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Central Region Venturing Monthly Newsletter



Welcome to the 6th 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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Going to College?

Many colleges have an application deadline around December 1st. For all of those Venturers searching for the right college, be sure to check out the Universities offering monetary assistance for Venturers. These generous scholarships are, of course, in addition to a rewarding scholastic environment!



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Venturer You Should Know

Cody Romano is the 2008-2009 Central Region Area 3 Venturing President. Cody comes to us from Northeast Illinois Council and is a resident of Buffalo Grove, Illinois. He is 16 years old and currently attends Buffalo Grove High School. He plans to attend college and is interested in pursuing a future career as a teacher or professional Scouter.

Cody started in the Scouting program as a Cub Scout and continuing now as a Boy Scout. He is currently on the trail to earning the rank of Eagle Scout and anticipates achieving that fine honor this year.

Leadership is something Cody is very passionate about. He has attended and taught classes for JLT (Junior Leadership Training) and the VLSC (Venturing Leadership Skills Course), as well as many other local sessions. He also plans to attend the NLS (National Leadership Seminar) and Kodiak this year.



Before being named the new Area 3 Venturing President, Cody served as the President of his Crew and the VOA (Venturing Officers' Association) President for his Council. He also has worked on camp staff, Okpik staff, and as the Director of Programs for his OA (Order of the Arrow) Lodge.

Monthly Q&A

What is the Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award?



The Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award was created within the Central Region as an effort to ensure positive progress for Council Venturing Officers Association (VOA). A Council earns the award by completing requirements and meeting certain criteria for the previous year. Mandatory requirements include such things as having positive growth in Venturing membership, having a VOA and Venturing Key 3, and awarding at least one Venturing Leadership Award. Elective requirements range from offering a Venturing Leadership Skills Course, having a Council Sea Scout Boatswain, or holding a Venturing Leader Specific Training to hosting a Kodiak, Powder Horn or Seabadge conference. All of the mandatory and elective requirements are meant to ensure an upward trajectory

for the Council and its Venturing program. Councils must meet the listed criteria by December 31, 2008. To apply for the award, the Council and VOA leadership fill in the council information at the top of the form, mark the requirements that have been completed, and get the requested signatures. The completed form is then mailed or faxed to the Central Region office. Recognition items will include a plaque, recognition in the Central Region newsletter, listing in the Central Region luncheon program at the Annual BSA Meeting, and listing on crventuring.org. Applications for the 2008 Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award are due by February 15, 2008. CSVEA forms are available on the Central Region website at www.crventuring.org.

X Marks the Spot

Ahoy, Matey!!

One Location, 175 Pirates, eating ice cream, and dancing the night away with swag, ship races and treasure to be won! Nope, this isn't the trailer for the next Pirates of the Caribbean movie...

Yo ho ho, the Venturer's life for me!

On the night of Friday, October 17 at Camp Birch in Yellow Springs, Ohio was taken over by pirates for the first and hopefully not last time. Area 4 was very pleased to sponsor it first area event ever. "X Marks the Spot" as it was called, was attended by over 175 participants. Both ships and crews were present.

Staff included Central President Katelyn Childs, Regional Boatswain Tim Stanfill, Area 4 Boatswain Sarah Nino, and Area 4 President Ben Hayes. The leadership that they put forth was pillaged and plundered by the youth and adult there. The event was sponsored by Tecumseh Council.

The weekend opened with a grand ole pirate show. Crews put on skits and joined in good old pirate shanties. Venturing Crew 6 put a gun show as their skit. They stole the show with their abilities to spin and throw the rifles catching them every time. They then surprised us all by shooting a shot into the air. It was truly a sight to see.



The weekend was filled with 20 plus activities. They ranged from hand gun demos, C.O.P.E course, natural rock repelling and climbing, and even a pine wood derby. But, the most exciting event was the build your own raft race. Crews set off to sea in a homemade boat in a race for the loot at the finish line. Dodging the reefs and calming the stormy seas, we are lucky none of the boats ended up feeding the fishes.

The weekend ended with the Pirate's Ball on Saturday night. All the crew members dressed up in their pirate's best, and danced the night away. Awards were handed out for many of the actives that had taken place that weekend, from the best Pirate Garb to the Ship Mostly Likely to Sink.

All hands were truly on deck with the amount of fellowship and promotion of the Venturing program. Area 4 is looking forward to seeing all of you next year at the 2nd annual Area event. Next year will be just as ship-shaped with the all the help for scurvy sea dogs.



Pirates from Crew 1932 from Greater Cleveland Council in their 1st place vessel.

Scouting Scholarships

University of Evansville

The University of Evansville has teamed up with America's Scouting organizations to create the UE Scouting Scholarship – a \$55,000, four-year award for recipients of the Scouting's highest honors.



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The award, which will first be administered to incoming freshmen in the 2009-10 academic year, is available to Boy Scouts who have earned the Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout Award, Sea Scouts who have earned the Sea Scouting Quartermaster Award, or Venturers who have earned the Venturing Silver Award; and to Girl Scouts who have received the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award.

Candidates also must visit the UE campus before April 18, 2009.

"We're extremely excited about this partnership with the Boy Scouts of America and Girl Scouts of the USA," said Keith Gehlhausen, Central Region Venturing Chair and Director of Human Resources at UE. "The young men and women who earn these organizations' highest honors become the type of college students who succeed at the University of Evansville – they already have demonstrated the values, the work ethic, and the commitment to learning that embody the University of Evansville's mission."

These young men and women, who already have distinguished themselves through service to their communities, will have the opportunity at UE to continue the service they began as Scouts. The University of Evansville's commitment to service encourages every student to make a difference in their community, beginning with a Freshman Service Project the first week of classes.

The \$55,000 scholarship breaks down to \$13,750 each year.

The University of Evansville is a private, United Methodist Church-related, comprehensive university that is a member of the Associated New American Colleges. Its core purpose is to provide life-transforming educational experiences that prepare students to engage the world as informed, ethical, and productive citizens.

For more information about the UE Scouting Scholarship, call 812-488-2468 or 800-423-8633, ext. 2468, or e-mail admission@evansville.edu. For information about the University of Evansville, check out: <http://www.evansville.edu/>

Information is also available on the Central Region Website.

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.

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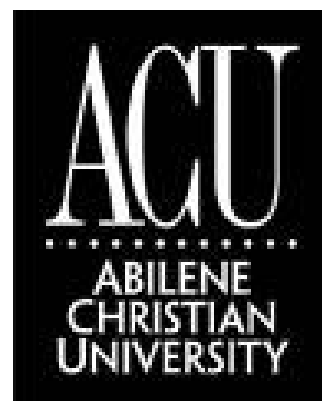
With its main campus in St. Charles, Missouri, Lindenwood is a four-year co-educational, liberal arts university. Much like the Boy Scouts of America, Lindenwood promotes the importance of a value-oriented culture and education for all of its students. Lindenwood houses more than 3,500 residential students 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.

Abilene Christian University

ACU is a liberal arts university with a proud 100 year tradition of educating leaders for service and leadership throughout the world. They are developing a new on-campus Venturing program and have developed scholarships to recruit Scouts and Venturers who have excelled in their scouting careers. The Abilene Christian University Venturing and Scouting Leadership Scholarship includes an annually renewable award ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per student and is available to incoming freshmen who are Eagle Scouts, Venturing Silver Awardees, Sea Scouting Quartermaster Awardees, GSUSA Gold Awardees, or the American Heritage Girls Stars and Stripes Awardees.



To be considered for this award, applicant should contact the ACU Office of Venturing and Scouting Relationships. Deadline: February 15, Web Site: <http://www.acu.edu/>, Email: venturing@acu.edu

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 15: VLSC & VLST

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

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

Nov 7-9: CreepORee
Nov 7-9: Rock the Castle II
Nov 8: 8th Annual Barnyard Football Bash
Dec 6: Christmas Tree Ship
Dec 6: Backcountry workshop

Contact them at

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

Contact them at

Area President: Ben Hayes
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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

Nov 15: VLSC

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>