



Central Region Area 2 Sea Scouting February 2008



The Area 2 Venturing Committee is pleased to note that Sea Scouting finished 2007 with positive growth in membership and units. Congratulations to all of you on your achievements during the year. We are looking forward to an outstanding 2008, and are available to assist you in meeting your program and membership goals.

Julie Bollinger

Area 2 Boatswain

Jay Howse

Area 2 Commodore

Introduction of the A2 Leadership



Julie Bollinger, from Evansville, Indiana (Buffalo Trace Council), has been appointed as the **Area 2 Boatswain**. Julie is currently serving as Boatswain for Ship 312 and is an instructor in Small Boat Sailing and is BSA Lifeguard Certified. Julie has served as youth staff on both Powder Horn and Wood Badge courses and at Camp Roy C. Manchester. Julie has received the Long Cruise Badge, Small Boat Handler and the Qualified Seaman Badges. Last year Julie graduated from the Texas SEAL course and last we heard she has earned Ordinary Seaman. Additionally, she has received the Venturing Leadership Award from the Buffalo Trace Council.



Jay Howse, from Macomb, Michigan (Detroit Area Council) has been appointed as the **Area 2 Commodore**. Jay joined scouting in 1949 and Sea Scouting in 1956. Jay has received both the Quartermaster Award and is an Eagle Scout. As an adult Jay has been awarded the Scouter's Award and the Skipper's Key. Jay has served Sea Scouting as a Committee Chair, Mate, Skipper and Squadron Vice Commodore. Jay was the Course Director of Sea Badge EC VII in 1984.

If you are having an activity that is open to Sea Scouting Ships from other councils, be sure to post notices on the Central Region Venturing Yahoo Groups site and Central Region Venturing web page at <http://www.crventuring.org>.



The Venturing Leadership Award (VLA) is presented to individuals who have given outstanding service to Sea Scouting and Venturing programs at the Council, Region, or National level. Most awards are given at the council level, with each council having quotas on an annual basis based on the number of active crews and ships registered. If your council does not utilize the VLA program to recognize youth and adults who make significant contributions to Sea Scouting and Venturing at the unit, district, and council level, we encourage you to do so. Region nominations are due by March 15.

Visit www.crventuring.org for more details.

Many thanks to all of the councils that included Sea Scouting and Venturing curriculums in their **University of Scouting** and **Commissioner Training** events during the year.

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The organizers of the **William I. Koch International Sea Scout Regatta** are looking for young men and women ages 14 to 20 that want to serve on staff. The Koch Cup will be held at the US Naval Academy in Maryland on July 12-19, 2008. Urgently needed are Sea Scouts that hold current certification in BSA or Red Cross Life Saving. This is a week long event that will feature Sea Scouts from around the world and it is truly the Youth America's Cup Races. If you are interested please go www.seascoutcup.org and fill out the online application.



The National Sea Scouts have executed Memorandums of Understanding with two organizations that can expand the horizons of the Sea Scouts in opportunities in the Marine Sciences and Industry.

The organizations that now formally agree to work with Sea Scouts are:

The **Maritime Archaeological and Historical Society** (MAHS) which is organized for the purpose of enhancing public awareness and fostering appreciation for the significance of historic shipwrecks and other submerged cultural resources.

The **Marine Technology Society**, an organization that is one of the leading trade associations that serve research, education and commercial interests in the Marine Sciences and Marine Industry.

This Month's Q & A

Q. What's the structure of the Area 2 Committee?

Youth Venturing Leadership:

Katherine Maxim, Venturing President
Julie Bollinger, Sea Scouting Boatswain
Vacant, VP - Indiana
Vacant, VP - Michigan

Adult Leadership:

Jeff Gerald, Venturing Chairman
Jay Howse, Sea Scouting Commodore
Vacant, Venturing Coordinator - IN
Vacant, Venturing Coordinator - MI
Ed Smietana, Staff Advisor

Please contact us if there is any way we can be of assistance to you, or if you have someone to nominate for a vacant position.



Sea Badge Training

Area 2 is proud that ten of its Sea Scouting leaders are attending the Central Region Sea Badge course in early March.

Linking your Sea Scouting Committees and Ships to the Internet

Do you have a Sea Scouting web site or a Sea Scouting page on the council web site? How about your districts and ships? If so, please post them in the Links section of this group...

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/crventuring/links>

Or send the information to
communications-coordinator@crventuring.org

Area 2 Officer Applications

We are now accepting applications for the 2008-09 **Area 2 President** and two new **Area 2 Venturing Vice-President** positions. Sea Scouts are eligible to apply. We are looking to fill the VP positions as one each for Indiana and Michigan. The VP job duties are similar to those as described for the Area President, and can be found on the Central Region Venturing web site. The new Officers will serve from June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009. To apply, complete the Area 2 President nomination application, but note if the candidate is applying for the one of the VP spots. The new applications will be published in February.

The submission deadline is April 1, 2008.

Katherine Maxim attended the Central Region Venturing Cabinet Meeting in St. Louis. She met with Amanda Vogt, the Central Region Venturing President, and the other Area Presidents.

New Sea Scouting Stuff to Buy

In looking over the new items at the ScoutStuff web site, we discovered a few new items.

- Youth Recruiting DVD: #VK/AV-03DVD18
- Sea Scouts flyer: #25-302
- Sea Scouting recruiting brochure (from web)
- Quartermaster Award shadow box frame: 32300
- Sea Scouting Engravable Coin: #14298

