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Central Region Venturing Monthly Newsletter



Welcome to the 5th 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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2008 Fall Fun Rally

3 days. **35** years. Over **750** Venturers. **50** activities. The numbers are impressive but they pale in comparison to the final number...

44 square feet of birthday cake!

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Venturer You Should Know

Kaytie Corlew is serving the Central Region as the 2008-2009 Area 2 President. Kaytie's leadership and organizational experiences in and beyond Venturing are extensive. She has served for nearly two years as the president of the Tall Pine Council's Venturing Leaders Association. Prior to that she was a Crew President. She is the first Venturer in her council to receive the Venturing Leadership Award and she has earned her Outdoor Bronze Award.



Kaytie is an active student at Kearsley High School in Flint, MI, including her involvement in the choirs. She is very involved in the youth leadership at the Hopewell General Baptist Church, and her other interests include tutoring middle school students in algebra.

Kodiak and Powder Horn CDC

Make sure to get your registration forms in for the Central Region Kodiak/Kodiak X or Powder Horn CDCs! These Course Director's Conferences are taking place October 24-26, 2008 in St. Charles, MO. Beyond learning about how to host these courses, this is an awesome networking opportunity. Each day's training will end by combining both Kodiak and Powder Horn groups for a fun rendezvous. The weekend will also include a Venturing Roundtable.

Download the registration forms at:

Kodiak: <http://www.crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=258>

Powder Horn: <http://www.crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=259>

Contact: Connie Elliot, CR Kodiak CDC Coordinator, at CampConnie@aol.com or Roger Mantony, CR Powder Horn CDC Coordinator, at RogerLMan@aol.com with any questions!

Monthly Q&A

How do I learn about Central Region Events?

The Central Region Venturing website at www.crventuring.org has a tab labeled "Activities." Under the Activities category is a section named "Events Calendar." Make your way through these links and you will arrive at a listing of all inputted events within the Central Region and beyond. There are other links to conduct a specific search based on your location or topic of interest. Once you find the event in which you are interested clicking on the name will give another window with more event details, relevant links, and contact information. These events are only posted because someone took the time to list them. If you have an event or know of one that is missing please add it to the listing. To list a new event, please refer to the homepage. There is a link on the far left, near the bottom, in the "Interact" box. Expanding the listing in any way you can helps everyone in the Region and helps to promote your own events!



Central Region Sea Scouting Website

The Central Region Venturing and Sea Scouting Committees are proud to announce the Central Region Sea Scouting website:

<http://seascouting.crventuring.org>

Sea Scout specific resources, many of them weblinks, have been provided, including news articles, leadership information, training opportunities, an events calendar, photo gallery, a resource section, and a ship locator.

The resource section includes Boating resources, Ceremonies, Custom Certificates, an Insignia Guide (coming soon), Sea Scout Advancement, and Uniforms, as well as many other general BSA and Venturing links. Please explore the website to discover all there is to offer.



These pages are intended to help the Skipper provide program to support Sea Scouts as they work on their ranks & awards. Many more resources are in the works for this site and will be announced as they are added.

Content of the linked sites listed is neither controlled by the Central Region, any council, nor the Boy Scouts of America. Links are provided exclusively for educational benefit and do not constitute an endorsement, contract, or any other relationship between the Central Region, and the proprietor of said external link.

We would also very much like to add to these resources – especially of the resources are located within the Central Region. Please send all of your resource recommendations to us by email at: communications-coordinator@crventuring.org Be sure to let us know in which category they fit.

2008 Fall Fun Rally

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The Venue: Beaumont Scout Reservation, near High Ridge, MO, played host to the nation's largest Venturing event. The Fall Fun Rally (FFR) is the Central Region's official annual Venturing event and was especially adorned for the 10th Anniversary of Venturing. The Fall Fun Rally has been running since 1974 and is one of the oldest Venturing/Exploring events in the country. This year, the FFR was held on September 19-21 in the Greater St. Louis Area Council.

The Participants: A record event attendance included about 750 Venturers in addition to Advisors and event staff. These Venturers hailed from 10 councils and 7 different states and included Venturing youth, Advisors, consultants, staff, Explorers, National and Regional professionals.

The Activities: The FFR offered myriad of opportunity for enjoyment. Friday night hosted the Greater St. Louis Area Council's Venturing Officer's Association elections in addition to a trivia game and movie night. Saturday was a whirl of activity with over 50 activities put on by the various districts. The program areas included Medieval Olympics, Fantastic Fun-Filled Frenzy, Pirates of Beaumont and Survivor: Venturing Edition. Other featured activities included a volleyball tournament, fencing demonstration, Mountain Men Encampment, shotgun and rifle shooting, a climbing tower and the ever-messy mud cave! Saturday night assembled all participants for an awards ceremony, slideshow, Venturing Idol, a dance and cake, lots of cake.



FFR Staff and Participants with giant Venturing Birthday cake.



Sarah Ward, CR Area 5 President, serving up some action on the Volleyball court

The Cabinets: Five members of National and Regional Venturing Cabinets were present to partake in the festivities. Your Central Region Venturing Youth Cabinet was represented by Katelyn Childs, the Central Region Venturing President, Cody Romano, CR Area 3 President, Ben Hayes, CR Area 4 President, and Sarah Ward, the CR Area 5 President. The event also drew national attention with the attendance of the National Venturing President, Amanda Vogt!

The Cake: Each unit in attendance contributed a sheet cake. All of these cakes were put together and collectively iced to make a giant Venturing 10th Birthday cake. This cake measured about 4' by 11' totaling 44 square feet of moist and spongy cake! This cake was topped off with 60 pounds of vanilla icing and the Venturing logo!

The Website: Information on future Fall Fun Rally registration is always available on www.fallfunrally.org.

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

Nov 1: VLST & VLSC

Contact them at

Area President: Carrie Schmitz
area1president@crventuring.org

Area Chair: Chris Sandberg
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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)
Nov 8: Amazing Race

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

Oct 10-12: Operation Rising Tide
Nov 7-9: CreepORee
Nov 7-9: Rock the Castle II
Nov 8: 8th Annual Barnyard Football Bash

Contact them at

Area President: Cody Romano
area3president@crventuring.org

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

Oct 19-21: X Marks the Spot
Oct 24: Area 4 Program Conference

Contact them at

Area President: Ben Hayes
area4president@crventuring.org

Area Chair: Len Roberts
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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

Oct 24-26: Kodiak/Kodiak X and Powder Horn CDC
Dec 6: VLST

Contact them at

Area President: Sarah Ward
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Area Chair: Bob Vogt
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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>