

THE ADVENTURER

CENTRAL REGION AREA 4

AREA 4 VENTURING PRESIDENT

Grace Prorok

She is a member of Crew 4929 located in Twinsburg, OH. She also served as the Area 4 Venturing president for the 2016- 2017 term, Vice President of Administration of the Tinkers Creek District VOA, and as President of her crew. She has held numerous crew positions of Secretary, Vice President of Administration, and currently serves as Historian.

In addition, she has served two summers on staff at Beaumont Scout Reservation as Communications Instructor and Scoutcraft Counselor. She will be returning as this summer where she will be serving as the pool director. Grace is no stranger to training where she has staffed numerous trainings at the crew, council, and area level including NYLT as a troop guide, ILSC, Goal Setting and Time Management, and Project management. She has taken ILSC, NYLT, The Trainers Edge, Wilderness First Aid, Kodiak Challenge, Goal Setting and time Management,

and Mentoring. Grace has earned her Sports Bronze Award, her Pathfinder Award, and is currently working on her Summit. Grace will be a freshman at Kent State University this fall and will be studying Digital Media Production with a concentration in film. She was the state champion for video production at Skills USA competition this April. In her free time she enjoys playing the ukulele, making videos, and animation.

Her goals include helping the formation of council VOAs as well as revamping the program for WorldFest. Her passion for Venturing is obvious when you meet her and the area is pleased to have her “Leading the Adventure” this year



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AREA 4 VP ADMINISTRATION

Erika Grifford

Erika Gifford is 17 years old and from the Greater Cleveland Council. She has been a part of Crew 662 in Shaker Heights since 2013 and has served as Secretary, Vice President of Fun (program), President, and is currently the Crew Guide. She is very active in scouting outside of her Venturing Crew, has served on both NYLT and Beaumont Camp staff, and is staffing at Beaumont again this summer. She loves COPE, climbing, swimming, writing, and attending every training session she can lay her hands on so she can bring them back to her Crew.

She can't remember if she joined Venturing because she vaguely remembers a time when a Venturer stole her younger brother's coonskin hat, or if was because she was jealous that her brothers got to go camping as Boy Scouts and she couldn't. Either way, Erika joined Venturing. She has her Outdoor Bronze and is currently working on her Ranger and Pathfinder.

In her free time, she can be found either writing or reinforcing stereotypes by honing her crazy cat lady skills: a title she holds in high regard. This fall she will be a freshman at Cleveland State University where she will be working on her English major with a focus on creative writing. She has published a book titled *Some Girls Like Dragons* and is hoping to publish her second one, *Veil of the Phoenix*, sometime in August.

Erika is super pumped to be serving as the Area 4 Vice President of Administration, and can't wait to collaborate with her fellow officers to bring you the best program Venturing has to offer.



AREA 4 VP OF PROGRAM

Colin Wadsworth

He started his Scout career in the 1st grade with Cub Scouts. From there he has been moving up the ranks all the way to Eagle Scout and is currently working on getting his Summit Award. He is currently a member of Crew 2143 out of Avon Lake, Ohio. While in Boy Scout Troop 334, he served as the Leave No Trace Trainer and a patrol leader. In Venturing, he has served as an Area VP of Administration and as a district VOA VP of Program. He has had many Scouting experiences throughout the years. These include the National Jamboree in 2013, Philmont in 2015, serving on staff at Gilwell

Scout Park last summer. Working on his Eagle Scout, his project consisted of putting two new 3D printers in his local high school. His staff experiences come from 2 summers at Firelands Scout Camp and one summer at Gilwell Park in London, England. Also being the crew chief for crew 2143 going to Philmont in June of this year.



AREA 4 VP OF COMMUNICATIONS

Cierra Beatty

Cierra Beatty is 16 years old from Buckskin Council and has been selected to serve as the 2017-2018 Central Region Area 4 Vice President of Communications. She has taken NYLT and has earned the Pathfinder Award.

She is Vice President of Administration in Crew 258 in Point Pleasant, West Virginia and is currently working towards the Ranger and Summit awards. She is also serving as the 2017-2018 President of the Buckskin Council VOA. She enjoys hiking, shooting sports, and rock climbing. She will be a junior at Point Pleasant Jr/Sr. High School. She runs on the track and cross country teams and plans to attend college

and pursue a career in mechanical engineering. She is an active SKILLS USA member and holds the position of historian.

Cierra's goal as the Vice President of Communications is to get more young adults engaged in the Venturing program so they can enjoy "Leading the Adventure" as much as Cierra enjoys it.



WHAT IS A CSVE AND WHY SHOULD I FILL ONE OUT?

Erika Grifford

One really great tool you can use as a council is the Council Standards of Venturing Excellence (CSVE). It can sound really scary or big - especially if you look at it for the first time the day before it's due - but with a bit of information and a few tips and tricks you should be able to use this tool to gauge your council's current Venturing program and create a few goals to help you lead the adventure!

So what is a CSVE? Well, in short, it's a form that every council should fill out that is due February 15. It asks you to check some boxes concerning some of the key elements of your Venturing program, and you can get a bronze, silver, or gold level depending on how many points you get.

But that's only the boring paperwork side of it. I like to think of it as a tool you can base your program off of. So here are a few tips to filling it out and making sure that you rack up those points:

Make sure to look at the CSVE as soon as you can. This way you can familiarize yourself with

it, and it isn't a shock when you look at it for the first time the day before it's due. Once you've looked it over you can sit down with your VOA and talk about some of the goals you might like to reach based off the CSVE. Your VOA is probably already doing some of the things on the form, so try boosting what you're doing, or adding something new.

A final trick I have is to start filling it out now and keep it updated as you do your activities. That way you're not pulling out your calendar the day before it's due and trying to go through a year of venturing activities, newsletters and conference call notes to see what points you get. Set your goals early, and update the form as you go.

Remember, even if you don't qualify for a bronze, silver or gold, it's still important to fill out the form and turn it in. This gives the VOA a point to build off of for the next year as they continue to Lead the Adventure!



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Grace Prorok

Hello Area 4!!

Can you believe summer is already over and school is in full swing? A new school year is a fresh start, a chance to create new goals and plans for yourself, but also for your Venturing Crew. Look ahead and dream big! Find great



activities to do this year, check out the Central Region Venturing Calendar for awesome events, and most importantly don't forget to invite a friend! While you're at it be sure to mark your calendar for WorldFest 2018, on May 4th through 6th. Don't forget to stay tuned on social media for a very special announcement about this year's theme!

Yours in Venturing, Grace Prorok

Upcoming Area Events

Area 4 Training Conference –
October 7th, Find information at
Area4scouting.org

Area 4 Spark – December 1-3

WorldFest 2018 – 7 Ranges Scout
Reservation, May 4-6th

Upcoming Council Events

Camp Kootaga Venturing
Rappelling day – September 30

Kanawha Trace Anniversary Hike –
October 6-8, deadline September
29th, register at
Kanawhatrace.org/registration.html



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