



Area Three Newsletter

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Central Region Area Realignment

As part of the national reorganization of the Boy Scouts of America, the Central Region recently realigned its Areas that support local councils.

The Central Region Venturing Committee will operate under this new area structure beginning June 1, 2009. Some of the new areas are very similar to the old areas and will therefore be minimally affected. Other areas will see major changes to the councils they now serve. While this realignment will be a little challenging at first, we hope that every Venturing volunteer and youth officer will take advantage of this opportunity to forge new friendships and alliances and to learn new and innovative ways to deliver the Venturing program.

Many of the Councils in our current Area 3 will be realigned into new Areas. Please see the chart below for where your Council will be after June 1, 2009.

During the transition period, you will notice a number of changes to crventuring.org and our Area Facebook and Yahoo groups. Please be patient as we make these changes.

This is an exciting time for Central Region Venturing. Venturing has never been Stronger! With everyone's assistance; this will be a smooth transition.



Area 3 Chair: Bob Vogt	Area 6 Chair: Len Roberts	Area 7 Chair: Kris Zahrobsky
Illowa (#133)	Prairielands (#117)	Chicago Area (#118)
WD Boyce (#138)	Lincoln Trails (#121)	Three Fires (#127)
Abraham Lincoln (#144)		Northeast Illinois (#129)
Glacier's Edge (#620)		Des Plains Valley (#147)
Milwaukee County (#629)		Calumet (#152)
Southeast Wisconsin (#634)		Blackhawk Area (#660)
Potawatomi Area (#651)		Rainbow (#702)
		Northwest Suburban (#751)

Area Venturing President Applications

Each of the new seven areas has applications available for their respective 2009-2010 Area Venturing Youth President positions at HYPERLINK "<http://www.crventuring.org>" <http://www.crventuring.org>. For your convenience, we have included the applications for the new Area 3 and new Area 7 in this newsletter.

Please pay close attention to the councils served by each area so that the youth officer candidates from your council apply for the correct Area President opening. The term of office for all Central Region Venturing Youth Cabinet positions, including Area Venturing Presidents, is June 1 to May 31.





Elite Awards

By: Katie Komorowski

Often times elite scouts are known by either the Boy Scout Eagle Award or the Girl Scout Gold Award, very few people know about the Venturing Silver Award ranks right up there with those two other awards.

The Boy Scout Eagle is the best known of the highest awards. When it was created in 1911, it was called the Wolf Scout for a brief amount of time before being changed to the name Eagle Scout. Since 1911, 1.7 million young men have earned this prestigious award, which is about five percent of the membership. In order to earn this award, a young man must earn at least twenty-one merit badges, must have been a life scout for at least six months, have scout spirit, demonstrate leadership in a troop, crew, or ship and complete a service project that demonstrates leadership and a commitment to duty; all of this must be done before his 18th birthday.

The Girl Scout Gold Award has been known by many names throughout the years. Established in 1916, it was originally called the Golden Eagle of Merit to match the Boy Scout Eagle. The name has since changed to Golden Eaglet, First Class Rank, Curved bar Award, First Class Award, to finally be called the Gold Award starting in 1980. For a young woman to earn this award she must earn the Girl Scout Gold Leadership Award which encompasses thirty hours of work,

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three Interest Project Awards and one Focus Book that relates to her project, Girl Scout Gold Career Award which requires forty hours of work, Girl Scout Gold 4Bs Challenge including fifteen hours of work, and she must complete a project that is approved by the Gold Award Committee of her council. The Gold Award Project must benefit the community, have longevity, and it must take a minimum of sixty-five hours to plan and carry out. All this must be done by the end of summer after she graduates from high school. Approximately five and a half percent of young women earn this award.

The Venturing Silver Award is the least know of these prestigious awards. Created in 1950, Explorer Scouts originally earned this award. It was in existence until 1966 when it was dropped, as advancement, from the program. In those sixteen years, only 18,256 Venturers earned this award. Since it was re-introduced in 1998, very few scouts have earned it. To earn this Award, one must earn at one of five of the Bronze Awards and the Gold Award. He or she must also be in a crew or ship for at least one year, as well as fulfill the requirements relating to emergency preparedness, leadership skills and ethics-in-action. These requirements must be completed by his or her 21st birthday.

Earning any of these prestigious awards does come in handy. If a young man or woman earns any of these awards and chooses to enlist in the military, he or she will most likely get advanced rank at enlistment. Many colleges and universities also offer scholarships to those who have earned these awards.



Kodiak CDC

Buffalo Trace Council is proud to host a 2009 Central Region Kodiak and Kodiak X Course Director Conference. It will be held at the Eykamp Scout Center in Evansville, IN, on March 27-29, 2009.

This exciting conference is delivered over a fun-filled weekend providing in depth information for everyone interested in learning what a Kodiak Trek and Kodiak X course is. (Adults involved in Venturing, older Venturers interested in being a Kodiak instructor, Boy Scout leaders, Council professionals, Training chairs, and anyone else with a desire to learn more.)

Topics range from who can offer a Kodiak Trek, how you can easily organize a Trek and train instructors, ideas as to the many ways you can offer Kodiak, the intricacies of conducting a successful course, and how councils, Crews, Troops and youth can benefit will be covered.

If you and/or your Council are interested in learning more about what Kodiak/Kodiak X is and what it takes to plan a successful course, you need to participate in a Course Director's Conference. This is a weekend well spent in discovering how Kodiak and Kodiak X can bring a new spark to your Scouting programs and at the same time help your youth develop advanced leadership skills.

Cost: \$75.00 (This includes all meals and training materials) (Please make your own arrangements for lodging.).

For additional information, please go to:

HYPERLINK <http://www.kodiakcdc-bsa.org/>

HYPERLINK "http://www.crventuring.org/Training/Powder_Horn/"





Powder Horn

Blackhawk Area Council is proud to host a 2009 Central Region Powder Horn training course. It will be held at Camp Lowden in Oregon, IL, on April 17-19, 2009 and May 1-3, 2009.

Powder Horn is an exciting training opportunity designed as an action packed, hands on outdoor course to expose Venturers and other Scouters to the resources necessary to operate a successful unit level high adventure program and support the Venturing Ranger Program.

This course is based on the Ranger requirements giving participants an exposure to some outdoor / high adventure activities. All Ranger core requirements will be covered plus a majority of the electives.

Topics covered; First Aid, Communications, Cooking, Emergency Preparedness, Land Navigation, Leave No Trace, Wilderness Survival, Conservation, Backpacking, Cycling, Ecology, Hunting and Fishing, Lifesaver, Mountaineering, Orienteering, Outdoor Living History, Physical Fitness, Plants and Wildlife, Project COPE, Scuba, Shooting Sports, Watercraft. (No one has to physically do any activity they feel uncomfortable with.)

Cost: \$240.00 this includes all meals, training materials, lodging and program supplies.

For additional information, please go to:

HYPERLINK "<http://www.bacpowderhorn.org/>"

HYPERLINK "http://www.crventuring.org/Training/Powder_Horn/"



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Upcoming Events:

(Check <http://www.CRVenturing.org> for all registration information)

March 27-29, 2009

Kodiak Course Director Course

Evansville, IN

Sponsored by the Central Region/Buffalo Trace Council

April 17-19, 2009 (Part 1) and May 1-3, 2009 (Part 2)

Powder Horn

Oregon, IL

Sponsored by the Central Region/Blackhawk Area Council

April 18, 2009

Rock River Regatta

Ft. Atkinson, WI

Sponsored by Glaciers Edge Council

April 18, 2009

Youth Leadership Conference

Chicago, IL

Sponsored by Chicago Area Council

April 24-26, 2009

Lakota Workshop

Janesville, WI

Non-Council Event

April 24-26, 2009

US Grant Pilgrimage

Galena, IL

Sponsored by Blackhawk Area Council

April 26-27, 2009

Wilderness First Aid

Woodstock, IL

Sponsored by Northwest Suburban Council

June 26-27, 2009

Badger Bash

Waukesha, WI

Sponsored by Potawatomi Area Council

***** SAVE THE DATE! MARK YOUR CALENDARS! *****

September 25-27, 2009

Great Lakes Centennial Jamboree

Oshkosh, WI

Sponsored by Multiple Councils of the Central Region



Youth Leadership Conference 2009

Chicago Area Council is proud to host the 2009 Youth Leadership Conference. It will be held at the Chicago Police Academy in Chicago, IL on April 18, 2009.

This major event is for all Exploring and Venturing youth and adult participants involved in the Central Region.

Conference sessions include: teen issues, building leadership skills, and Venturing. Throughout the day, agencies from all over the Midwest will exhibit their resources and address the needs of the conference participants. The evening program highlights with special entertainment.

Cost: \$20.00 (This includes all lunch, conference materials, and entertainment.)

Please download the application from their official website to register.

For additional information, please go to:

HYPERLINK "<http://www.chicagobsa.org/exploring>" <http://www.chicagobsa.org/exploring>

**CHECK OUT THE AREA FACEBOOK
GROUP FOR EVEN MORE GREAT
INFORMATION!**

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?>



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Area 3 council website links

Abraham Lincoln-<http://www.alincolnbsa.org>

Blackhawk Area- <http://www.blackhawkscouting.org>

Calumet-<http://www.calcouncil.org>

Chicago Area-<http://www.chicagobsa.org>

Des Plaines Valley-<http://www.bsadpvc.org>

Glacier's Edge-<http://www.glaciersedge.org>

Illowa-<http://www.illowabsa.org>

Lincoln Trails- <http://www.lincolntrailsCouncil.org>

Milwaukee County- <http://www.milwaukeeboyscouts.org>

Northeast Illinois-<http://www.neic.org>

Northwest Suburban-<http://www.nwsc.org>

Potawatomi Area-<http://www.pacbsa.org>

Prairielands-<http://www.prairielandsbsa.org>

Rainbow-<http://www.rainbowcouncilbsa.org>

Southeast Wisconsin-<http://www.sewisbsa.com>

Three Fires-<http://www.threefiresCouncil.org>

W. D. Boyce-<http://www.wdboyce.org>

