a Key 3 leadership team- the VOA President, Volunteer Advisor, and Staff Advisor. The staff advisor is a professional employed by the council, quite often from the program department. We also have a staff advisor at the National level. Previously, we had Jessica Janscha, who was an amazing resource for Venturing in the national office. Beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>, Owen McCulloch became our new staff advisor. We sincerely appreciate everything Jessica did for us, and we look forward to working with Owen in the future.



# CR AREA SPOTLIGHTS

## AREA 1

Currently in Area 1 we're preparing for our upcoming event "Venturing Around the world in a weekend" which is October 20th-22nd 2017 at Phillipso Scout Reservation Reservation! To go along with the international theme, Area 1 is arranging a grand contingent to go to 24th World Scouting Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in 2019. We would love to hear what our councils have to say. Therefore, feel free to post on our Facebook Group contact us or find more information! To enhance recognition in the Area, be on the look out to have the opportunity to be nominated for the Venturer of the Month in Area 1! More details to be announced.

Website: [www.area1crv.org](http://www.area1crv.org)

Facebook Group: [Central Region Venturing Area 1](#)

## AREA 2

Area 2 has been working on finalizing all plans for the Area 2 Venturing Officers Association at the end of August. We plan to meet with all council officers to ensure they have all the resources they need for a great year! We are also in the process of working on our Area 2 Conference.

Website: [www.area2crv.org](http://www.area2crv.org)

Facebook Group: [Central Region Venturing Area 2](#)

Pinterest: [Venturing Area 2 Central Region](#)

## AREA 3

Summer has been going great for Area 3. With the National Jamboree coming to an end, Fall Fun Rally is coming up on September 22-24; the fall season is looking just as good for Area 3!

Website: [www.area3crv.org](http://www.area3crv.org)

Facebook Group: [Central Region Venturing Area 3](#)

Twitter: [@CRVArea3](#)

YouTube: [CRVenturingArea3](#)

## AREA 4

The Area 4 VOA is excited to plan and invite Venturers from across the Region to our two annual Area events! The Area 4 Leadership and Planning Conference is coming up this winter and, of course, our largest Venturing event, WorldFest, will take place May 4-6 at Seven Ranges Scout Reservation! More information on these events and more will be in upcoming Area 4 newsletters. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Website: [www.area4crv.org](http://www.area4crv.org)

Facebook Group: [Central Region Venturing Area 4](#)

## AREA 5

We are having our Area 5 Leadership Conference on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Kansas City, MO. It will be at the Metropolitan Community College, Business and Technology Campus. A variety of trainings will be offered at this conference. We hope to see you there!

Website: [www.area5crv.org](http://www.area5crv.org)

Facebook Group: [Central Region Venturing Area 5](#)

## AREA 6

Area 6 is working on plans for two large events! More details will be coming soon, so be on the lookout for more information about when and where to sign up for these events.

Website: [www.area6crv.org](http://www.area6crv.org)

Facebook Group: [Central Region Venturing Area 6](#)

## AREA 7

We just went live with our new Area 7 website! We will be updating the website with information about the upcoming extravaganza that will be coming up in October.

Website: [www.area7crv.org](http://www.area7crv.org)

Facebook Group: [Central Region Venturing Area 7](#)

Twitter: [@CRVArea7](#)

Instagram: [@crvarea7](#)

Snapchat: [@crvarea7](#)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Event Date (s)	Registration Deadline	City	State	Host	Event
08/18/2017-08/20/2017	08/07/2017	Center Point	IN	Crossroads of America Council	Crossroads of America Inaugural Venturing Round Up
08/25/2017-08/27/2017	08/01/2017	Kansas City	KS	Heart of America Council	Scouting 500
08/25/2017-08/26/2017	08/20/2017	Big Creek State Park, Polk City	IA	Mid Iowa Council	Mid-Iowa Venturee 2017
09/08/2017-09/10/2017	09/06/2017	Camp Lowden	IL	Blackhawk Area Council	Venturing Super Weekend
09/16/2017	09/11/2017	Bonfield	IL	Pathway to Adventure Council	Shooting Sports Event
09/16/2017	09/16/2017	Fort Snelling	MN	Northern Star Council	NSC Urban Adventure 2017
09/22/2017-09/24/2017	09/01/2017	Little Sioux Scout Ranch	IA	Area 5 (Central Region)	Mid-America Council/Mid Iowa Council Powder Horn 2017
09/22/2017-09/24/2017	09/08/2017	Owasippe Scout Reservation	MI	Pathway to Adventure Council	Free Camping Weekend
09/22/2017-09/24/2017	09/19/2017	St. Louis	MO	Greater St. Louis Area Council	Fall Fun Rally
09/23/2017	09/09/2017	Chicago	IL	Area 7 Unit Event (Central Region)	Windy Cruise
10/13/2017-10/15/2017	10/01/2017	Rhinelanders	WI	Samoset Council	Smileys Fall Venturing Event

Find out more about these events at [http://crventuring.org/Activities/Events\\_Listing/](http://crventuring.org/Activities/Events_Listing/)

Submit events to the calendar at [http://www.crventuring.org/event\\_submission.php](http://www.crventuring.org/event_submission.php)

## CENTRAL REGION VENTURING ONLINE STORE

Represent Central Region Venturing this school year! You can find all kinds of Central Region merchandise at the online Central Region Venturing store. There is a variety of options, including jackets, shirts, hats, and more.

[Click Here](#) to visit the Central Region Venturing store.



# ADVISOR'S MINUTE



Central Region,

What an amazing time for Venturing at the National Jamboree! It was great seeing Venturers and International Scouts from 60 different countries having fun and life-changing experiences together. I was very proud of the Central Region Venturers, Officers, and Advisors that attended. I'd like to also acknowledge the Venturers and Advisors who provided great supporting roles in various Jamboree staff positions. Everyone did a great job representing all of us at the Jamboree.

I would also like to recognize CR Venturing President Dominic Wolters and Area 7 Advisor Rachel Zahrobky for representing us at the Philmont Training Center this summer. They did a great job sharing best practices with Venturing leaders from across the country.

And finally, a big shout-out to the Crew Officers and Crew Advisors who worked so hard to prepare and execute outstanding summer time super-activities for their crews. Their work and passion for the benefit of their crews and Venturers is truly commendable.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

-Jeff Gerald

*CR Venturing Advisor*



## FOLLOW CENTRAL REGION VENTURING AT:

Website: [crventuring.org](http://crventuring.org)

Instagram: [CRVenturing](https://www.instagram.com/CRVenturing)

Facebook: [Central Region Venturing](https://www.facebook.com/CentralRegionVenturing)

Twitter: [CRVenturing](https://twitter.com/CRVenturing)



# PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Welcome to August, Central Region!

As August begins and summer winds down, we enter a busy time of year. In just a few short weeks, thousands of Venturers across the Central Region will be returning to school, setting up new lives in college dorms, or taking on any number of new adventures. The adventures that we take often gain new meaning when we share them with others; maybe you shared an adventure with a friend at a Venturing activity, like I challenged in June, or maybe you shared your adventure with your friends and family. For those of you that went to the National

Jamboree, the memories you made have been shared with thousands of Scouts and Venturers from across the country and around the world!

Another way to share your adventures, though, is to participate in our #SummerOfVenturing campaign on social media- showcase images and stories of the great things that you did with Venturing over the summer and see the many opportunities that are available to you from around the Region! Pamela Petterchak and her team have built this campaign to highlight the many adventures, both big and small, that occur throughout the Venturing program; we can't wait to see what you'll share!

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*"Follow effective action with quiet reflection. From the quiet reflection will come even more effective action." -Peter Drucker*

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Even as schedules start to fill up and classes start, make a commitment to yourself to reflect back on your summer's adventures. Take a moment to ask yourself what went well, what could have gone better, and what you'll do next. I hope that the adventures of this year have inspired you for the year to come!

Have an awesome August, Central Region!

-Dominic Wolters

CR Venturing President