



Central Region Venturing Monthly Newsletter

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Welcome to the fifth edition of the 2007-2008 monthly Central Region Venturing Newsletter. Each edition will feature information that you will 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, council-wide activities and the Central Region Venturing Areas. We look forward to being of service to you in Venturing.

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The Areas of Central Region

Area 1: South Dakota, U.P. of Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota

Area 2: Indiana and Michigan

Area 3: Northern Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, and Wisconsin

Area 4: Ohio and West Virginia

Area 5: Southern Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska

Picture to Right:

Members of Central Region Venturing Cabinet in front of Lindenwood Archway

Thank You Lindenwood University

Thanks to Lindenwood University, the Central Region Venturing Cabinet was brought to St. Louis for an orientation and training session on how to serve your needs better.

Lindenwood offers many Scouting scholarships for both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. To check out more information on their Million Dollar Character Scholarship Program check out their website at www.lindenwood.edu

You can earn an almost half-ride scholarship just for being a Venturing Silver Award Recipient.



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This Month's Q & A

Every month, we will answer questions frequently asked by Venturers, Advisors, or Professionals. If you have any questions you would like answered please email them to president@crventuring.org

What are the goals of Venturing?

- Learn to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling the values in the Venturing Oath and Code.
- Experience a program that is fun and full of challenge and adventure.
- Become a skilled training and program resource for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and other groups.
- Acquire skills in the areas outdoors, sports, arts and hobbies, youth ministries, or Sea Scouting.
- Experience positive leadership from adult and youth leaders and be given opportunities to take on leadership roles.
- Have a chance to learn and grow in a supportive, caring, and fun environment.

What are the methods of Venturing?

- Leadership. All Venturers are given opportunities to learn and apply proven leadership skills. A Venturing crew is led by elected crew officers. The Venturing Leadership Skills Course is designed for all Venturers and helps teach in an active way to effectively lead.

Q & A Continued...

- Group Activities. Venturing activities are interdependent group experiences in which success is dependent on the cooperation of all. Learning by "doing" in a group setting provides opportunities for developing new skills.
- Adult Association. The youth officers lead the crew. The officers and activity chairs work closely with adult Advisors and other adult leaders in a spirit of partnership. The adults serve in a "shadow" leader capacity.
- Recognition. Recognition comes through the Venturing advancement program and through the acknowledgement of a youth's competence and ability by peers and adults.
- The Ideals. Venturers are expected to know and live by the Venturing Oath and Code. They promise to be faithful in religious duties, treasure their American heritage, to help others and to seek truth and fairness.
- High Adventure. Venturing's emphasis on high adventure helps provide; team-building opportunities, new meaningful experiences, practical leadership application, and life-long memories to young adults.
- Teaching Others. All of the Venturing Awards require Venturers to teach what they have learned to others. When they teach others often, Venturers are better able to retain the skill or knowledge they taught, they gain confidence in their ability to speak and relate to others and they acquire skills that can benefit them for the rest of their lives as a hobby or occupation.

Venturer You Should Know

Each month we will feature a Venturer or an Advisor that you should know. If you know a Venturer or an Advisor you would like to nominate, please send Amanda Vogt a short bio on them and a photo.

This month our Venturer you should know is our Area 4 Venturing President, Katelyn Childs. Katelyn is currently attending Ohio State University as a sophomore.

Katelyn joined Venturing in 2002 and has served as her crew's Treasurer, VP of Program, and President. In the Miami Valley Council she has served as Secretary, Treasurer, and VP of Program.

She has earned 2 Venturing Bronze Awards, the Venturing Silver Award, the Quest Award, and her council's Venturing Leadership Award. As a Girl Scout she has also earned the Girl Scout Gold Award (GSA's highest youth award).

She is also extremely involved in her college, and in community events and service organizations.

If you would like to contact Katelyn with a Venturing question or would like her to attend one of your council's events please contact her at: area4president@crventuring.org



Central Region Kodiak/Kodiak X CDC and Powder Horn CDC

October 26th-28th, 2007
Rochester, Indiana

What is Kodiak & Kodiak X? Go to this link for the answer:

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

What is Powder Horn? Go to this link for the answer:

http://www.crventuring.org/Training/Powder_Horn/

You and your Council are encouraged to take advantage of this common location and training weekend so that transportation costs can be shared. Complete information including registration forms can be found through the links above.

Whether the Venturing specialty you choose is Kodiak/Kodiak X or Powder Horn, this is the opportunity for you to learn the intricacies of conducting a successful course. We've recruited a great staff of experienced Kodiak and Powder Horn course directors and staff members to cover a wide variety of course planning topics.

If your council is interested in learning more about what either Kodiak/Kodiak X or Powder Horn are and what it takes to plan a successful course, you need to join us!

Councils planning for Powder Horn in 2008, definitely need to have the intended Course Director at this CDC if they have not attended CDC in 2006 or 2007 since PH CDC attendance by the Course Director within the previous two years is a course approval prerequisite. Our experience has shown however, that you will get the most out of the 2007 Powder Horn CDC if you are planning a course in 2009 or beyond.

For Powder Horn, besides the intended Course Director, attendance by the Assistant Course Directors and Staff Advisor, or other council supporters is also encouraged.

Consulting Tip of the Month

Every month we will feature a resource that could be beneficial to your council or crew. This month we are featuring the resources available on the Central Region Website.

The website features resources for general Venturing links and specific links for programs such as the Ranger Award.

Please check this site out:
<http://www.crventuring.org/Resources/Links/>

Venturing Awards and Recognition Program

Encourage your Venturing crew members to work towards the completion of one of the Venturing awards. The process of working towards the awards will help keep youth interested in Venturing.

Bronze Awards

Venturing has 5 different Bronze Awards. A Venturer may earn anywhere from 1 to 5 of the Bronze Awards. All five Bronze Awards contain the common elements of experience, learning a skill, and sharing your experiences and skills with others.

Earning at least one Bronze Award is required for the Venturing Gold Award. The Bronze Award is designed as the entry-level award for a Venturer so that they can acquire usable skills that will carry them along the trail to the Venturing Silver Award.

This month we will focus on the Sports Bronze Award.

Sports Bronze Award

In order to earn the Sports Bronze Award you must complete 9 of 12 suggested activities. Examples of these activities are listed below.

1. Demonstrate by means of a presentation at a crew meeting, Cub Scout or Boy Scout meeting, or other group meeting that you know first aid for injuries or illnesses that could occur while playing sports, including hypothermia; heatstroke; heat exhaustion; frostbite; dehydration; sunburn; blisters, hyperventilation; bruises; strains; sprains; muscle cramps; broken, chipped, loosened, or knocked-out teeth; bone fractures; nausea; and suspected injuries to the back, neck, and head.
2. Organize and manage a sports competition, such as a softball game, between your crew and another crew, between two Cub Scout dens or packs, between two Boy Scout patrols or troops, or between any other youth groups. You must recruit at least two other people to help you manage the competition.
3. Make a set of training rules for a sport you pick. Design an exercise plan including selected exercises for this sport. Determine for this sport the appropriate target heart rates and desired training effects. Follow your training plan for at least 90 days, keeping a record showing your improvement.



A Venturing Summary of The Greater St. Louis Area Council's Extreme Fall Fun Rally



On September 14th, 2007 the Greater St. Louis Area Council's Beaumont Scout Reservation was invaded by 575

Venturers and Advisors. These Scouts were there for this year's annual Fall Fun Rally, held September 14th-16th, 2007.

Weekend activities included electing new Council and District VOA officers, a mud obstacle course, shotgun and rifle ranges, volleyball, tug of war, Dutch oven cook offs, pumpkin launching, several adult training courses and many more fun events.



Overall everyone leaving on Sunday had huge smiles on their faces, and said they would see us next year.

If you want to join in on the fun next year, keep watching the Central Region website and this newsletter for more information on this great event.



A Venturing Summary of The Central Region Venturing Cabinet Orientation/Training

A special thanks goes to Lindenwood University for sponsoring the Central Region to bring all available Central Region Venturing Cabinet members to the Greater St. Louis Area Council's Fall Fun Rally for a weekend training and orientation session.



Left to Right: Area 1 Pres., Felicity Smith, CR Pres., Amanda Vogt, Lindenwood President, Dr. Evans, Area 2 Pres., Katherine Maxim, and Area 4 Pres., Katelyn Childs

Of the 7 members of the Central Region Venturing Cabinet, 4 of the 5 Area Presidents along with the Regional Venturing President were able to attend.



The cabinet spent the weekend in 4 training sessions, 2 question and answer sessions for the adult training programs happening at the Fall Fun Rally, cabinet introductions and installations, and very little sleep. They also helped staff events, run

elections, and brainstorm on what we as a cabinet would like to do for the region in the remainder of our terms.



Left to Right: Area 1 Pres., Felicity Smith, Area 2 Pres., Katherine Maxim, CR Pres., Amanda Vogt, Area 5 Pres., Daniel Bedell, and Area 4 Pres., Katelyn Childs

How to Conduct Ethical Controversies

Silver Award requirements and Religious Life Bronze Award requirements call for participation in ethical controversies. This exercise helps teach participants to discover both sides of an issue.

Instructions can be found on pages 221-222 of the Venturing Leader Manual.

1. Divide the participants into two groups, or several groups of four.
2. Give each group or pair a copy of a position statement from pages 223-251 of the Venturing Leader Manual. One group gets position one, the other gets position two.
3. Conduct the activity following the five steps on page 222 of the manual.
4. Use a debate-type format with time limits for presentations and rebuttals.
5. Tell participants to be critical of ideas, not people.
6. Do not announce that the groups will reverse positions until it is time to do so.

Some things to consider:

1. Add Ethical Controversies to your District or Council event.
2. Hold a session as a part of your monthly Roundtable or TLC.
3. Use situations that come up in your crew's adventures.
4. Try adding an Ethical Controversies session during your next campfire.
5. Invite other Crews & hold an Ethics Forum night.
6. Conduct it as a lead into, during a break, or at the end of VLSC.



Central Region Area Pages

Area 1

Upcoming Events

We need you to tell us what is going on in your Area.

Councils of Area 1

Area 1 includes the following councils:
Bay Lakes, Central Minnesota, Chippewa Valley, Gamehaven, Gateway Area, Hawkeye Area, Hiawathaland, Mid-Iowa, Northeast Iowa, Northern Lights, Samoset, Sioux, Twin Valley, Voyageurs Area, Winnebago, and Northern Star

Information on these events and links to these councils can be found on www.crventuring.org

Contact them at:

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Area 2

Upcoming Events

Oct. 5th-7th: Lead the Race
Oct. 19th-21st: LNT Awareness Training
Oct. 27th: Sea Scout Officers
Specialized Training
Nov. 2nd-3rd: Indiana University Football
Nov. 3rd: University of Scouting
Nov. 9th-11th: VLSC
Nov. 9th-11th: Wilderness First Aid Course

Councils of Area 2

Area 2 includes the following councils:
Anthony Wayne Area, Blue Water, Buffalo Trace, Chief Okemos, Clinton Valley, Crossroads of America, Detroit Area, Gerald R. Ford, Great Sauk Trail, Hoosier Trails, Lake Huron Area, LaSalle, Sagamore, Scenic Trails, Southwest Michigan, and Tall Pine

Information on these events and links to these councils can be found on www.crventuring.org

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Area 3

Upcoming Events

Oct. 6th-7th: Wilderness First Aid Course
Oct. 20th: Leave No Trace
Oct. 20th-21st: Wilderness First Aid
Oct. 21st: OKPIK-NWSC
Nov. 2nd-4th: Creep-O-Ree VIII
Nov. 3rd: Barnyard Football Bash
Nov. 10th: Sea Scout Officers
Specialized Training

Councils of Area 3

Area 3 includes the following councils:
Abraham Lincoln, Blackhawk Area, Calumet,
Chicago Area, Des Plaines Valley, Glaciers
Edge, Illowa, Lincoln Trails, Milwaukee County,
Northeast Illinois, Northwest Suburban,
Potawatomi Area, Prairielands, Rainbow,
Southeast Wisconsin, Three Fires, and W.D.
Boyce

Information on these events and links to these councils can be found on www.crventuring.org

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Nicole Gates *Kris Zahrobsky*

Area 4

Upcoming Events

Oct. 27th: Area 4 Program Conference
Nov. 3rd-4th: Simon Kenton Venturing
Recognition Dinner

Councils of Area 4

Area 4 includes the following councils:
Allohak, Black Swamp Area, Buckeye,
Buckskin, Dan Beard, Erie Shores, Great Trail,
Greater Cleveland, Greater Western Reserve,
Heart of Ohio, Miami Valley, Mountaineer Area,
Muskingum Valley, Ohio River Valley, Simon
Kenton, Tecumseh, and Tri-State Area

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Katelyn Childs *Len Roberts*

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Area 5

Upcoming Events

Oct. 13th: Fall Fright Fest
Nov. 17th: GSLAC Scouting for Food

Councils of Area 5

Area 5 include the following councils:
Cornhusker, Coronado Area, Great Rivers,
Greater St. Louis Area, Heart of America,
Jayhawk Area, Mid-America, Mississippi
Valley, Okaw Valley, Overland Trails, Ozark
Trails, Pony Express, Quivira, Santa Fe Trail,
and Trails West

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Venturing & Sea Scouting Discussion Lists

Please sign up for the many Yahoo Groups and Discussion Lists dedicated to Venturing and Sea Scouting. Information on these groups can be found by searching Yahoo Groups for Venturing, clicking on "Discussion Groups" at seascout.org, or by clicking on the links below.



Venturing Yahoo Group: this group shares information with Venturers and Advisors from across the nation: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/venturinglist/>



Central Region Venturing Yahoo Group: this group is used to share resources and ideas, and to ask questions about Venturing in Central Region: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/crventuring/>



Sea Scouting Discussion List: this group shares information with Sea Scouts and Sea Scout leaders across the nation: <http://listserv.seascout.org/cgi-bin/wa?A0=SEASCOUT-NET>



Central Region Sea Scouting Discussion List: this group is used to share resources and ideas, and to ask questions about Sea Scouting in Central Region: <http://listserv.seascout.org/cgi-bin/wa?A0=SEASCOUT-CREGION-NET>