

June 2008  
Volume 2, Issue 1

# Central Region Venturing Monthly Newsletter



Welcome to the 1st edition of the 2008-2009 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.

*Katelyn Childs*

Central Region Venturing  
President / Newsletter Editor

*Keith Gehlhausen*

Central Region Venturing Chair

*Debbie Keyes*

Central Region Communications  
Coordinator

*Joe Vollmer*

Central Region Venturing  
Staff Advisor

## Highlights:

Venturer	2
Q & A	2
San Diego	3
Area pages	4-5
Discussion Lists	5

## Thank You and Congratulations!

The Central Region would like to sincerely thank Amanda Vogt, the 2007-2008 Central Region President, for her zealous service to Venturing in the Central Region and her continuing example of leadership excellence.

In addition, the Central Region would like to welcome their 10<sup>th</sup> Central Region President, Katelyn Childs. Katelyn will serve the Central Region throughout the 2008-2009 term as we collectively maintain a tradition of distinction.

Finally, on a similar note, the Central Region is proud to announce that Amanda Vogt was selected to serve Venturing as the 2008-2009 National President. This is an enormous honor that is well deserved. Please continue to lend your support to Amanda as she assumes the Venturing program's highest honor.

### Contact Us:

Katelyn Childs [president@crventuring.org](mailto:president@crventuring.org)  
Keith Gehlhausen [venturing-chair@crventuring.org](mailto:venturing-chair@crventuring.org)  
Joe Vollmer [staff-advisor@crventuring.org](mailto:staff-advisor@crventuring.org)  
Debbie Keyes [communications-coordinator@crventuring.org](mailto:communications-coordinator@crventuring.org)

To contact the entire Central Region Venturing Committee, e-mail Communications Coordinator Debbie Keyes and she will pass on the message.

## Venturer You Should (Really) Know

Each month we will showcase a stellar Venturer or Advisor that you should know. If you would like to nominate someone for this section, please send Katelyn Childs a brief bio and a photo of your nominee. This month, the featured Venturer may sound familiar but she has accomplished so much that it is necessary to feature her again. Amanda Vogt, the 2008-2009 National Venturing President.

Amanda has previously served the Central Region as the 2007-2008 Central Region Venturing President, and as the 2006-2007 Central Region Area 5 Venturing President.

She also has served her council, The Greater St. Louis Area Council, as an officer. She also served as the New Horizon District VOA President.

While involved nationally now, she is keeping her boots on the ground serving Venturing Crew 2783, chartered through Salem in Ballwin United Methodist Church, in St. Louis, MO, as Recording Secretary (previously has held 4 other Crew officer positions). She is also a member of Venturing Crew 2996 chartered by Lindenwood University in St. Charles, MO. She is a 13-year member of the Girl Scouts of America through which she has earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, Girl Scouting's highest award a youth member may earn.

Through her many adventures with Venturing she has earned the Religious Life and Outdoor Bronze Awards, the Gold Award, the Silver Award, the Ranger Award, the Trust Award, the Council Venturing Leadership Award, the Regional Venturing Leadership Award, and the National Venturing Leadership Award. She has also completed Kodiak training, Sea Scout Leader Specific Training, Boy Scout Leader Specific Training, Boy Scout Leader Basic Training, and Kodiak & Kodiak X Course Director Training.

Amanda is a sophomore at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, MO, and the recipient of Lindenwood University's Boy Scout of the Year 4-year full ride Scholarship. She is majoring in Music Performance, Music Business, and Accounting. She is a member of the Scouting based service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega.



## Monthly Q & A

### Venturing has a national youth president?

Yes! The National Youth President presides over the Venturing program throughout the nation. They are youth who excelled during their Regional (or National Boatswain) term and demonstrate a strong vision to further Venturing at a higher level.

### How is the National President chosen?

All of the outgoing Regional Presidents are invited to submit an application to become the National President. These applicants list accomplishments and write essays to submit to the selection committee. Applicants are then invited to interview with the national selection committee while at the BSA National meetings. The selection committee collectively settles on a decision and an announcement is delivered during the Venturing reception.

## National BSA Meeting in San Diego

The Boy Scouts of America National Meetings were held from May 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 in San Diego, CA. The incoming and outgoing members of the National Youth Cabinet were in attendance totaling 11 Venturing youth.

The Venturing youth officers spent the majority of their time staffing the Venturing booth. The objective was to answer questions about the Venturing program and network within our respective Regions. The first picture below shows some Venturers actively working to call the attention of the various volunteers and professionals to the wonders of Venturing.



The Central Region luncheon gave Amanda Vogt, the 2007-2008 Central Region President, the chance to induct the new Regional Board members.

Friday evening was a momentous occasion for the Venturing youth. David George, the 2007-2008 National President, presented the National Venturing Leadership Award to each member of the outgoing cabinet. David George is shown congratulating Amanda Vogt as she accepted her well-deserved honor.



The program continued and switched the focus to the incoming cabinet. All of the new regional presidents and the national Boatswain were sworn into their offices. This included a tradition in which the outgoing officer bestowed gold epaulettes to the new regional officers.

The National President announcement directly followed the shoulder loop change. Amanda Vogt was selected to continue her service to Venturing by acting as the 2008-2009 National Venturing President. The complete National Venturing Youth Cabinet was sworn into office, promising to faithfully uphold the ideals of Venturing.

The picture below shows the 2008-2009 National Venturing Youth Cabinet with Charles Holmes, the Director, Venturing Division and Charles Dahlquist, the National Venturing Committee Chairman.



From left to right: Matthew McGroarty (Western Region), John Washburn (Southern Region), Kyla Mahoney (Northeast Region), Charles Holmes, Charles Dahlquist, Amanda Vogt (National Venturing President), Katelyn Childs (Central Region), Monica Traylor (National Boatswain)

## Central Region Areas

**Area 1:** 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.

### Upcoming Events

July 18-20: Bay Jammer

### Contact them at

Area President: Carrie Schmitz  
[area1president@crventuring.org](mailto:area1president@crventuring.org)

Area Chair: Chris Sandberg  
[area1chair@crventuring.org](mailto:area1chair@crventuring.org)

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

### Upcoming Events

June 14-17: Whitewater Rafting Trip  
July 20-26: Adventure Challenge CCLT  
July 27-Aug 3: International Camporee  
July 27-Aug 2: Venturing Summer Camp

### Contact them at

Area President: Kaytie Corlew  
[area2president@crventuring.org](mailto:area2president@crventuring.org)

Area Chair: Jeff Gerald  
[area2chair@crventuring.org](mailto:area2chair@crventuring.org)

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

### Upcoming Events

June 20-21: Badger Bash  
June 20-22 & 27-29: NEIC Kodiak  
July 13: Thomas R. Smith Sea Scout Regatta  
July 18-20: Venturing Guide Camp  
July 26: Blackhawk Area Regatta  
July 27-Aug 2: Venturing Camp at Canyon Camp

### Contact them at

Area President: Cody Romano  
[area3president@crventuring.org](mailto:area3president@crventuring.org)

Area Chair: Kris Zahrobsky  
[area3chair@crventuring.org](mailto:area3chair@crventuring.org)

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

### Upcoming Events

August 1-3: Watercraft Camporee  
August 15-17: Sea Scout Rendezvous

### Contact them at

Area President: Ben Hayes  
[area4president@crventuring.org](mailto:area4president@crventuring.org)

Area Chair: Len Roberts  
[area4chair@crventuring.org](mailto:area4chair@crventuring.org)

## Central Region Areas (continued)

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

### Upcoming Events

June 29-July 3: Venturing/Exploring Camp

June 29-July 3: Adventure Camp

July 11-13: Challenge Regatta

July 20-26: Venturing Resident Camp

### Contact them at

Area President: Sarah Ward

[area5president@crventuring.org](mailto:area5president@crventuring.org)

Area Chair: Bob Vogt

[area5chair@crventuring.org](mailto:area5chair@crventuring.org)

More information on all of the events and links to the councils listed above can be found on [www.crventuring.org](http://www.crventuring.org)

## 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=SEASCOU-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=SEASCOU-CREGION-NET>