



Lead the Adventure



Area One News

Central Region Venturing

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President's Corner

Natalie Nichols
Central Region Area 1 President

"Happy August, Area 1!"

August is an interesting month. As life begins picking up speed once more during preparations for autumn, August offers the opportunity to slow down and reflect upon the wonderful adventures of our summers.

Where did your summer of Venturing take you? Maybe it took you to West Virginia for VenturingFest 2018, which was truly the adventure of a lifetime, with over 2,000 attendees. Maybe it took you on another adventure in the outdoors, or you tried something new with your crew, pushed your limits, and made new friends and memories to last a lifetime.

Saying goodbye to summer is bittersweet, but fall doesn't mean the adventures have to stop.

I encourage you to try one new thing with your crew this fall. Use the summer adventures of your crew members as inspiration to continue leading the adventure this fall in new and exciting ways.

New experiences not only create great memories, they serve as great recruitment opportunities, too. With so many activities vying for attention and time, don't just tell your friends why they should join Venturing...show them! Imagine what your crew could accomplish if everyone invited one friend to join your crew.

In the words of Louisa May Alcott, "I like adventures, and I'm going to find some." Are you?

-Natalie Nichols

How to Stay Connected!

Don't miss out on happenings in Area 1. Stay connected via social media & email!

Natalie Nichols

Central Region Area 1 President

Have you been wondering how to keep up-to-date with all of the awesome happenings in Area 1 or how to get involved? We have a solution! Send us an email at aonevoa@gmail.com to join our mailing list. In the email, please include your name, tell us if you're a youth or adult, your unit number, council, and your email address, and we'll get you on our mailing list (and no, we won't spam your inbox!) Tell all of your friends: we need your help to spread the word!

Join our Facebook Group (Central Region Venturing Area 1) for the latest news, and follow us on Twitter @CRVArea1 and @CRV_A1President for the latest news and memes. Follow all of the Central Region Venturing social medias as well! (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, and YouTube)❖

Keep in touch with Area One!



CRVOO Recap

Jack Indritz

Area One Committee Member

This June, Central Region Venturing officers and Advisors flocked to North Central College in Naperville, Illinois, for the annual Central Region Venturing Officers Orientation (CRVOO).

Led by Region President Pamela Petterchak, National President Dominic Wolters, and Central Region Advisors, attendees spent time in group presentations, officer break-out sessions, and Area meetings that covered Venturing policies, practices and plans.

CRVOO attendees explored the city of Naperville, taking walks along the river, and Area 1 attendees spent extra time bonding along its banks. Probably the best Area 1 bonding experience, according to attending youth officers, was dressing up as deep-woods lumberjacks for the Friday Area costume contest. Area officers unable to attend were able to call in remotely to meet their advisors, have a say in planning their role for the upcoming year, and help brainstorm Area plans for the upcoming year. Area 1 members were among recipients of Area and Region Venturing Leadership Awards: Region recipient Carl Anderson for his Kodiak work on the region level, Dominic Wolters received the Regional VLA for his work last year as the Region President, and Area recipients Natalie Nichols, Jack Indritz, and Faith Anderson for their dedication to Area 1.

All Region and Area officers were officially installed by Dominic Wolters and Pamela Petterchak. Finally, heartfelt gifts were exchanged between region officers.

After the conference wrapped up, Area officers continued their hard work as they brainstormed potential themes for Area events on the drive home. "Overall, I don't think it could have been a better weekend," said Natalie.

Venturing Fest 2018



During the first week of July, over 2,000 Venturers from across the country gathered at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in Glen Jean, West Virginia, to celebrate Venturing's 20th birthday through a week of high adventure.

Participants conquered their fears and stretched their limits through activities such as rock climbing, shooting sports, high ropes, whitewater rafting, ziplining, and more. I particularly enjoyed whitewater rafting with the Area 1 contingent on the 4th of July...although it definitely pushed me outside of my comfort zone a little bit!

Each night was jam-packed with program. Central Region showed their spirit at the '50s themed drive-in movie that we hosted for Region Activity night, where participants made cars out of cardboard and "drove" to the grass to watch "The Incredibles." One memorable CRV crew got creative and even made a train!

What really made this the adventure of a lifetime, however, was the people. As part of the Central Region subcamp staff, I had the opportunity to connect with many participants and staff from the Central Region, many of whom have become close friends. The dedication, courage, and tireless enthusiasm of Central Region is truly inspiring. I also met new friends who live in all parts of the country, tied together by Venturing. The bond and instant connection of Venturing is unique and wonderful, and I made friends and memories to last a lifetime. VenturingFest 2018 was unforgettable, and thank you for making it possible. Keep leading the adventure, and come to the 2019 World Scout Jamboree at the Summit!

You Won't Want To Miss This!

Area 1 Venturing Fun Event

Oceans in October

*Phillippo Scout Reservation
Cannon Falls, MN*

October 19th-21st, 2018

Register at: bit.ly/oceansinoct

Activities

** Tiki Shoot-Out * Climbing the Volcano * Scavenger Hunt *
Luau * Haunted Tiki Trail * And more!*

Area One Venturing Fall Fun Event

From October 19-21, you're invited to join the Area 1 VOA for a tropical, fun-filled weekend of adventure at the annual Area 1 Fun Event, "Oceans in October." Throughout the weekend, you'll have the opportunity to experience all kinds of island fun, including the "Tiki Shootout" (shooting sports), a themed movie night, limbo competition, island-themed pumpkin carving, a Haunted Tiki Trail, a luau, and more! This year's Fun Event will be held at Phillippo Scout Reservation, located near Cannon Falls, MN. Tent camping and heated cabins are available, and all meals will be provided by the Area VOA (price included in registration.) \$40 for the entire weekend, with a \$10 late fee, or \$35 for Saturday only. Register online now at bit.ly/oceansinoct

Officer Introductions

Sarah Liffrig

Central Region Area 1 Vice President of Administration

Sarah Liffrig is the 2018-2019 Central Region Venturing Area 1 Vice President of Administration.

Sarah is a member of Crew 1776 in Northern Star Council and has been involved in Venturing since 2014. During her time as a Venturer, Sarah has served within her crew in a variety of positions, including President, Vice President of Communications, Vice President of Membership, and a Crew Leader for two different high adventure trips. She has received her Summit Award, the Ranger Award, and a Triple Crown of National High Adventure, and has been honored with the Northern Star Council Venturing Scholarship.

Since joining Venturing, Sarah has completed ILSC, NYLT, and a Kodiak Challenge, and she has staffed ILSC three times as well as staffed a Kodiak Challenge.

Outside of Venturing, Sarah is very active in school and other activities. She is a member of National Art Honor Society and National Spanish Honor Society, has been captain of both her cross-country team and lacrosse, and has earned her Girl Scout Gold Award. She recently graduated from Eastview High School and will be attending Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN, this fall, potentially studying Business or Secondary Education. Sarah is excited to serve Area 1 in the upcoming term. She hopes to increase the Venturing Journey to Excellence submissions across the Area, and looks forward to connecting directly with Venturers, Advisors, and staff members across all of Area 1

Area 1 Venturing's Advisor Minute

Mrs. Helen Lockwood

Central Region Area 1 Venturing Advisor

This time, each year, our fresh new Area 1 Venturing Officers are somewhere between working at scout camps, taking vacation, or on some summer school activity; nowhere to be found working on Area 1 VOA activities such as planning our October Fun Event. They, of course, always have good intentions coming out of our Central Region Venturing Officers Orientation mid-June, but summer life can take over. However, this year's team of youth leaders, have surprised me with their continued efforts to stay engaged, prepared meetings, with good attendance, and basically haven't missed a beat.

Another point about this new team, that shows promise, for the first time, we have a mission statement! We have already had good conference calls with good cadence. We have agendas sent out, in advance. Area 1 VOA Members have already attended two key events: National event (2018 Venturing Fest) and our own BayJammers (local to our area). And this is just the beginning.

As this team was named late May, I had a good feeling this group would be strong and so far, they've proven to me they are. This strength will result in good events; furthering the promotion of venturing; especially during this transition year for growing the family scouting, offering more choices to the female youth. I'm proud that this group is strong, at a time when we need it most to grow the program. Keep up the great work! Go Venturing!

Do you want the Area 1 News delivered directly to your inbox, or do you have a story or event to share? You could be featured in our next newsletter! Send an email to aconeova@gmail.com to contact us & get on our email list! See page 2 for details.



Officer Introductions

Camden Larsen

Central Region Area 1 Vice President of Communication

Hello, my name is Camden Larsen and I am the 2018-19 Central Region Area 1 Vice President of Communication. I am super excited to have the opportunity to work with Venturers and the Area 1 VOA this year! Outside of scouting I enjoy playing soccer at Red River High School where I am an incoming sophomore and working both as a Soccer Referee and as a Child Care Assistant. In scouting I am involved in Boy Scout Troop 130 where I am a Troop Guide and Eagle Scout, Venturing Crew 2032 where I am the Vice President and a Pathfinder Award recipient, and law enforcement and aviation exploring posts. I am also active in the Order of the Arrow. During my term I hope to communicate with Venturers and Crews through the effective use of Social media and other platforms. I am super excited to be working with all of you, let's have a great year!❖

Officer Introductions

Clay Mewes

Central Region Area 1 Vice President of Program

Bonjour, my name is Clay Mewes and I've been given the wonderful opportunity to serve as the Vice President of Program for Area 1. I have been involved with the Venturing program for 4 years now and have been participating ever since. Awards and trips have definitely been my favorite aspects of Venturing. My crew has been quite active in high adventure thus causing me to love these trips. Whether it was winter camping at Okpik or paddling along a lake in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, I've always enjoyed myself. Additionally, awards have always been a focus of mine. During my Venturing career I have earned a lot of awards. Currently I have the Silver award, gold award, 5 bronze awards, Venturing Leadership Award, Quest award, and the Ranger award. While in this position with the Area, I have a few goals I'd like to achieve. One goal would be that I would like to offer fantastic opportunities for all the Venturers in Area 1!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

AREA ONE:

OCTOBER 19-21

AREA ONE VENTURING: AREA ONE FALL FUN EVENT
Phillippo Scout Reservation, Cannon Falls, Minn.

NORTHERN STAR COUNCIL:

September 15

Urban Adventure Base Camp

October 27

University of Scouting, College of Venturing
St. Paul College

SAMOSET COUNCIL:

October 12-14

Samoset Council Jamboree

Hodag Festival Grounds, Rhinelander, Wis.



Council Highlight: Bay Jammer Recap

70th annual Bay Jammer (July 20-22, 2018)

Lauren Verweg

Bay Jammer is a super fun scouting event in July each year. It's a weekend of team competitions, camping, and other exiting activities for scouts. I attended for the first time this past year and left with plans to return. The events for the weekend open with a lip sync competition witch is a highlight for many participants. A few of my scouting friends attended with me and we particularly enjoyed the swimming competitions as well as the dance on Saturday night. You can't go wrong signing up for this event, with it's extremely reasonable price as well as all the fun activities it offers. ❖

Picture Courtesy Natalie Nichols

