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Central Region Venturing Monthly Newsletter



Welcome to the 3rd 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.

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Happy Birthday Venturing!!!

August 1st is often considered the official starting date of the Venturing Program. While the conception of Venturing originated during a BSA board meeting in February, the official program entitled "Venturing" rolled out on August 1st. This date was the defining time in which all of the outdoor Exploring Posts switched their charters to become Venturing Crews. Venturing is celebrating it's 10th Anniversary during the 2008 year. Venturers and Scouters may celebrate through the many events to attend and programs in which to participate throughout the Central Region. These opportunities will be highlighted in this 10th Anniversary issue!



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Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award



The Central Region is continually promoting Venturing progress and excellence within Councils. The 2008 forms for the Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award are now available on the Central Region website at www.crventuring.org. Encourage your Council to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Venturing by pursuing this distinction.

Quest Sports Day 2008

This opportunity was created by the National Venturing Division to celebrate Venturing's 10th Anniversary. It was created to promote fun, learning a new sport, competition, celebration and the Sports Bronze and Quest awards. Any Crew, Ship, VOA or multi-council group can put on a Quest Sports Day. One must hold the event anytime in 2008. This one-day event must feature a "nontraditional" sport (not baseball, basketball, or football). This chosen sport must be taught, practiced, and then be the subject of a competition. Anyone who plans or participates in a Quest Sports Day in 2008 can notify Keith Walton at kw Walton@netbsa.org and automatically receive the commemorative patch for their participation.



Monthly Q&A

Does the Central Region have a Sea Scouting Newsletter?

Tim Stanfill, the Central Region Boatswain, is progressing Sea Scouting within the Region. He is bringing back the Central Region Sea Scouting Newsletter, for the first time in many years, to be able to communicate more effectively from the region and areas to individual Ships. Tim is aiming to have this newsletter out each month with a different monthly theme. To receive the newsletter, make sure you join the Yahoo Group crseascouting by sending an email to crseascouting@yahoo.com.

If you ever have any questions for Tim feel free to send him an email at cr_boatswain08-09@live.com.





Venturing's 10th Anniversary

The Central Region is fortunate to play host to various events in celebration of Venturing's 10-year landmark! These are just a few of the big ones:



Bay Jammer

Area 1's 10th anniversary celebration was held July 18-20 within the Bay-lakes Council. This weekend offered a variety of canoe races, log sawing, sand sculpting, and a triathlon.



Area 2 Assemblage

The Venturing Area 2 Assemblage was held August 15-17, 2008 at Gerber Scout Reservation, Twin Lake Michigan. The weekend features program opportunities to complete Ranger Award requirements including first aid, land navigation, backpacking, COPE, climbing, shooting sports, watercraft activities and cooking.

Look for full reports on Bay Jammer and the Area 2 Assemblage in September's newsletter.

Fall Fun Rally

The Fall Fun Rally will be held September 19-21, 2008 at Beaumont Scout Reservation in High Ridge, MO. This is a must-attend event for all Central Region Venturers. The FFR is the largest Venturing event in the country, boasting attendance numbers of over 700 people. This year, the FFR is the official Central Region Venturing event to commemorate Venturing's 10th Anniversary. This year, there are plenty of program areas including Medieval Olympics, Fantastic Fun-Filled Frenzy, Pirates of Beaumont, and Survivor: Venturing Edition. Check out www.fallfunrally.org for registration and more details.



X Marks the Spot

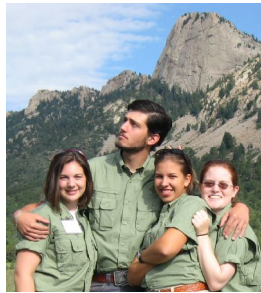
X Marks the Spot is Central Region Area 4's 10th Anniversary Venturing event. This event will be hosted by Camp Birch in Yellow Springs, OH from October 17-19, 2008. This is a unique pirate-themed event for the Area, created specifically to celebrate the Venturing anniversary. There will be a multitude of programs including pirate raft races, climbing, COPE, marksmanship, kayaking, a pinewood derby and much more.

More information on all of these events and more can be found on www.crventuring.org

Venturing Week at Philmont Training Center

Philmont Training Center (PTC) hosted Venturing Week from August 3 – 9. Volunteer faculty from around the country gathered their knowledge and expertise on all things Venturing for a week of teaching and fun!

Venturing Week offered a multitude of classes for Scouting adults. The selection included How to Develop Crews that Thrive, Incorporating Venturing in Your Troop, High Adventure Program for Crews, Delivering Venturing to Districts and Councils, Teaching Basic Outdoor Skills, Council and District Activities Leadership, The Unit Commissioner, Training Venturing Leaders, and two youth Kodiak treks. Participants signed up in record numbers to attend Venturing Week sessions.



National Venturing Youth Cabinet with the Tooth of Time

This Venturing Week hosted four members of the National Venturing Youth Cabinet. They spent their time visiting sessions, giving presentations, addressing participant questions, and enjoying the Philmont experience.

The Cabinet spent time with classes on Monday and Tuesday including some teambuilding through a low COPE course. Wednesday was the day off from classes during which time the participants enjoyed the Philmont scenery with their families. Thursday and



Cabinet on a low COPE course element

Friday wrapped up the week of learning with more informational sessions and graduation ceremonies. Through all of the educational aims of the week, classes were not the only draw of PTC. Faculty, participants, and the Cabinet also participated in evening entertainment like a Tobasco Donkeys concert, Western night, sunrise hikes to Lover's Leap, and touring around the town of Cimarron, NM.



Venturing symbol in the Villa Philmonte garden

Philmont is home to the Philmont Museum and Seton Memorial Library in addition to the Villa Philmonte. Both historical tributes were open to PTC faculty and participants. The National Cabinet took the opportunity to visit both during Venturing week and learned a great deal about the origins of Philmont Scout Ranch.



Cabinet in the Villa Philmonte

Venturing week at PTC was a great opportunity for the participants to learn about everything Venturing and to network with a variety of fellow participants, faculty and Youth Cabinet members. If you have an interest in attending PTC Venturing Week next summer check your council office for more information.

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

Sept 1-6: LNT Master Educator Course
Sept 19-21: Venture X at Ripley

Contact them at

Area President: Carrie Schmitz
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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

Aug 15-17: Area 2 Assemblage
Oct 3-5: LNT Master Educator course (wknd 1)

Contact them at

Area President: Kaytie Corlew
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Area Chair: Jeff Gerald
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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

Sept 12-14: Wicked Sweet Rendez-vous
Sept 26-28: LNT Master Educator course (wknd 1)
Oct 10-12: Operation Rising Tide

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Area President: Cody Romano
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Area Chair: Kris Zahrobsky
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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

Aug 15-17: Sea Scout Rendezvous
Aug 15-17: Begin GCC Powder Horn
Oct 19-21: X Marks the Spot

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Area President: Ben Hayes
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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

Aug 15-17: Powder Horn
Sept 19-21: Fall Fun Rally

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More information on all of the events and links to the councils listed above can be found on 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=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://groups.yahoo.com/group/crseascouting/?yguid=280725914>