



## Central Region Area 5 Venturing Monthly Newsletter

Welcome to the May edition of our monthly Area 5 Venturing newsletter. Each edition will feature information that you may find useful for your council's Venturing program. We will highlight items that support the development of your Teen Leadership Councils, Roundtables, chairmanships, commissioners, professional staff, and council-wide activities. We look forward to being of service to you in Venturing.

*Amanda Vogt*

Area 5 Venturing President

*Bob Vogt*

Area 5 Venturing Advisor

### The Councils of Central Region Area 5 Venturing

Central Region Area 5 consists of 15 Councils throughout 4 states. They are: Okaw Valley Council, Trails West Council, Mississippi Valley Council, Great Rivers Council, Ozark Trails Council, Pony Express Council, Jayhawk Area Council, Coronado Area Council, Santa Fe Trail Council, Cornhusker Council, Overland Trails Council, Greater St. Louis Area Council, Heart of America Council, Quivira Council, and Mid America Council. Council's addresses and websites are listed on page 4.



### My Last Newsletter for Area 5 Venturing

I would like to thank everyone of you for your support of Venturing this past year. The Area 5 Advisor and myself have enjoyed the conversations we have shared, and have enjoyed working for your councils.

The current Area 5 President term runs until July 1<sup>st</sup> 2007. This year however the new Area 5 President will be taking office on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007, as I have been selected for the office of Central Region President for 2007-2008 and my new position's term starts on June 1<sup>st</sup>..

Please continue to show your support to the new Area 5 President as you have showed to me. If you still need to reach me for something my personal email account will remain the same, but my scouting email account will change to [president@crventuring.org](mailto:president@crventuring.org) shortly after June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007. The new Area 5 President can be reached after June 1<sup>st</sup> at [area5president@crventuring.org](mailto:area5president@crventuring.org)

#### Contact us at:

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## Upcoming Area 5 Venturing Events for 2007

June 17-23, July 8-14 and July 15-21:

Greater St. Louis Area Council- **Swift Base Venturing Camps**

For more information: <http://www.stlbsa.org/Camping/Summer+Camps/Venturing/>

July 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>:

Great Rivers Council- **Week Long Venturing Camp**

Contact: David Harris [dharris@bsamail.org](mailto:dharris@bsamail.org)

July 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

Greater St. Louis Area Council- **Kodiak**

Contact: Rick McIlvoy [rmcilvoy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rmcilvoy@sbcglobal.net)

September 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

Greater St. Louis Area Council- **Fall Fun Rally**

Contact: Ben Brennecke [bbrennecke@stlbsa.org](mailto:bbrennecke@stlbsa.org)

Please send us your council's Venturing events & Venturing Adult Leader Trainings.  
We will list them on the Area 5 Venturing Calendar.

### This Month's Q & A

#### **What is the Area 5 Venturing Vice President Position?**

The Area 5 Venturing Vice President is a new youth officer position at the Area level that assists the Area 5 Venturing President with their duties. The Area 5 Venturing VP is directly responsible for five or six councils near their own council. They work with those councils to promote Venturing in that part of Area 5. They also help the Area 5 Venturing President with any projects he asks them to.

#### **If someone is interested in this position what should they do?**

If you are interested in this position for the 2007-2008 term, or you know someone who would do an excellent job. Send in a bio to William Fisher, or to Bob Vogt. They will then select a qualified candidate from the nominations.

### Venturer You Should Know

Every month we will feature a Venturer or Advisor of the month. This month I have the privilege of introducing you to the 2007-2008 Central Region Area 5 Venturing President.

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Dan & Amanda

Dan Bedell is a registered Venturer and Boy Scout in the Greater St. Louis Area Council (GSLAC). Dan has been a Boy Scout for 12 years. He earned his Eagle Scout Award in 2006.

Dan has served on the GSLAC EVOA in the following positions: President, and Vice President of Program. He has also served on the GSLAC VOA as Vice President of Program. He has served as the chairman for GSLAC's annual Fall Fun Rally for the past 3 years. The Fall Fun Rally is the second largest Venturing Event in the nation.

Dan was recognized with the Venturing Leadership Award in 2005 for his dedicated service to Venturing.

Outside of Scouting, Dan is the President of his high school's Future Business Leaders of America, is a Senior Class Officer for the Class of 2007 and serves as a student council representative.

This fall Dan will be attending Lindenwood University on a Full-Ride Scholarship (Lacrosse and Eagle Scout Scholarships).

Please join us in congratulating him on this position, and please give him the support he needs throughout the coming year.



## Venturing Awards and Recognition Program

Encourage your Venture Crew members to work towards the completion of one of the Venturing awards. The process of working towards the awards can help keep youth interested in Venturing. This month we will focus on the Quest Award.

### Quest Award

While working on the Quest Award, Venturers will be required to learn more about what makes up a nutritional diet as well as design their own personal exercise plans based upon lifestyle, fitness levels, and desires for a healthy and long life. Hopefully this program will introduce Venturers to a sport or sports that they will enjoy the rest of their life.

As with many other requirements throughout the Venturing program, Venturers will be required to share what they learn with others. This sharing may be done through various sports clinics and presentations with other groups. In the elective section, Venturers will be required to choose at least one sport in which to become proficient.

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## Greater St. Louis Area Council Offers Kodiak Program to Youth in the Central Region

GSLAC is offering a Kodiak course from July 15<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>, 2007. Anyone interested please visit the [GSLAC Website](#) for more information on this wonderful program.

## Quest Award Continued

Five Core Requirements: (Do all)

1. Earn the Sports Bronze Award.
2. Complete an American Red Cross Sport Safety Training Course or equivalent.
3. Complete the Fitness for Life program.
4. Learn and do fitness assessments.
5. Sports Disciplines (Choose a sport from a list provide in the *Quest Handbook* or another sport approved by your Advisor.)

Electives are: (Do one)

1. History and Heritage of Sports
2. Sports Nutrition
3. Drug-Free Sports
4. Communications
5. History and Heritage of the Disabled Sports Movement



## The 15 Councils of Central Region Area 5 Venturing

### Illinois Councils:

**Okaw Valley Council**

335 West Main Street  
Belleville, IL 62220

<http://www.okawbsa.org>

**Trails West Council**

1055 Harrison St.  
Wood River, IL 62095

<http://www.twc-bsa.org>

**Mississippi Valley Council**

2336 Oak St.  
Quincy, IL 62301

<http://www.mississippivalleybsa.org>

### Missouri Councils:

**Great Rivers Council**

1203 Fay St.  
Columbia, MO 65201

<http://www.bsa-grc.org>

**Pony Express Council**

1704 Buckingham  
St. Joseph, MO 64508

<http://www.ponyexpressbsa.org>

**Ozark Trails Council**

1616 S. Eastgate  
Springfield, MO 65809

<http://www.ozarktrailsbsa.org>

**Greater St. Louis Council**

4568 West Pine Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63018

<http://www.stlbsa.org>

**Heart of America Council**

10210 Holmes Rd.  
Kansas City, MO 64131

<http://www.hoac-bsa.org>

### Kansas Councils:

**Jayhawk Area Council**

1020 Monroe  
Topeka, KS 66612

<http://www.jayhawkcouncil.org>

**Coronado Area Council**

644 S. Ohio St.  
Salina, KS 67402

<http://www.coronadoscout.org/>

**Santa Fe Trail Council**

1513 E. Fulton Terrace  
Garden City, KS 67846

<http://www.sftcbsa.org>

**Quivira Council**

1555 E. 2nd Street  
Wichita, KS 67214

<http://www.quivira.org>

### Nebraska Councils:

**Overland Trails Council**

2808 O Flannagan  
Grand Island, NE 68803

<http://www.overlandtrailsCouncil.org>

**Cornhusker Council**

600 South 120th Street  
Walton, NE 68520

<http://www.cornhuskercouncil.org>

**Mid America Council**

12401 West Maple Road  
Omaha, NE 68164

<http://www.mac-bsa.org>