

**Fall  
Edition**

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# AREA 2 EDITION



## Area 2 Officers' Orientation

On August 26th officers from Area 2, Great Lakes Field Service Council (FSC), President Ford FSC and Water and Woods FSC gathered to sharpen their skills on being a Venturing officer. Our area officers covered each position, effective communication how to successfully plan an event, and got to know their council officers!

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Great Lakes FSC Vice president of administration Cooper Martin said that “A2VOO was an eye opener into how a VOA should run while learning key skills that will help us in every aspect of being successful.” As an area, we look forward to continuing to work with our wonderful councils!

## Starting Your Crew

*By Cat Hardy*

Starting your own Venturing Crew is not easy; it’s a process. When I began thinking about my own crew, I was actually already in another crew. Because crews are shaped and molded by their members, every crew is different. The crew I started with did not exactly fit me. Don’t get me wrong we did fun stuff, but it began to feel repetitive. This worked for the other crew members but it was not right for me. So I went out and started my own crew! I started it with a couple of good friends, and we found some adults willing to help us. We all had similar interests, but we also had different interests. With so many interests, we’ve never needed to repeat an activity. We’ve done so many different things: camping in Mackinaw, a video game lock-in, binge-watching Disney movies. Even though we are small in numbers it did not stop us from doing awesome activities! Venturing itself is a flexible program, so it is bendable to each individual crew. Although getting a crew up and running takes time, and requires flexibility, it is worth it in the end



**Group of many interests** Cat’s crew has biked, kayaked, and attended National Jamboree!

## President Ford Field Service Council

*By Erin Taylor*

The President Ford Field Service Council has been busy this fall! The Venturing Officers’ Association has continued to put on our annual trainings. Recently, we put on a Time Management and Goal Setting trainings, which are required for the Discovery Award. The VOA has one more training scheduled for Friday, November 10 through Sunday, November 12th at Gerber Scout Reservation. This training is called ILSC or Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews, which is also required for the Discovery Award. The cost is \$45 which includes food and lodging. All crews are welcome to attend this training! Registration and



**Fun For Everyone** Venturers of all interests can find something fun at Kickback!

other information can be found online at <https://www.scoutingevent.com/272-2017ILSC>.

We have our monthly meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every month from August to May, except for December which is the 3rd Tuesday of the month due to the holiday break. We hold our meetings at 6:30 pm at the President Ford FSC Office. All are welcome to attend our next meeting on November 28th, where we will be discussing and reviewing the ILSC Training and making preparations for the annual KickBack Weekend!

Speaking of Kickback Weekend being mentioned, mark your calendars for Kickback 2018! The dates for this event are Friday, February 23rd through Sunday, February 25th or if you look at the calendar it will be the fourth weekend of February. This winter wonderland event will once again be held at Gerber Scout Reservation. The event will feature climbing, shooting sports, repelling, snow shoeing, dancing, lots of new friends, and much more! The cost will be \$50 for the early-bird fee, \$60 for the regular fee, and \$70 for the late fee. Registration for that will begin soon online! Keep checking out our Facebook page (President Ford Council Venturing) for everything that is happening in the President Ford FSC!

## Dutch Oven Cooking: Fall Themed!

Grab your crew for some Fall Dutch oven cooking! Try this recipe for Pumpkin Pie Cake!  
(Courtesy of Diana Rambles)

### Ingredients

- 1 can pumpkin puree (15 oz)
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk (14 oz)
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1 yellow cake mix
- 1/2 can lemon-lime soda
- 1 cup pecans



*Dutch Oven*  
**Pumpkin Pie Cake**

## Instructions

Prepare the charcoal.

Line the dutch oven with a liner or spray with cooking oil. A dutch oven liner will make clean up so much easier!

Mix the pumpkin puree, sweetened condensed milk, eggs, and pumpkin pie spice in a large mixing bowl.

Pour pumpkin mixture into the bottom of the dutch oven.

Sprinkle the yellow cake mix over the pumpkin.

Open the can of lemon-lime soda and slowly pour over the cake mix.

Sprinkle the pecans on top.

Place the the lid on the dutch oven.

Place 16 charcoal on the lid of the oven.

Make a circle of 8 charcoal that will serve as the base heat for baking the cake.

Place the dutch oven over the circle and let the cake bake for approximately 45 minutes to an hour. It might be more or less depending on the size of your dutch oven and the heat of the coals.

Remove the dutch oven from the coals and enjoy!



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## Advisor's Corner

Greetings,

You may have heard of a VOA, or even been a part of one. Perhaps you, like many others, have thought to yourself, “what even is a VOA?” and/or “why do I need one?” Good questions! First things first: a VOA, or Venturing Officers' Association, is a group of youth officers guided by advisors joined together for the purpose of providing support to maintain and grow the Venturing program by providing training for Venturers and Advisors, program for crews, and regular meetings in order to bring together youth and Advisors. The VOA operates in a way that is similar to your crew: it meets, plans events for adventure, service, or training, and has fun! The way it differs is that members do it on a larger scale across a Field Service Council. Your crew has fun and plans great events. Awesome! But when is the last time your crew event had 35, 50, 100, or more people attend? VOAs can bring lots of crews together to plan a grander scale event and provide fun and adventure by also allowing your crew members to meet new people and experience events they might not have ever considered.



It is one thing to lead a crew of your friends and schoolmates, but it's a whole new level to coordinate, lead, and possibly inspire a brand new group of peers. Many former and current officers (myself included) will tell you the leadership opportunities Venturing had to offer in the way of council, area, regional, and even national VOAs kept them interested and engaged in this great program far longer than if they had not found these opportunities. In the capacity of VOA member or officer, the youth involved also get the opportunity to be advised and mentored by some of the excellent adults, and youth, our program has to offer. Not to mention a leadership position of a couple hundred, or even thousands of youth looks astounding on a college or job application. In order to have the type of event you are interested in, you must make your voice heard! You each bring something new and different to the table that others may not. You have the ability to effect change in your program by inspiring your crew and council members, teaching leadership, or providing service to your community. The way I see it, VOAs are a win-win-win! If you are wondering how to get involved with your FSC's VOA, please don't hesitate to contact your friendly Area 2 officers! I hope to see you at the next meeting.

Yours in Venturing,

Lizzie Wisman | Area 2 Advisor

Central Region Venturing, BSA

# Council Highlights

**President Ford Field Service**

President Ford has been busy putting on annual trainings required for the Discovery award. We recently put on Time Management and Goal Setting and from November 10th to the 12th we will be putting on ILSC.

**Water and Woods Field Service**

Our Council recently hosted an event called Shoot Towards the Summit. At this event participants had the opportunity to shoot bows, shotguns, pistols, rifles, and throw tomahawks and knives. It was a great success for our council and Venturing as whole and we hope to make this an annual event!

**Great Lakes Field Service**

Our FSC's University Of Scouting will be hosting Project Management training. A second upcoming event is our annual spaghetti dinner that provides Troops and interested parties an outlet to not only find out about the Venturing program but what our council is doing. During the past month our VOA participated in The Ottawa Council Super Day of Training which was a success for getting more trainers for our coming programs.

## President's Spot

*By Gordon Meier*

It is finally here, **Venturing University!** Finally, a training day catered to Venturers. This event is too epic to be a day long, so we turned it into two days long! Mark your calendars for this upcoming January 19 through the 20th. Expect lots of fun and games Friday Night, followed by a day of exhilarating trainings that will benefit you and your crew! You will have the opportunity to sign up for various trainings such as How to recruit, What to do in an Interview, and Utilizing Communication! Venturing University's numerous trainings will not only help your crew but will teach you skills that are helpful outside of Scouts! Venturing University is located at Grace United Methodist Church 1900 Boston Blvd. Lansing, MI 48910. Could this get any better? Oh wait, it can! There are going to be T-Shirts and snazzy Area 2 cups for sale! Pre-order when you register to get a shirt and buy the water bottle at the event. We can not wait for you to enroll at Venturing University! Registration will be out soon!

