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Central Region Venturing Monthly Newsletter



Welcome to the 2nd 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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Announcing Area Presidents and Boatswains

Area 1 Venturing President: Carrie Schmitz

Area 2 Venturing President: Kaytie Corlew
Area 2 Sea Scout Boatswain: Julie Bollinger

Area 3 Venturing President: Cody Romano
Area 3 Sea Scout Boatswain: Mattie McNeal

Area 4 Venturing President: Ben Hayes
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Venturer You Should Know



Katelyn Childs is the 2008-2009 Central Region Venturing President.

Katelyn is a born and bred buckeye from Tipp City, Ohio, and the Miami Valley Council. She has been involved in Venturing for six years; she is a member of Crew 268 out of Sulfur Grove

United Methodist Church. Katelyn served as Venturing President for Area 4 in addition to VP of Program, Secretary and Treasurer, for her council's Venturing Officer's Association. Katelyn has earned Venturing Bronze Awards in Sports and Outdoors, the Venturing Gold Award, the Venturing Silver Award, the Quest Award, and has been presented the Regional Venturing Leadership Award. As a lifetime Girl Scout she earned the GSA's Gold Award. She is a junior at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio and is an Honors Biology student and intends to attend Dental School.

Sea Scout You Should Know

Timothy A. Stanfill, from Simon Kenton Council, has been selected as the Central Region Boatswain for 2008-09.



Tim successfully served as Area 4 Boatswain in 2007-08. He has been a Sea Scout for 3 years during which he has served as Council Boatswain and Boatswain of Ships 428 and 468. He completed SEAL training in 2007, VLSC in 2006, Kodiak in 2006, and Kodiak X in 2008. Tim is an Able Sea Scout. He has been awarded the Council Venturing Leadership Award, William T. Hornaday Conservation Badge, and the Eagle rank with 4 Silver Palms. Tim served as Senior Patrol Leader for his contingent troop at the 2005 National Jamboree and 2007 World Jamboree. Tim will be attending Ohio State University this fall while majoring in Engineering.



Central Region Venturing Planning Conference

Central Region Venturing took the lead once again by holding the first ever regional Venturing Planning Conference in the BSA. Forty-six adult and youth members of the Central Region Venturing Committee and its subcommittees met in Evansville, IN on June



Kodiak Coordinators (L to R) Paula Berghauser (CR Area 4), Mark Belli (Southern Region), Connie Elliot (CR)

20-22 for a weekend of planning and networking. A welcoming cookout was hosted by the local Buffalo Trace Council office on

Friday evening as attendees gathered from every Area across Central Region, as well as

representatives from Southern and Northeast Regions. Saturday brought a full schedule of informational sessions, committee meetings, photos, videos, and reports. Breakout meetings were held for each subcommittee (Powder Horn, Sea Scouting, Kodiak, Membership, Communications, and Area Venturing Committees). Meanwhile, the Area Venturing Presidents and Sea Scout Boatswains spent the weekend orienting themselves to their new positions. The weekend attracted some National Venturing guests including Keith Walton, Associate Director, National Venturing Division, and Amanda Vogt, National Venturing President.

Each committee and area offered reports concerning progress and future goals. The Regional and Area Presidents and Boatswains outlined their many goals for the year including concentrations on the 10th anniversary of Venturing, increasing communication, creating Sea Scout dress uniform resources, establishing Venturing Key 3's in every CR council, publishing newsletters, and attending



(L to R) Kris Zahrobsky (Area 3 Chair) and Cody Romano (Area 3 President). Shoulder loop change during the officer induction.

Council Venturing events to name a few. All of the Regional and Area Officers' goals will be posted on the Central Region website (www.crv venturing.org) later this month.

Several outstanding contributors to Central Region Venturing were honored at a Court and Bridge of Honor on June 21. Special presentations were made to members of the Regional Kodiak and Powder Horn committees. A special installation ceremony was led by Amanda Vogt for the incoming CRTLC youth members. Finally, several distinguished Central Region Venturers and adults who have excelled in their contributions to Venturing were recognized with the Regional Venturing Leadership Award: Katelyn Childs, Bob Vogt, Debbie Keyes, Nancy Peto, and Dorothy Gehlhausen. Keith Walton bestowed the National Venturing Leadership Award on Joe Vollmer, our Regional Venturing Staff Advisor. Central Region is proud to honor such outstanding individuals who have had a significant impact on the success of Venturing.



(L to R) Sarah Ward, Kaytie Corlew, Ben Hayes, Tim Stanfill, Julie Bollinger, Katelyn Childs, Cody Romano, Sarah Nino, Carrie Schmitz

Central Region Sea Scouts



(L to R) Sarah Nino (Area 4 Boatswain), Tim Stanfill (Central Region Boatswain), Julie Bollinger (Area 2 Boatswain), Dr. Mac McNeal (Central Region Commodore) at the Central Region Planning Conference.



Smith Sea Scouts Regatta – July 13

The annual Thomas R. Smith Sea Scout Regatta will be held in Chicago at CYC Belmont Station on Sunday, July 13, 2008. Teams from Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana have competed in past regattas. The crews will be sailing as two-person teams in 420 sailing dinghies, jib & main only, in a three-race regatta. For more information and to register, please contact Race Coordinator Amanda Matta at (312) 861-7771 or racecoordinator@chicagoyachtclub.org or Regatta Chair Lloyd Karzen at 773-230-5209.

For more details on the Smith Cup and to download an entry form, check out: http://chicagoyachtclub.org/index.cfm?content=sailingevents_details&eventid=328

Venturers are welcome to visit the event!



Sea Scouts participating in the 2005 Smith Cup Regatta.

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

July 18-20: Bay Jammer

Sep 1-6: LNT Master Educator Course

Contact them at

Area President: Carrie Schmitz

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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

July 20-26: Adventure Challenge CCLT

July 27-Aug 3: International Camporee

July 27-Aug 2: Venturing Summer Camp

July 31-Aug 3: Air Zoo Rally

Aug 1-3: Makahiki

Aug 15-17: Area 2 Assemblage

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

July 13: Thomas R. Smith Sea Scout Regatta

July 18-20: Venturing Guide Camp

July 26: Blackhawk Area Regatta

July 27-Aug 2: Venturing Camp at Canyon Camp

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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

August 1-3: Watercraft Camporee

August 15-17: Sea Scout Rendezvous

Aug 15-17: Begin GCC Powder Horn

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Area Chair: Len Roberts

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Central Region Areas (continued)

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

July 11-13: Challenge Regatta
 July 20-26: Venturing Resident Camp
 Aug 15-17: Powder Horn

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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>



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