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Central Region Venturing Monthly Newsletter



Welcome to the 4th 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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Central Region Venturing Crew 2052 in Ireland

The members of Venturing crew 2052, from Lawrence Kansas, often find themselves explaining their unique membership. What sets this crew apart is the fact that they are currently an all girl crew. While they are often confused for girl scouts, they do not let it hold them back from participating in Scouting events. The crew has participated in many activities locally and with surrounding councils since the crew was established over five years ago. They've participated in two trips to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, two trips to Okpik winter adventure in Ely, Minnesota as well as summer camps and other activities. This summer, they have gone even farther, traveling overseas to Ireland.

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Crew 2052 met the U.S. Ambassador to Ireland. L-R: Audrey Taylor, Grace Clark, Kelsey Taylor, U.S. Ambassador Thomas Foley, Kat Lewis, Casey Hutchins, Carmel Sivron, Barb Pressgrove

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Kodiak and Powder Horn CDC



The Central Region is holding a Course Directors Conference for Kodiak/ Kodiak X and Powder Horn on October 24 - 26, 2008 in St. Charles, MO at Lindenwood University. This is an exciting opportunity for those looking to put on an exciting and successful Kodiak or Powder Horn course. We have an awesome staff assembled by the Central Region Venturing Committee to deliver the finest instruction to eager participants. More information and registration forms can be found at www.crventuring.org. These CDC courses are an essential ingredient to expanding the success of the Venturing program!

Venturer You Should Know

Carrie Schmitz, the Central Region Area One Venturing President, is from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and has been a member of Venturing for 4 years. A Silver and Council Venturing Leadership Award Recipient, Carrie was the Founding President of the Hawkeye Area Council Venturing Association (the equivalent of a VOA or TLC.) Her Venturing Career began with Venturing Crew 1024 (Native American Heritage Focus) in Palo, Iowa.

Carrie is currently a Pre-Law student at the University of Iowa, planning to major in English and Political Science. She is a member of the Fencing and Swing Clubs at the University, and enjoys Ballroom Dancing and spending time with her family and friends in her free time.



Monthly Q&A

What opportunities exist for Venturers at the 2010 National Jamboree?

Venturers may attend the Jamboree as staff if they meet the age requirements. Jamboree staff positions are open to adult men and women who meet required qualifications. Adult staff members must have been born before July 26, 1989. Youth staff members must have been born between August 4, 1989 and July 26, 1994, and be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. Jamboree staff applicants are submitted online directly to the national office. Youth staff (under age 18) have the opportunity to serve in numerous job assignments at the jamboree. Youth staff will be needed in many of the jamboree groups and services listed on the staff application, such as jamboree band (Daily Ceremonies), Trading Posts, Brownsea Island, Action Centers, and Service Corps. There are many program areas in which to staff but there is a Venturing and Sea Scouting booth to consider! More information and applications are available on www.crventuring.org.



Venturing & Sea Scout
Exhibit Youth Staff at the
2005 National Scout
Jamboree



Venturing's 10th Anniversary Happenings



Fall Fun Rally

Hopefully everyone registered for the Central Region's 10th Anniversary event. When you attend please make sure you take your cake!!! The FFR is asking that every Crew bring at least a 9 by 13 inch sheet cake and one container of icing. All of these cakes will be combined into the largest Venturing birthday cake! We will see you at the FFR where you can have your cake and eat it too!

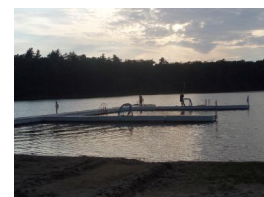
X Marks the Spot

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. Registration forms are now available and can be obtained by emailing Katelyn Childs at crventuring_prez@yahoo.com.



Area 2 Assemblage

Gerber Scout Reservation in Twin Lake Michigan hosted the Venturing Area 2 Assemblage on August 15 - 17, 2008. The weekend gathered participants from 3 states and featured a multitude of exciting program opportunities. Current Area 2 President, Kaytie Corlew, and Area 2 Boatswain, Julie Bollinger, joined the festivities of a wide array of programs including first aid, land navigation, backpacking, COPE, climbing, shooting sports and watercraft activities. The weekend included a special ceremony to award former Area 2 President, Katherine Maxim with the Regional Venturing Leadership Award.



Bay Jammer

Area One's 10th Anniversary Birthday Party was held in conjunction with The M&M Bay Jammer (July 18 - 20th.) M&M Bay Jammer, the nation's oldest Scouting event of its kind, is held each summer in beautiful downtown Menominee, Michigan and utilizes the facilities of the M&M Yacht Club. Now in its 60th consecutive year, Bay Jammer has played host to thousands of youth participating in Sea Scout Ships, Venturing Crews, Explorer Posts, Boy Scout Troops, and Senior Girl Scout Troops from all over the Midwest region. Events at Bay Jammer have changed and evolved over time, but still include the essence of what Scouting is all about. Events available for Scouts to participate in include canoeing, boat races, swimming, log rolling, volleyball, sand sculpting, a talent night called "LipJam", a triathlon, a formal dance, and much more. Each year an average of 400 youth and adults make the trek to Menominee for this historic event. Placing in several events, Bay Jammer was a hit with Venturers and Sea Scouts alike!



CR Crew 2052 in Ireland *(Story continued from page 1)*

The group gathered at KCI Airport on July 28, 2008 ready for this trip of a lifetime to the Irish International Jamboree at Punchestown just outside of Dublin. Scouts attending were Grace Clark, Casey Hutchins, Kat Lewis, Carmel Sivron, and Kelsey Taylor from Lawrence, JoAnna Male from Eudora and Becky Miller from Bonner Springs. Adult advisors were Audrey Taylor from Lawrence and Barb Pressgrove from Baldwin City. The four days prior to the Jamboree the crew stayed on Bull Island, just off the coast of Dublin, at the Scout den of the 12th Dublin 5th Port Dollymount Sea Scouts. The Scout den was right on the water where the tide went in and out. Scouts from the 5th Port Girl Sea Scout Troop joined the crew touring Dublin. The crew was able to experience some of the history of Ireland at St. Patrick's Cathedral (where George Bernard Shaw and other authors are buried), Dublin Castle, Trinity College and the Book of Kells, Dublinia (a Viking hands-on museum), and the National Museum which had a "100 years of Scouting Ireland" exhibit. They enjoyed getting to know the Irish Sea Scouts and learning more about their Scouting program. The crew was able to see the girl Sea Scout group in action as they rowed their boats from the Liffey River, across the bay avoiding large tanker ships, under the wood foot bridge to the Scout den for storage.



The Crew outside Trinity College with our new friends from the 5th Port Dollymount Girl Sea Scouts.

On August 2nd the crew arrived at the Jamboree, with the 5th Port Sea Scouts joining 10,000 Scouts, including 1,500 international Scouts, to celebrate 100 years of Irish Scouting. The festival lasted 8 days. Each day participants took part in all sorts of activities including crafts, murder mysteries (CSI skills), outdoor skills, and even computer technology. Some Crew members worked as Jamboree staff for several days alongside Jamboree staff and other Scout volunteers.

Wednesday was Beaver day when the younger Scouts came to visit for the day. Visitor's Day was cancelled for those not already in-route. The rain had left the subcamps submerged in areas and the grounds were not equipped for additional visitors. Visitors were kept to the main paved common area while staff, Scouts, and volunteers worked to bail and pump water out of the hardest hit subcamps. Crew 2052 served on the trenching crew and worked alongside many of their new

international friends to get the water flowing out of the campsites. Most of the crew took a break at noon to attend a reception where they met the U.S. Ambassador to Ireland. They were able to spend a short amount of time with the Ambassador visiting and telling him about their all girl crew and what they'd been doing while in Ireland and at the Jamboree.

Thursday morning, the crew traveled to Donadea Forest Park to take part in a Tribal Island event where they rotated through stations. The "inflatables" included mechanical bull riding, sumo wrestling, pillow fight on a log, reverse bungi, and human foosball. Other stations included music, screenprinting, stilt walking, unicycling and oversize games. The Donadea castle ruins they camped next to included the main castle along with a church, graveyard, walled garden and other buildings within a surrounding wall. The tribes participated in a conservation project removing vine from the outer wall surrounding the castle area. After a wildlife presentation with pythons, a lizard, and anacondas the music and stage entertainment went late into the evening.

Along with every great experience comes a little rain. Little did they know, the dark clouds would be literal. The jamboree was hit with some of the worst rainy weather that Kildare, Ireland had seen in years. The last day of the jamboree was almost washed out with near record rainfall. Because of the downpour, most of the camp had to be evacuated to higher ground and permanent facilities onsite. Despite being soaked through, the Kansas group maintained a positive while moving their gear. After two weeks in Ireland, they returned home on August 10th. Although most of their gear was wet, and they were all exhausted from the trip, it was an experience that left quite an impact.



Casey Hutchins stands next to Kelsey Taylor who carries the U.S. flag with JoAnna Male close behind with their crew flag as part of the Jamboree opening ceremony.

They took pride in being Americans and learned of their own foreign accent. Members of Crew 2052 returned home with a different outlook and many new international friends. You can check out more photos from their experience at www.venturecrew2052.org/Ireland.

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 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

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
Nov 7-9: CreepORee
Nov 8: 8th Annual Barnyard Football Bash

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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 12-14: Second weekend of GCC Powder Horn
Oct 19-21: X Marks the Spot

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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

Sept 19-21: Fall Fun Rally
 Oct 24-26: Kodiak/Kodiak X and Powder Horn CDC

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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=SEASCOU-NET>



Central Region Sea Scouting Yahoo Group: 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/>