



# Central Region Venturing Monthly Newsletter

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Welcome to the ninth 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

## Scout Sunday

February is the month in which most churches will celebrate Scout Sunday. If your crew is sponsored through a local church find out when they celebrate this Sunday and see what you can do to help.

If your chartering church does not celebrate Scout Sunday, look into the idea of having some type of celebration.

If your crew is not chartered by a church, look into churches nearby to see if any celebrate Scout Sunday.

This is a great way to get support from the community, and getting new members involved in your crew.

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## The History of Venturing

In honor of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Venturing, I am going to start an ongoing column about the history of Venturing. With that in mind, I thought no person could tell the history of this program better than one of the men who helped create it ten years ago. Therefore I asked Bill Evans, Associate Director, National Venturing Division for his view of Venturing's history.

### Does Venturing Change Lives?

When Bill Evans looks back over Venturing's first ten years, he points out the most enjoyable moments of the development are not related to the phenomenal growth, but to moments when he heard Eagle Scouts stand before a group and talk about how Venturing has allowed them a place to be an Eagle Scout and to continue to learn and grow.

Moments when a young lady stands before a group to tell how she finally had a place to be a Scout along with her mom, dad, and brothers. Venturing does change lives.

### Why does Venturing lend itself to older teenagers?

According to Evans, older teens need a program specific to their needs and abilities. How old are our Venturers anyway? Evans points out that our age chart is almost a perfect bell curve with 17 being the highest point. 18 is next followed by 16.

There are actually more 19-year-olds than 14-year-olds. Because Venturing is very challenging and usually involves ambitious travel, it lends itself more to older teens.



Stay tuned next month for a continuation of this story. When did the idea of Venturing really kick off, and who was involved?

## Facebook for Central Region Venturers & Sea Scouts



Most of you know that the Central Region has a Facebook group just for Venturers & one just for Sea Scouts in the region. We have members from all over the region - and we want more!!! Entire crew & ship memberships can & should join the groups. Our region has the largest & most active Venturing groups on Facebook.

Here's the Venturing URL:

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

Here's the Sea Scouting URL:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=6726656539>

(You must have a Facebook sign-on to join. If you don't, you'll be asked to set one up when you go to our groups.)

### Why do you want to join our groups?

1. We currently have 837 members, 376 photos, 119 wall posts, 16 discussion board topics, 5 videos, and 24 future events.
2. 7 summer camps have job postings. Post your camp openings, or find a camp job.
3. Connect with friends you met at past Venturing events.
4. The region announces important news here. Including the fact that Regional Venturing President Applications are now available.
5. Other regions will post their opportunities here.

Once you have joined, please invite your friends & ask them to invite friends! Note: be sure to set your privacy settings & protect your personal information.

## Person You Should Know

As we move into the tenth Anniversary of Venturing let's get to know one of Venturing's big supporters in the Central Region, Connie Elliot, the Central Region Kodiak Coordinator.

She has been involved in the Scouting world for 13 years starting out with Tiger Cubs and moving on through Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts with her son, Greg. The two of them have been involved in the Venturing program for five years.

Over the years she has held the positions of Cub Scout Leader, Webelos Leader, Cubmaster, Committee Chair, Troop Assistant Scoutmaster, National Jamboree Assistant Scoutmaster, Merit Badge Counselor, Venturing Crew Advisor, Council Venturing Chair, Executive Board member, District and Council Training committee, Philmont Training Center Kodiak Director, PTC Assistant Director for Venturing week, and the reason we love her so much...Central Region Kodiak Coordinator.

Connie has participated in a Powder Horn Course, Wood Badge and Kodiak CDC. She has been awarded the District Award of Merit, Council Venturing Leadership Award, Regional Venturing Leadership Award and the Silver Beaver.

She has been married for 28 years and in her "spare time" (whenever that may be), she enjoys backpacking, canoeing, kayaking, whitewater rafting and most of all scuba diving.



## What's Going on Around Central Region



The Central Region is Celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the Fall Fun Rally. Greater St. Louis Area Council is hosting their Annual Fall Fun Rally, and is opening it up to any Venturer or Sea Scout to attend. Held September 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 it is going to be an event you don't want to miss. Full of non-stop fun activities ranging from a rifle range, to field activities, to a big dance at night, be sure to check this event out.

More information can be found at [www.stlbsa.org](http://www.stlbsa.org) in the near future.

## 2008 Area and Regional President Applications Will be Available on the Central Region Venturing Website

Don't forget to submit applications for qualified Venturers for the 2008-2009 Central Region Venturing President position, they are due by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. You can find a copy at: [www.crventuring.org](http://www.crventuring.org). The Central Region Area President applications, should be coming out shortly.



Also if you are a Sea Scout, and are interested in becoming the 2008-2009 Central Region Boatswain, please contact Nancy Peto, the Central Region Commodore, at [commodore@crventuring.org](mailto:commodore@crventuring.org) for more information. We are also looking for Area Boatswains. If you are interested in serving in this capacity please contact her as well, and she can get you in touch with the right person.

## Trivia Question of the Month

Every month we will feature a trivia question about Venturing, answer on page 7.

**Question:** What year was Venturing founded?

## 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. This month's award is the Trust Award.

### Trust Award

While working on the Trust Award, Venturers will learn more about themselves, their communities, their religion and culture, as well as those of others. As with many other requirements throughout the Venturing Program, Venturers will be required to share what they learn with others.

Purpose:

1. Help Venturers learn about their own religion and how it affects their lives.
2. Give Venturers the opportunity to pursue understanding and knowledge of cultures other than their own.
3. Promote understanding and tolerance.
4. Learn how to resolve conflicts both internally and externally, with positive outcomes.
5. Understand how other world religions work and how multiple religions can work together.
6. Learn about religion and culture within the context of the BSA.
7. Provide Venturers a variety of practical, hands-on experiences while having FUN.

## Trust Award Continued...

Five Areas of Requirements (each has required sections and electives):

### 1. Tending your Faith

Learn about your own religious journey, and earn the religious emblem for your faith group.

### 2. Respecting the Beliefs of Others

Learn about freedom of religion in the US and learn about religions other than your own in your community.

### 3. Understanding other Cultures

Learn about the historical significance of cultures in the US and study one cultural group in detail.

### 4. Serving your Community

Complete a community service project and learn about organizations in your community that serve youth.

### 5. Transforming our Society

Learn counseling skills, conflict resolution, peace and reconciliation, and how to apply them in your own life.

More information can be found in the Trust Award Manual at your local Scout shop.



## Central Region Area Pages

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### Area 1

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#### Upcoming Events

Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>: Hannah Winter Resort  
(every weekend in February)  
Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>: Arctic Adventure  
Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>: Winter Amidships  
Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>: Buck Hill Lock-in

#### 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](http://www.crventuring.org)

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*Felicity Smith* *Chris Sandberg*

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### Area 2

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#### Upcoming Events

Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>: Venturing Kick-Back  
Weekend 08

#### 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

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*Katherine Maxim* *Jeff Gerald*

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## Central Region Area Pages

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### Area 3

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#### Upcoming Events

Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>: VLST  
Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>: VLST  
Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>: Arctic Blast  
March 11<sup>th</sup>: Wilderness First Aid- IL  
March 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>: Youth Leadership  
Conference  
March 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>: Shawnee National  
Forest  
March 29-30: Venturing Birthday Bash

#### 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

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*Nicole Gates* *Kris Zahrobsky*

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### Area 4

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#### Upcoming Events

Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>: Wilderness First Aid- OH  
Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>: Mad River Mountain Ski  
Weekend

#### 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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### Area 5

#### Upcoming Events

Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>: Kanik  
Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>: HOAC Lock-in  
March 8<sup>th</sup>: Pistol Shoot

#### Councils of Area 5

Area 5 includes 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>