



Central Region Area 2 Venturing August 2007



We hope that your summer activities are going well, and look forward to hearing about them. Soon it will be time to get the fall events and meetings confirmed. We encourage you to energize your TLC's, Committees and Roundtables for greater participation in the planning, strengthening and growth for Venturing in your councils.

We would like to congratulate the following councils that have grown in Venturing membership and/or units during the first half of this year: Anthony Wayne Area, Blue Water, Chief Okemos, Clinton Valley, Detroit Area, Gerald R. Ford, Great Saulk Trail, Hoosier Trails, Lake Huron Area, Sagamore, and Scenic Trails.

Katherine Maxim

Area 2 Venturing President

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Area 2 Venturing Chairman

Sharing Information & Ideas

The Area 2 Committee is committed to being a resource to support Venturing at the council level. Please share this newsletter and other Venturing information that you receive from us. Ensure that it gets to the appropriate youth leaders, volunteers and professionals that are involved with Venturing in your council.



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

The Central Region Web Team and Communications Committee have done an incredible job of enhancing the web site during the past couple of months. It is becoming one of the most significant Venturing resources to be found anywhere in the country. Take a few minutes to visit the site to see everything that is available. Then encourage your Venturing colleagues to visit, too. You might also include a link to the site on your own web pages.

In the files section of the Central Region Yahoo group are the July and August editions of the **Central Region Venturing Newsletter**. Please take the time to read them as they include valuable information and resources.

News from the Field

What's happening in your council ?

The **Lake Huron Area Council** is still taking registrations for their Powder Horn course.

The **Detroit Area Council** and its **VOA** hosted the Area 2 Assemblage in June. Many thanks go to the organizers and participants for a fun event. A special thanks to **Amanda Vogt**, our CR Venturing President for attending!

The **Crossroads of America Council** had a successful council-wide open house for new chartering organizations at Camp Belzer.

Are you hosting a religious event or a University of Scouting event that is open to Venturers and Advisors from other councils? If so, we would like to help publicize them for you. Please contact us with the information.

Do you want to host a Powder Horn or Kodiak program? Then be sure to have a representative attend the Course Directors Conference in Rochester, IN. It is scheduled for October 26-28. The Central Region website has more details.

New Item - Kodiak X Medal

It is just like the Kodiak medal except that its gold tone with a RED X on the middle pad of the paw and has "KODIAK-X" in red across the top. Item # 14290 is now available from supply.

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Activities in the Area Scheduled for 2007

Makahiki, August 11-13, Anthony Wayne Area Council, Warsaw, IN

Powder Horn, August 24-26 & Sept. 14-16, Lake Huron Area Council, Camp Rotary

Lead The Race, October 5-7, Great Sauk Trail Council, Michigan International Speedway

Kodiak & Kodiak X Course Director Conference, October 26-28, Rochester, IN

Powder Horn Course Director Conference, October 26-28, Rochester, IN

Indiana University football weekend, November 2-3, Hoosier Trails (RSVP by 10/15), Bloomington, IN

Wilderness First Aid Course, November 9-11, Hoosier Trails, (RSVP by 10/30), Dupont, IN

Be sure to post your activity notices on the Central Region Venturing Yahoo Groups site and Central Region Venturing web page at <http://www.crventuring.org>.

This Month's Q & A

Q. Where can we find Ranger Award resource information?

A recent addition to the Central Region web site is the availability of Ranger Award resources. **Over 1000 resources** (more than 700 of them weblinks) have been provided, including national organizations, outdoor areas, manufacturers, retailers, publications, video, etc. This is in addition to the Quest and TRUST links that have previously been added. Visit by going to www.crventuring.org.



These Ranger Awards Links pages are intended to help the Venturing Crew provide program to support Venturers as they work on the Ranger Award and as Venturers mentor and train younger members in outdoor skills. It is also a great set of general references on outdoor activity resources for any crew or ship.



New Region Sea Scout Leaders

The Central Region has selected Brandon Bonner as the Central Region's Sea Scout Boatswain. Brandon is from Ship 54 chartered by the Illinois Yacht Club, in the W.D. Boyce Council. Nancy Peto has accepted the position of Central Region Sea Scout Commodore. She is from Simon Kenton Council, Columbus, OH.

2008 Seabadge Conference

The Central Region Sea Scouting Committee is pleased to announce it will host a Seabadge course in 2008. Seabadge C-5 will be held on March 7-9 at the Geneva Conference Center in Rochester, Indiana. The participant fee will be \$170 with a \$35 deposit due with the application submission. The application can be downloaded from the Central Region Venturing website at <http://crventuring.org> or National Sea Scout website <http://seascout.org>.



Central Region Facebook

Please send the following message to the YOUTH members of your crews and ships!

"Did you know that the Central Region now has a Facebook group just for Venturers/Sea Scouts in the region? It's true! We have members from all over the region - and we want more!!! Entire crew member-ships can & should join the group. The other regions are trying to top us in membership on their facebook groups, but we know who is #1!"

Here's the URL:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2292491801>

You must have a Facebook signon to join. If you don't, you'll be asked to set one up when you go to our group."

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