

# Central Region Area 3 Venturing Update March 2009

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## Area 3 Venturing President Applications are Available



The application for the Area 3 Venturing President for 2009-2010 is attached to this email and is also available at:

<http://www.crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=300>

Applications are due by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Details are on the application. We are seeking a youth member that wants to help grow Venturing across Area 3. We are 8,000+ Venturers strong in Area 3. The Area 3 Venturing Committee wants to further develop an Area 3 Venturing Officer Association to encourage cooperation and sharing of resources across our councils. Do you have a Venturer or two in your council that can lead the way? A council may nominate more than one Venturer for the Area President position. Candidates not selected will be considered for an Area Vice-president position.

## Central Region Venturing Newsletter

Attached to this emailed Venturing Update are the January & February 2009 issues of the Central Region Venturing Newsletter designed and written by Katelyn Childs, the CR Venturing President. We need your help in sending the newsletters out across our Area 3. Please forward it to all of your Venturing contacts (youth & adult) and professionals that work with Venturing. Increasing our communications amongst Venturers can only help to increase our membership.



## Venturer in the News

Amanda Vogt, National Venturing President and a Venturer in CR Area 3, recently had the opportunity to represent us all in the BSA National Report to the Nation.



The Boy Scouts of America's annual Report to the Nation highlights the achievements of the

BSA's values-based program. A representative contingent of youth delegates is chosen annually to present the report to the Speaker of the House as required by our charter. Other government officials that traditionally receive the report include the President of the United States, Congressmen from both houses, and other government officials. Each of the young people chosen to represent our organization embodies the spirit and values that Americans have come to associate with Scouting. This year's delegation visited with elected and appointed dignitaries and toured sites in the area including the White House, CIA, U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Secret Service, Arlington National Cemetery, Goddard Space Flight Center, and the Pentagon.



To view a wonderful multi-media presentation on this year's Report to the Nation, please click on this link:

<http://www.bsartn2008.org/>

## Great Venturing Sites:

**National Venturing Cabinet Officers:**

[www.nationalventuringyouthcabinet.org](http://www.nationalventuringyouthcabinet.org)

**Central Region Venturing:** [www.crventuring.org](http://www.crventuring.org)

**Central Region Sea Scouting:**

[www.seascouting.crventuring.org](http://www.seascouting.crventuring.org)

## Venturing Crew in the News

Do you have a wonderful adventure your Crew has recently done that you would like to share with other Crews across our Area 3? Then please let me know about it and we will highlight your Crew in our Area 3 Venturing Update. Just write up a short article and be sure to include some pictures. Submit the articles to [revogt1@gmail.com](mailto:revogt1@gmail.com)

## Promote Your Council's Venturing Events

If your council has Venturing events, camps, or activities that you want to promote across our Area 3, just send to me the information and I will include it in the next Area 3 Venturing Update. Send to Bob Vogt, Area 3 Venturing Chair at [revogt1@gmail.com](mailto:revogt1@gmail.com).

## Venturing Leadership Awards

Red = National VLA  
Green = Regional/Area VLA  
Blue = Council VLA



### For both Youth & Adults.

Does your council have Venturers that are outstanding leaders? Do you have adult leaders that go above and beyond? Have you recognized them with the Venturing Leadership Award? If you don't take the time to complete the application, then who will?

## Why take the Venturing Leadership Skills Course?

The Venturing Leadership Skills Course (VLSC) is



designed to help teach youth & adults the attitudes and skills that good leaders demonstrate. Practicing and mastering these skills will help enable Venturers to have positive leadership experiences in every facet of Scouting and life. It does not matter the type of activities a particular Crew has chosen, this is a leadership skills building course that all potential youth leaders should take to help shape their

leadership styles. VLSC is a requirement for the youth to earn the Venturing Silver Award, it is a suggested course for any Venturer interested in participating on a Kodiak Trek, and is a requirement for the Advisor to earn the Advisors Award of Merit. VLSC is the first course of three offered through the Nature of Leadership Program!

## What is Powder Horn?



Powder Horn is a training opportunity designed to expose the Venturing or Boy Scout leader to activities and resources necessary to operate a successful Venturing Ranger Award or Troop High

Adventure program. It does this in several ways. First it helps Venturing Leaders and Scouters to safely conduct outdoor activities of a fun and challenging nature. It provides an introduction to the resources necessary to successfully lead Venturers and older Boy Scouts through a program of high adventure. And it familiarizes the Advisor with the Ranger program so that he or she can help the Venturer to meet the requirements of the Ranger Award. This course is based on the Venturing Ranger requirements giving participants an exposure to outdoor/high adventure activities. Scout leaders will also benefit from this course when your unit participates in unit high adventure.

## Do a Kodiak Trek in 2009



### The Five Commissions of Kodiak:

Effective Team / Values and Vision /  
Communication / Decision Making /  
Planning

### Learn how to conduct a Kodiak Trek in your Crew, District, or Council contact:

**Area 3 Kodiak Coordinator**

**Rick McIlvoy**, Greater St. Louis Area Council

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## Your New CR Area 3 Venturing Committee is Forming

Due to the realignment of the Areas of the Central Region, a new Area 3 Venturing Committee is being formed to serve as a valuable resource for your council's Venturing program. Fred Wallace, Area 3 Professional has asked me, Bob Vogt, to serve as the committee's chair. I have accepted this opportunity. I bring nearly 30 years of Venturing/Exploring (with much of that as the unit Advisor). For the past 3 years I have served as the CR Area 5 Venturing Chair and on the Central Region's Venturing Committee. My daughter, Amanda, is the current National Venturing President.

With the CR Area realignment, comes the process of building a new Area Venturing Committee. I am fortunate that a number of the old Area 5 Venturing Committee members are now in the new Area 3. They have all agreed to serve the new Area. They bring with them the experience of helping the old Area 5 Venturing membership grow nearly 50% over the last 3 years.

We are looking for more Venturing adult leaders to fill committee needs to serve the our entire geographical Area which stretches from southern Illinois & Missouri, up the Mississippi River, to the shores of Lake Michigan in Wisconsin. I ask the Area 3 Scout Executives to recommend to Fred Wallace and myself individuals that want to help make Venturing grow.

I really want to grow youth leaders in our Area. I want to see active Venturing Officer Associations (VOA) in each council. To achieve this we need a strong Area 3 Venturing President to lead the youth. The Area 3 Venturing President will be heading up the effort to build an Area level VOA from amongst the council VOA Presidents and Area Vice-Presidents.

### The new Area 3 Councils are:

Lewis & Clark Council – Belleville, IL  
Illowa Council – Davenport, IA  
W.D. Boyce Council – Peoria, IL  
Mississippi Valley Council – Quincy, IL  
Abraham Lincoln Council – Springfield, IL  
Hawkeye Area Council – Cedar Rapids, IA  
Northeast Iowa Council – Dubuque, IA  
Greater St. Louis Area Council – St. Louis, MO  
Glacier's Edge Council – Madison, WI  
Milwaukee County Council – Milwaukee, WI  
Southeast Wisconsin Council – Racine, WI  
Potawatomi Area Council – Waukesha, WI

## CR Area 3 Venturing Committee

### Area 3 Venturing Youth President

Open

### Area 3 Sea Scout Boatswain

Open

### Area 3 Venturing Advisor/Chair

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### Area 3 Powder Horn Coordinator

Open

### Area 3 Kodiak Coordinator

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### Area 3 Associate Advisor

Open

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## Do You Have a Venturing Story to Tell?

If you have a great Venturing story to tell, please send it to [revogt1@gmail.com](mailto:revogt1@gmail.com)



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## Great Missouri Valley Challenge Regatta

### Ahoy - Skippers

Attached to this Area 3 Venturing Update is the formal Notice of Race for the 2009 Great Missouri Valley Challenge Regatta to be held on July 11-12, 2009 at Lake Manawa in Council Bluffs, IA.

2008 was our inaugural event. The participants had a great time and some really competitive racing. We had a wide range of skill levels competing from novices to active racers. In the 10 qualifying races on Saturday, we had 7 different sailor's take a first place. To make this a true challenge event, the scores of the top 5 racers from each Ship were combined to determine a team score. Ship 542 won the Challenge Cup. Like the America's Cup, this notice opens the door for the 2009 challenge.

This is the only inter-Ship sailing event in CR Area 5.

Rod Phipps, Skipper, Ship 542  
7523 North 54 Plaza, Omaha, NE 68152  
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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. Please find the attached scholarship information sheet that explains the criteria and application process for each scholarship.

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.

Good luck in your college search!  
Sincerely,  
James D. Evans,  
President - Lindenwood University

## Central Region's Sea Scouting Koch Cup

Your sails fill with air and you are ready to race! Information about this great event for Sea Scouting is attached to this email.

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**(Did That Get Your Attention?)**

### Outstanding Scholarship Offer for Venturing Silver Award Recipients & Eagle Scouts from 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