

Central Region Program Area 5 Venturing Update June 2008

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Our Former Area 5 Venturing President becomes National Venturing President

Friday evening, May 23rd, at the National BSA Meeting in San Diego, CA came the announcement of Venturing's new National Venturing President for 2008-2009. The National Selection Committee for this honor selected **Amanda Vogt**, the former 2006-2007 Central Region Area 5 Venturing President. Amanda will serve as the National Venturing President for 1 year. She will serve on the National Executive Board as the youth representative along with the National OA Chief. She will represent Venturing at events across the nation during the coming year. She plans to be at the Area 5 Committee meeting in Kansas City in October for a Venturing presentation and the September Venturing 10th Anniversary event at the Fall Fun Rally in St. Louis.

From her bio on the nationalventuringcabinet.org website comes the following: Serving as the 2008-2009 National Venturing President is Amanda Vogt. 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. In those positions, she established monthly newsletters, wrote the first set of Bylaws for an Area in the Central Region, and helped to develop the Central Region Venturing structure. She also has served her council, The Greater St. Louis Area Council, as an EVOA (Exploring/Venturing Officers Association) and a VOA (Venturing Officers Association) officer. In those positions she has served on the Venturing Recognition Night Committee, the Fall Fun Rally Committee (the largest Venturing event in the Nation), and served on the Bylaw Committee for writing new Venturing Bylaws for the Greater St. Louis Area Council. 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), and as an Assistant Scoutmaster for local Boy Scout Troop 783. 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, and the Girl Scout Silver Award, Girl Scouting's highest two awards a youth member may earn. She currently serves as a mentor for Cadette Girl Scout Troop 2356 and is a registered Girl Scout Adult Leader.

Now in her sixth year of Venturing, Amanda has lead her Venturing Crew on 6 Super Activities as an officer of her crew. These include: yacht sailing on Lake Michigan; overnight canoe trips on the Wisconsin and Buffalo Rivers; extreme mountain biking in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, Colorado, and Virginia; hiking Mount Yale in Colorado; a Philmont trek; white water rafting in Colorado, and West Virginia; horseback riding through the Colorado Rockies; diamond mining in Crater of Diamonds National Park in Arkansas; and many other adventures.

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. Through her church, she has also earned the God and Life Award, the high school level God and Country Award for the United Methodist Church. She has also completed Kodiak & Kodiak X 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 Business and Accounting. She is a member of the Scouting based service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega. In high school, she was involved in many scholastic activities including National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, Renaissance, Junior Achievement, Show Choir, Chamber Choir, Symphonic Orchestra, and Theatre.



Area 5 Venturing Facebook Group

Since the May 08 Area 5 Venturing Update, the Area 5 Venturing Facebook Group has grown. It now surpasses in membership the Central Region Sea Scouts and three of the Regional Venturing Facebook Groups. We need to thank Eric Mircsov, the Area 5 Venturing Communications Coordinator, for all of his efforts to promote the group. The Area 5 Facebook Group has information about Venturing Summer Camps, Kodiak Courses, activities and events from Council across Area 5 and updates from Central Region Venturing. If you take a look at this Group you will see how the youth are communicating from Kansas to Nebraska to Illinois and beyond. Area 5 is spreading the word about Venturing.

Central Region Venturing: Area 5 (BSA) Global

Information edit

Group Info

Type: Organizations - Non-Profit Organizations

Description: This is a Networking group for social, high adventurous, and great to hang-around type of people. Are you one?

You do not have to be a Venturer to join the group. If you are interested please join to see what 14,000 other 14-21 year olds are doing on their free time.

Welcome to the Central Region Area 5 Venturing Group. Announcements and items of news will be posted here along with events open to everyone in the area. Please also trade stories, share ideas and have fun!

*** GOT FRIENDS? *** INVITE EM! ***

Remember that even though this is an online forum, the Venturing Oath and Code and BSA policies still apply. Inappropriate messages & pictures will not be allowed.

Central Region Area 5 Venturing includes units in: Arts and Hobbies, Outdoors, Religious Life, Sea Scouts, & Sports

CR Area 5 consists of the following 15 Councils:
Cornhusker Council <http://www.cornhuskerCouncil.org/>
Coronado Council <http://www.coronadocout.org/>
Great Rivers Council <http://www.bsa-grc.org/>
Greater St. Louis Area Council <http://www.stlbsa.com>
Heart of America Council <http://hoac-bsa.org/index.cfm>
Jayhawk Council <http://www.jayhawkcouncil.org/>
Mid-America Council <http://www.mac-bsa.org>
Mississippi Valley Council [http://www.mississippivall
eybsa.org/](http://www.mississippivall
eybsa.org/)
Okaw Valley Council <http://www.okawbsa.com>

Officers edit

Amanda Vogt (Marquette High School)
National Venturing President 2008-2009

Katelyn Childs (Ohio State)
Central Region Venturing President 2008-2009

Sarah 'Mustang' Ward (Marquette High School)
CR Area 5 President 08-09

Bob Vogt
CR Area 5 Chairman

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The Area 5 President, Sarah Ward, is planning on using Facebook to help spread the message of how great Venturing is and about Venturing & Sea Scouting events and activities that Area 5 Councils are planning. She also plans to keep increasing the membership. She wants to use Facebook to reach the Venturing youth in Area 5 to keep them informed of all the amazing things happening in Venturing. The Facebook Group is updated monthly and soon will have some new content that will be on Facebook only. So if you have not yet joined Facebook and want to see what the youth of Venturing are talking about, join at www.facebook.com.

Why Facebook? Simply, because that is where you will find much of the youth that we serve in

Venturing. To ignore their internet social network is to lose a most valuable communication tool. For more information on using Facebook with Venturing, I urge you to check out this link to the National Venturing Youth Cabinet and its discussion about Facebook:

<http://www.nationalventuringyouthcabinet.org/files/FacebookFAQ.pdf>

Our Area 5 Venturing Facebook Group is moderated. Photos, video, information, articles and much more can be shared between our Venturing youth and adults.

Central Region Venturing Newsletter

Attached to this emailed Venturing Update is the June 2008 issue of the Central Region Venturing Newsletter. As always, we need your help in sending this newsletter out across our Area 5. Please forward it to all of your Venturing contacts (youth & adult) and professionals that work with Venturing. Increasing communications amongst Venturers can only help to increase our membership.

Venturing 10th Anniversary Event for Central Region to be Held Here in Area 5!

The Central Region's Venturing 10th Anniversary Celebration will be held here in Area 5 at The Greater St. Louis Area Council's **Fall Fun Rally** the weekend of September 19th – 21st, 2008 has been chosen as the 10th

Anniversary event for Central Region Venturing. The Fall Fun Rally is the largest Venturing event in the Central Region. Last year over 700 Venturers and leaders attended the event. Mark your calendars now to join Venturers from around the Central Region at the 10th Anniversary Celebration. A promotional video of the event can be found at www.fallfunrally.org. A great flyer about the event is attached. The event's details will be available soon.



VENTURING MANPOWER

Regional Venturing Growth Plan for 2008

Plan

The National Venturing Committee, guided by the 2006-2010 BSA Strategic Plan, is committed to supporting the growth and delivery of the Venturing program in the United States. A key aspect of the National Strategic Plan Pillar 2 states the following goal, **“The number of engaged, accountable volunteers is dramatically increased at all levels of Scouting.”**



In accord with the National Strategic Plan, the National Venturing Council Support Committee is challenging each region to dramatically increase the number of Venturing volunteers who are delivering the Venturing program throughout America. **Each region is challenged to put into place in every council a Venturing Key 3.**

Council Requirements

Each council is required to recruit key Venturing leadership. Each council must identify a youth president or similar position, a Venturing volunteer chair or equivalent, and a professional responsible for Venturing. (The councils in Area 5 that had the Venturing Key 3 in place in 2007 grow Venturing on an average of over 13% last year. The councils in Area 5 that had only 1 key Venturing position or less in place on the average dropped 3% in Venturing membership in 2007.)

Having Venturing Key 3 in place in our Area 5 councils will significantly contribute to this national focus. The Area 5 Venturing Committee will be working with each council that does not have all 3 Key Venturing positions filled to help identify and train those people for your positions.

Timeline

Our goal is to have the Venturing Key 3 in place in all councils completed by summer, 2008. Sarah Ward, Area 5 Venturing President & Bob Vogt, Area 5 Venturing Chair will be contacting councils about their Venturing Key 3.

Venturing Leadership Awards

Red = National VLA
Green = Regional/Area VLA
Blue = Council VLA



Do you have Venturers in your council that are outstanding leaders? Have you recognized them with the Venturing Leadership Award?

Mid-America Council Venturing Resident Camp 2008

Finally, Venturers can get together and hang out with other Venturers! The 1st Annual Venturing Resident Camp hosted by the Mid-America Council; will be held at Camp Cedars from July 20-26th. All Councils are welcome and invited to attend! Activity

Highlights include:

- Aquatics and Scuba
- Equestrian
- Shooting Sports
- Ecology
- Project C.O.P.E./Climbing
- Venturing Ranger
- Karaoke, Pool Party and other cool activities in the evenings

Cost: \$235.00; \$275.00 after June 27, 2008.

This camp is for Registered Venturers only and registration as a Crew is preferred. For more information, log onto www.mac-bsa.org or email campdirector@mac-bsa.org. Flyer is attached.

10th Anniversary Venturing Photo Contest

Venturing has also created a 10th Anniversary Photo Contest. What images do you think best reflect the essence of Venturing? Capture them with your camera and then enter your favorite photographs in the "Venturing 10th Anniversary" photo contest.

The contest is open to all registered youth members of the Venturing program. Photos will be judged in four categories:

1. Wildlife
2. People
3. The Spirit of Venturing
4. Spirit of Patriotism

The judges will be looking for the photographs that best exhibit creativity,



originality and visual beauty. A winning photograph will be selected for each of the four categories. From the four winners, one photograph will be selected as the Grand Prize Winner. See attached file for contest details.

**Ahoy Skippers.
Great Missouri Valley
Challenge Regatta
Council Bluff, Iowa
July 11-13, 2008**



Mark this weekend on your calendar and have your crew put it on their summer program. This is an event you don't want to miss.

Sea Scout Ship 542 and our sponsor, the Lake Manawa Sailing Club, will be hosting a Ship's challenge regatta. We will provide Sunfish sailboats for a round robin qualifying series and a championship round. Just bring your PFD and sailing gear. We will be sending out more information in the next couple of months. To get more information about the Sailing Club and our Ship, check out at <http://www.sailmanawa.com/>. See attached flyer.

**Promote Your Council's
Venturing Events**

If your council has Venturing events, camps, or activities that you want to promote across our Area 5, just send to me the information and I will include it in the next Area 5 Venturing Update. Send to Bob Vogt, Area 5 Venturing Advisor at rvogt1@charter.net.

**Why take the
Venturing Leadership Skills Course?**

The
Venturing
Leadership
Skills Course
(VLSC) is



designed to help teach youth adults the attitudes and skills that good leaders demonstrate. Practicing and mastering these skills will help enable Venturers to have positive leadership experiences in every facet of Scouting and life. It does not matter the type of

activities a particular Crew has chosen, this is a leadership skills building course that all potential youth leaders should take to help shape their leadership styles. VLSC is a requirement for the youth to earn the Venturing Silver Award, it is a suggested course for any Venturer interested in participating on a Kodiak Trek, and is a requirement for the Advisor to earn the Advisors Award of Merit. VLSC is the first course of three offered through the Nature of Leadership Program!

Do a Kodiak Trek in 2008



**The Five Commissions of Kodiak:
Effective Team / Values and Vision /
Communication / Decision Making / Planning**

**Learn how to conduct a Kodiak Trek in
your Crew, District, or Council contact:**

Area 5 Kodiak Coordinator
Rick McIlvoy, Greater St. Louis Area Council
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Home Phone: 636-394-5728
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Powder Horn Course:

The Heart of America Council is hosting a Powder Horn course. Powder Horn is a training opportunity designed to expose the Venturing or Boy Scout leader to activities and resources necessary to operate a successful Venturing Ranger Award or Troop High Adventure program. The course is being held at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation in Bonner Springs, KS over 2 weekends (Aug 15-17 & Sept. 5-7). A brochure is attached.



**Learn more about how your council can
conduct a Powder Horn Course contact:**

Area 5 Powder Horn Coordinator
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Kodiak & Powder Horn Course Director Conference

The Central Region is hosting a Kodiak & Powder Horn Course Director Conference here in Area 5.

This is a must attend conference for anyone that has ever thought about conducting a Kodiak Trek & Kodiak X course for your Crew, District, or Council. This is a required conference for a person to run a Powder Horn course in your Council.



The conference will be held on the campus of Lindenwood University in St. Charles, MO. It will be the weekend of October 24-26, 2008. More details and a brochure will be in the next Area 5 Venturing Update.



Coronado Council Venturing Weekend Camp Hansen Scout Camp Kirwin, Kansas July 11 -13, 2008

Come and join us for a weekend of fun and activities at Camp Hansen. This is our first summer event at Camp Hansen that is designed with a program just for our Co-ed Venture Crews. If you love the outdoors and want to do all or some of the following this might be the event for you. Activities will include Camping, Cooking, Mountain Biking, Handicrafts, Climbing Tower, Project C.O.P.E., Mountain Boards, Swimming, Kayaking/Canoeing, Fishing, Shooting Sports, and Archery. You can sign up with your crew or individually as we will be providing Adult Leadership. The cost of the event is \$75 per person or \$50 if you were a participant of the May Venturing Canoe Trip. \$50 for Adult Advisors.

For More Information contact: Nikki Chamberlain
Nikki.Chamberlain@usd305.com (785)565-4019 or
Gary Shoemaker (785)-827-4461 Deadline in June 6, 2008

Your CR Area 5 Venturing Committee

We are here to be a resource for Venturing in your council.

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(Did That Get Your Attention?)

Outstanding Scholarship Offer for Venturing Silver Award Recipients & Eagle Scouts from Lindenwood University



Lindenwood University and the Boy Scouts of America are pleased to offer an exciting opportunity to Boy Scouts of America members. Lindenwood University announces that it will

award over \$1,000,000 per year for four years in scholarship assistance to reward youth leaders who have volunteered with, been members of, or worked for certain area youth-serving agencies. The Boy Scouts of America is one of those prestigious agencies participating in the scholarship program. Lindenwood has awarded the Boy Scouts of America over \$250,000 in scholarships for the upcoming school year to recognize outstanding youth. The three levels of scholarships range from \$5,000 to \$12,000 per year, or \$20,000 to \$48,000 (excluding an allotted \$2,400 earned in the work and learn program) over a four-year period. Please find the attached scholarship information sheet that explains the criteria and application process for each scholarship.

With its main campus in St. Charles, Missouri, Lindenwood is a four-year co-educational, liberal arts university. Much like the Boy Scouts of America, Lindenwood promotes the importance of a value-oriented culture and education for all of its students. Lindenwood houses more than 3,500 residential students and educates nearly 15,000 total students each academic year; Lindenwood University is the fastest growing institution of higher learning in Missouri.



While Lindenwood offers more than 64 undergraduate and graduate degrees, we would encourage you to explore the Non-Profit Administration (NPA) degree program. NPA is a program that prepares nonprofit professionals to work with America's youth and families in agencies

such as the YMCA, the YWCA, and, of course, the Boy Scouts of America. Each year, these agencies need more than 50,000 new professionals to fill entry-level youth and human service positions.

Regardless of your intended major at Lindenwood, these scholarships are available to you because of your service with your Boy Scouts of America. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and apply promptly; applications received early will receive first consideration.

Good luck in your college search!
Sincerely,
James D. Evans,
President - Lindenwood University

Great Venturing Sites:

National Venturing Cabinet Officers:

www.nationalventuringyouthcabinet.org

Central Region Venturing: www.crventuring.org

Central Region Sea Scouting:

www.seascouting.crventuring.org

