



Central Region Area 2 Venturing February 2008



Area 2 Venturing 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.

Katherine Maxim
Area 2 Venturing president

Jeff Gerald
Area 2 Venturing Chairman



Venturing Marks its First Decade

On February 9, 1998, the BSA board voted to create a new teen scouting program. Then for the next six months the program was developed as we know it. On August 1, 1998, we actually started the program by switching over the Explorers who had been registered in non-vocational crews. Make sure your Councils, districts and Crews celebrate Venturing's 10th birthday!



The Venturing Leadership Award (VLA) is presented to individuals who have given outstanding service to the Venturing program at the Council, Regional, 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 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.

News from the Field

What's happening in your council ?

The **Lake Huron Area Council** was recognized as one of the outstanding Venturing Councils nationally in 2007. The council's membership and unit growth was spectacular! And many thanks to **LHAC** for hosting an outstanding Powder Horn course last fall.

The **Detroit Area Council** is having its first recognition dinner for Silver and Quartermaster Awards.

The **Crossroads of America Council** and the **Hoosier Trails Council** have formed their Venturing Officers Associations and elected youth officers. Congratulations!

The **Gerald R. Ford Council** is conducting a Powder Horn course this spring; and the **Great Sauk Trail Council** is once again hosting their BOSS (basic outdoor survival skills) program.

The Lincoln Bicentennial Encampment is being conducted in the **Buffalo Trace Council**.

Check the back page for other exciting Venturing programs being conducted in Area 2.

Please send us a note to share stories about your successful council and/or collaborative events. If something looks interesting to you, be sure to get more details from the host council web sites.

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

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Activities in the Area Scheduled for 2008

Powder Horn, April 25-27 & May 30-June 1, conducted by the Gerald R. Ford Council at Camp Gerber
Lincoln Bicentennial Encampment, May 9-11, Buffalo Trace Council, Lincoln State Park, Indiana
B.O.S.S., Great Sauk Trail Council, Camp Munhacker in Gregory, Michigan
Venturing Rendez-vous, May 16-18, Detroit Area Council, Willow Metropark
Area 2 Whitewater Rafting, June 14-17, hosted by the Lake Huron Area Council, in WV
AdVenture Challenge, July 20-26, Anthony Wayne Area Council, Camp Chief Little Turtle
Michigan International Camporee, July 27 - August 3, Chief Okemos Council, Northwoods Scout Res.
Makahiki, August 1-3, Anthony Wayne Area Council, Warsaw, IN

If you are having an activity that is open to Venturing Crews and 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>.

This Month's Q & A

Q. What's the structure of the Area 2 Venturing 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
Jim & Cindy Barnes, Kodiak Coordinators
Christine Henriquez, Powder Horn Coordinator
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.

Powder Horn Training

The Gerald R. Ford Council is quickly filling the participant spots for this spring's course. Contact them soon if you would like to attend.

Linking your Venturing to the Internet

Does your TLC have a Venturing web site or a Venturing page on the council web site? How about your districts and crews? If so, please post it in the Links section of this group...

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

There is a links folder for each state in the region. 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. 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. Additionally, she was a guest speaker at the UoS in the Crossroads of America Council. She has also enjoyed her communications with all of the TLC Presidents in the Area.

New Venturing Stuff to Buy

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

- A new Venturing t-shirt and cap combo, #51991
- Pewter Venturing pin, for the expedition cap 7/8" square. #18019
- Venturing Lockback Knife, #24073
- Venturing Hi-tech knife, #24074
- Silver Award shadow box frame Item: 32301
- Quartermaster Award shadow box frame: 32300