



# The Central Point



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# 2018-19 NATIONAL VENTURING PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED



The Central Region VOA extends its congratulations to the 2018-2019 National Venturing President, Dominic Wolters!

Dominic previously served as the Central Region Venturing President and is a senior at Como Park High School in St. Paul, Minnesota. In the fall, he will be studying Economics in college.



The Central Region VOA would also like to congratulate the 2018-2019 National Venturing Vice President, Jake Brillhart! Jake previously served as the Southern Region Area 8 President.

We were able to sit down and ask Dominic three questions:

**What Venturing experience has had the greatest impact on where you are today?** When I first joined my crew, we were teaching first aid to a group of Webelos. They were distracted by the camp that we were at, and I was tasked with teaching them how to tie slings; none of them really understood what we were doing, and most didn't really care at first. This experience taught me the value of persistence, a trait that has helped me overcome challenges in a variety of situations, and ultimately has shaped who I am today.



President: [Dominic Wolters](#)

VP of Administration: [Kevin Leahy](#)

VP of Program: [Catherine Colletti](#)

VP of Communications: [Pamela Petterchak](#)

**What is your greatest priority as National Venturing President?** As National Venturing President, my greatest priority will be working to grow Venturing through VOA support and the development of engaging programs for members. There is so much opportunity within the Venturing program, and it takes engaged and passionate members to Lead the Adventure!

**What message would you give to the Venturers of the Central Region?** Don't be afraid to take on new challenges and lend a helping hand! I first got involved in Venturing because someone asked me to join, and many of my greatest memories stem from situations that started with someone asking me for help. Sometimes all it takes is trying new things!

Please join us in welcoming Dominic and Jake!

# NORTHEAST REGION TAKEOVER

Hellooo Central Region!

This is Michael Conroy coming at you from the Northeast Region! I hope everyone survived April Fool's Day intact. I am so excited to have made it into your newsletter and tell you about some of the awesome things happening in the Northeast Region.

Last month kicked off our Belt Buckle fundraiser. This is a fundraiser that was designed to help provide funding to get scouts from Puerto Rico to VenturingFest. The best part about it, is the designs for the belt buckle came from our very own Venturers. So far, the fundraiser has been a smashing success. We have raised over \$1000 dollars to help scouts from Puerto Rico to VenturingFest. We can do better though! We would love to see everyone sporting a Northeast Region Belt Buckle at VenturingFest as a sign of solidarity to help scouts lead the adventure. Even if you can't afford a belt buckle, just sharing the post on the Northeast Region's Facebook page to help spread the word would help immensely.

In other news, June 8 – 10<sup>th</sup> marks the Northeast Region's Venturing Conference. This helps Venturers from council, area, and region leadership transition into their news roles. Scouts will be trained on a variety of topics that include everything from "How to Work with Professionals" to "How to Network." As with all Northeast Region events, there promises to be tons of games and limitless fun. We would love to have some of our friends from the Central Region come and be a part of this amazing experience. Keep posted on our Facebook page with more information about the event.

We hope to see everyone at VenturingFest 2018.



Yours in Venturing  
-Michael Conroy  
*NERV Vice President of Communications*

# WACKY APRIL HOLIDAYS

## ADD PIZZAZZ TO YOUR CREW'S NEXT MEETING

By Catherine Colletti – CRV Vice President of Program

Looking for a way to make a meeting or an event more fun? Add a theme! Adding something extra can make even a boring crew business meeting fun. Maybe you make an event superhero themed or allow a group to show off their favorite sports team. Inspiration for themed events can come from anywhere. Some crews may have holiday events, such as a Christmas or Halloween party. A fun way to add some excitement is also to take inspiration from one of the wackier daily holidays that a crew event or meeting might just happen to fall on. Check out some of April's weird holidays and see if they just might be the perfect addition to your crew outing:

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| April 1: April Fools' Day                      | April 16: National Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day |
| April 2: National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day  | April 17: Bat Appreciation Day                   |
| April 3: Pony Express Day                      | April 18: Amateur Radio Day                      |
| April 4: World Rat Day                         | April 19: National High Five Day                 |
| April 5: National Burrito Day                  | April 20: Lima Bean Respect Day                  |
| April 6: National Tartan Day                   | April 21: Astronomy Day                          |
| April 7: International Pillow Fight Day        | April 22: Earth Day                              |
| April 8: Draw a Bird Day                       | April 23: Talk Like Shakespeare Day              |
| April 9: Cherish an Antique Day                | April 24: Pigs in a Blanket Day                  |
| April 10: National Sibling Day                 | April 25: World Penguin Day                      |
| April 11: National Pet Day                     | April 26: Pretzel Day                            |
| April 12: Grilled Cheese Day                   | April 27: Morse Code Day                         |
| April 13: National Scrabble Day                | April 28: National Superhero Day                 |
| April 14: International Moment of Laughter Day | April 29: Pinhole Photography Day                |
| April 15: Take a Wild Guess Day                | April 30: Bugs Bunny Day                         |

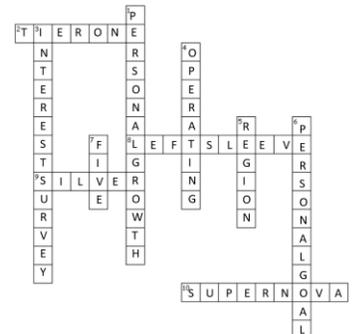
# VENTURING PUZZLE

This month, we challenge you to this word search! Read the May edition of the Central Point for the answers. The answers to last month's puzzle are below.

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OPPORTUNITY  
PATHFINDER  
PERSONALGROWTH  
PROGRAM  
SUMMIT  
TEAMWORK  
VENTURING  
VOA

Solution to March 2018 Puzzle



# BACK TO BASICS: VENTURING CORE AWARDS

By Catherine Tutt – CRV Area 2 Vice President of Communications

The Venturing program has four core advancement awards. The awards follow the ALPS model (adventure, leadership, personal growth, and service). The awards help Venturers learn how to manage their time, how to mentor peers, how to conduct a large service project, what their goals are, and how to achieve them.



The first award is the Venturing Award. This award represents a new member's commitment to joining Venturing and experiencing new things within the program. The award will involve completing Personal Safety Awareness Training and participating in an interview with your Crew President and Advisor.

The second award is the Discovery Award. This award focuses on participation. You'll have to participate in multiple Tier II and Tier III events, complete multiple leadership trainings, and participate in 24 hours of service.



The third award is the Pathfinder Award. This award focuses on leadership. You'll take part in leading the crew by going for a leadership position or serving on staff at a leadership training, such as NYLT, taking Project Management Training, participating in 36 additional hours of service, and exploring the realms of personal growth.

The final award is the Summit Award. This award focuses on mentoring. The largest requirement for this award is planning, developing, and giving leadership to others in a service project.



Each award will enhance your Venturing experience and help you grow as a person. This is just a quick outline of what each award requires. Go to <http://www.venturing.org/core.html> for more information!

Catch the next edition of our "Back to Basics" series in the next Central Region newsletter! Send in any questions you have about Venturing to [vp-communications@crventuring.org](mailto:vp-communications@crventuring.org), and we will be happy to cover them!

# VENTURER HIGHLIGHT

By Pamela Petterchak – CRV Vice President of Communications



This month, we'd like to recognize Lillian Weihert from Pathway to Adventure Council for her amazing efforts and involvement in Scouting. Lily was recently recognized with the National Outdoor Retailers Inspiration Award and the Council Venturing Leadership Award at her council's award banquet. She's also one of the few youth piloting the Duke of Edinburgh International Award: a program for scouts in Europe that is going to be implemented here in the States. Congrats on your accomplishments, Lily!

Read more about the Duke of Edinburgh International Award [here](#) and the National Outdoor Retailers Inspiration Award [here](#).



# SILVER ANTELOPE RECIPIENT

By Jeff Geraldts – CRV Venturing Advisor

Julie Dalton, Central Region Venturing Associate Advisor for Administration, has been selected to receive the Silver Antelope Award. It will be presented at the BSA National Annual Meeting in Dallas, TX on May 25! Congratulations, Julie!

The Silver Antelope Award, created in 1942, is the regional-level distinguished award of the Boy Scouts of America, acting through the National Court of Honor. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters of exceptional character in their region to recognize their distinguished service to youth.



## 2019 WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

Where can you spend 12 unforgettable days with youth from around the world who are just as passionate about Scouting as you are? At the 2019 World Scout Jamboree! Next year, the World Scout Jamboree will be hosted right here in North America at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. Join us as a participant or member of the International Service Team, and experience the world in a way unlike any other. More information can be found at <https://www.2019wsj.org/>

# CONGRATS, CENTRAL REGION SENIORS!

As March draws to a close and final exams become an impending reality, high school seniors across the Midwest are preparing for graduation and making important decisions regarding their futures. On behalf of the Central Region VOA, congratulations to all of the seniors that are graduating in the spring! We know that you will use the experience you've gained from Scouting to be adventurous, caring, and prepared leaders in your careers. We wish you the best, and always remember to Lead the Adventure!

Several members of the Region VOA are graduating this spring, so we'd like to give them a shout out this month:

**Dominic Wolters – CRV President:** Dominic Wolters is graduating from Como Park High School in Saint Paul, MN. He will be attending college to study Economics next year and looks forward to studying abroad.

**Catherine Colletti – CRV VP of Program:** Catherine Colletti will be graduating from Eureka High School in Eureka, Missouri. She will be attending Missouri University of Science and Technology to major in Ceramic Engineering, a subset of materials engineering. She is most looking forward to college-level chemistry, meeting new people, and participating in design teams and other clubs.



**Pamela Petterchak – CRV VP of Communications:** Pamela Petterchak will be graduating from Affton High School in St. Louis, Missouri. In the fall, she will be attending Missouri University of Science and Technology to study Computer Engineering and Engineering Management. Pamela is looking forward to competing on a design team and studying abroad in college.



**Gordon Meier – CRV Area 2 President:** In the spring, Gordon Meier will be graduating from Grand Blanc High School in Grand Blanc, Michigan. He plans on attending Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant Michigan to study Broadcasting and Cinema. Gordon looks forward to the amazing culture he will be immersed in to further his craft of video production and news, along with the unique stories he will cover in college.

**Maddy Agers – CRV Area 3 President:** Maddy Agers will be graduating as a homeschooler. She will be attending Maryville University in the fall to study Communication and Journalism. Maddy is looking forward to strengthening her skills in her areas of study so she can grow her business!



**Sydney Roscoe – CRV Area 6 President:** Sydney Roscoe will be graduating from Whiteford High School in Ottawa Lake, Michigan. She plans to attend Mercy College of Ohio to start her journey to become a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. Sydney is looking forward to being able to help others in need and move on to something new!

# CR AREA 7 SPOTLIGHT

By Kevin Troy and Alexis Burnette – CRV Area 7 President and Vice President of Communications



Area 7 has been super busy in the past couple months with the 2018 Area 7 Venturing Conference that was held on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Sokol Spirit in Brookfield Illinois. The conference was a major success in teaching attendees about the awards system in the Venturing Program with an interactive

mock Summit Board of Review. In the afternoon we covered how to grow and develop a Venturing Officers Association allowing people to see what happens when a VOA is unsuccessful. Area 7 is currently getting ready for the 2018-2019 term of officers.



## VenturingFest 2018

### THE LATEST NEWS

By Cathie Seebauer – National Venturing Vice President

By now, you've probably heard of VenturingFest 2018, the biggest national gathering of Venturers in history of Venturers at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia! This 20<sup>th</sup> birthday party like no other is coming your way July 1-6, 2018!

**The deadline for early registration is April 30.** Between now and April 30 registrants are \$500 (youth under age 21 fee) or \$400 (adults 21+ fee). You can still register after April 30, but you will have an additional \$100/person registration cost to attend.

One other benefit to getting your registrations completed by April 30: your program preferences will be processed in order of your crew's registration! So, the earlier you register, the more likely that you will get your top choices of program areas!

Registration has far exceeded our 2016 VenturingFest attendance, and we still have more room for you to join us! Come celebrate Venturing's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at The Summit! For more information visit:

<https://summitbsa.org/venturingfest>.



# CR AREA HIGHLIGHTS

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AREA 1</b></p> <p>Area 1 published a newsletter in early March and began preparations for their upcoming Facebook Office Hours in late April. Venturers from all over Area 1 are invited to join their Area Officer live on Facebook on April 28, 7-9pm CST to ask any questions that they have. Area 1 has been busy planning next year's events and getting ready to smoothly transition in next year's officers!</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.area1crv.org">www.area1crv.org</a> Facebook Group: <a href="#">Central Region Venturing Area 1</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AREA 2</b></p> <p>Area 2 attended a council event called Kickback. We threw a birthday party at this event for Venturing's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday! We are currently working on our Spring newsletter.</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.area2crv.org">www.area2crv.org</a> Facebook Group: <a href="#">Central Region Venturing Area 2</a> Pinterest: <a href="#">Venturing Area 2 Central Region</a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AREA 3</b></p> <p>We still have room in our VenturingFest contingent! Check out our social media for more information. Also, officer applications are still available; contact a current officer if you have questions.</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.area3crv.org">www.area3crv.org</a> Facebook Group: <a href="#">Central Region Venturing Area 3</a> Twitter: <a href="#">@CRVArea3</a> YouTube: <a href="#">CRVenturingArea3</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AREA 4</b></p> <p>Area 4 is excited about WorldFest; the price has now gone up \$5. We're looking for anybody willing to staff, especially in photography, staffing a 5k run, and building a foam pit. Buckskin Council just had a successful University of Scouting.</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.area4crv.org">www.area4crv.org</a> Facebook Group: <a href="#">Central Region Venturing Area 4</a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AREA 5</b></p> <p>The Central Region Area 5 Spring Fun Event will be on April 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> and registration is available! Use the link <a href="https://goo.gl/forms/YTkE2HqKXziNx9K23">https://goo.gl/forms/YTkE2HqKXziNx9K23</a> to register, and check out our Facebook page for more information. It will be held at Falley Scout Reservation near Topeka, Kansas. It is \$20 per person and all meals, except dinner on Saturday, will need to be provided by the crews.</p> <p>It will be a challenge course and competitions between crews to show off their scout skills and put their teamwork abilities to the test. There will be tent camping Friday and Saturday night. Get ready for a great weekend and let the games begin!</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.area5crv.org">www.area5crv.org</a> Facebook Group: <a href="#">Central Region Venturing Area 5</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AREA 6</b></p> <p>We just sent out a new newsletter, and we're currently working on getting Icebreakers set up and seeking officer applications. If you have questions about applying to be an Area 6 officer, contact one of the current officers through our social media below</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.area6crv.org">www.area6crv.org</a> Facebook Group: <a href="#">Central Region Venturing Area 6</a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AREA 7</b></p> <p>Check out the Area 7 Spotlight article on page 7 for news about Area 7!</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.area7crv.org">www.area7crv.org</a> Facebook Group: <a href="#">Central Region Venturing Area 7</a> Twitter: <a href="#">@CRVArea7</a> Instagram: <a href="#">@crvarea7</a> Snapchat: <a href="#">@crvarea7</a></p>	

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Event Date (s)	Registration Deadline	City	State	Host	Event
04/13/2018-04/15/2018	03/31/2018	Kensington	OH	Buckeye Council	Wilderness & Remote First Aid
04/18/2018	04/18/2018			Area 3 (Central Region)	Area 3 VOA-Council/District President Call
04/20/2018-04/22/2018	04/01/2018	Howe	IN	Area 6 (Central Region)	Area 6 Spring Icebreaker
04/20/2018-04/22/2018	04/20/2018	Woodstock	IL	Pathway to Adventure Council	Open Climbing Tower
04/26/2018-04/29/2018	04/20/2018	High Ridge	MO	Greater St. Louis Area Council	Powder Horn
04/27/2018-04/29/2018	04/25/2018	Godfrey	IL	Greater St. Louis Area Council	Explore Venturing
05/04/2018-05/06/2018	04/27/2018	Kensington	OH	Area 4 (Central Region)	WorldFest
05/04/2018-05/06/2018	05/01/2018	Chillicothe	OH	Simon Kenton Council	Thunderbase 2018
05/11/2018-05/13/2018	05/01/2018	Rocelle	IL	Pathway to Adventure Council	Ranger Weekend
05/18/2018-05/20/2018	03/19/2018	Mine La Motte	MO	Greater St. Louis Area Council	Swift's Big Kickoff
06/01/2018-06/03/2018	05/20/2017	Alger	MI	Area 2 (Central Region)	GLFSC Rifle River Gauntlet
06/10/2018-06/16/2018	06/09/2018	Kensington	OH	Buckeye Council	Venturing Week at Seven Ranges
06/10/2018-06/16/2018	06/01/2018	Little Sioux	IA	Mid-America Council	Tri-State High Adventure Base
06/10/2018-06/16/2018	06/07/2018	Mine La Motte	MO	Greater St. Louis Area Council	Swift High Adventure Base: Western Week
06/17/2018-06/23/2018	06/01/2018	Little Sioux	IA	Mid-America Council	Tri-State High Adventure Base
06/17/2018-06/23/2018	06/15/2018	Mine La Motte	MO	Greater St. Louis Area Council	Swift High Adventure Base: Outdoor Olympics
06/20/2018	06/20/2018			Area 3 (Central Region)	Area 3 VOA-Council/District President Call
06/24/2018-06/30/2018	06/01/2018	Little Sioux	IA	Mid-America Council	Tri-State High Adventure Base

Find out more about these events and other events in the Central Region  
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)

# ADVISOR'S MINUTE



Central Region,

I love springtime. The snow is disappearing, and the forests are beginning to flower; migratory birds are back and morning frost is less frequent. This is an amazing time of year for Venturing too - selecting new officers, awarding Venturing Leadership Awards, registering for VenturingFest, and planning great Spring events.

The performance of our youth officers and the impact of the VOAs continue to impress me. Venturing in the Central Region is vibrant and thriving. Let's finish the year strong by supporting the Venturing actives near you, promoting membership growth at

every opportunity, and collaborating with each other to provide exemplary services and experiences for our Venturing community.

Yours in Venturing,  
-Jeff Gerald  
*CR Venturing Advisor*



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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Happy April, Central Region!

Last month, I shared some tips to declutter your leadership style; this month, we'll be looking at some exciting ways to boost your crew's membership!

**Start Simple:** Over-the-top events aren't necessary to win over the hearts and minds of prospective members; a simple request is often enough! Invite a friend to attend an event or activity and show them what your crew actually does.

**Keep it Fun:** Over time, the interests of crew members can change. A strength of the Venturing program is the ability of units to adapt their interests to match those of their members. If your crew is doing activities that no one is passionate about, change it up! Ask around, find out what members want to do, and go do it; sometimes, all it takes is a suggestion for a new activity, and your crew might find its new specialty.

**Get to Know People:** Building relationships is critical to recruitment and retention in any program, and especially in Venturing. Getting to know local Scoutmasters or Cub Scout packs can help to create opportunities for younger Scouts to see what Venturing is all about- and hopefully become excited to join one day!

Relationships outside of Scouting are important too- local schools or community groups can be great resources for your crew's adventures, but also as potential sources of new members.

Venturing has lots of resources for recruitment and marketing, find those here: <https://venturing.org/marketing-toolbox.html>

*"All change is not growth, as all movement is not forward" -Ellen Glasgow*

Spring is a time of change, whether it's the change of seasons or a change in your crew's activities. It is important to remember that membership is everyone's responsibility, and that small changes can make a big difference in the lives of members.

Let's make a change and take a step towards growing membership in the Central Region.

Have a great month, Central Region!

-Dominic Wolters

*CR Venturing President*

*National Venturing President-Elect*