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# Central Region Venturing Monthly Newsletter



Welcome to the 10<sup>th</sup> 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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## Central Region Venturing 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. With the realignment, we will see some changes in several area adult leadership positions. Area Venturing Chairs have been identified and approved by their Scout Executives and Area Directors for each of the seven new areas.

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To contact the entire Central Region Venturing Committee, e-mail Communications Coordinator Debbie Keyes and she will pass on the message.



## Area President Applications are Now Available

Each of the seven new Central Region Venturing Areas have applications available for the 2009-10 Area Venturing Youth President positions. See links at the bottom of:

[http://crventuring.org/Leadership/Central\\_Region\\_Venturing\\_Youth\\_Cabinet/](http://crventuring.org/Leadership/Central_Region_Venturing_Youth_Cabinet/)

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 new areas are listed on page 3 of each application as well as in a separate pdf document "New Area Alignment" linked on the same webpage.

The term of office for all Central Region Venturing Youth Cabinet positions, including Area Venturing Presidents, is June 1 to May 31. Application deadlines have been extended to April 15, 2009.

Requirements include:

1. Be a present or past crew president, or a present or past Teen Leaders' Council chairperson or officer (or equivalent district or council organization) in his or her council.
2. Be recommended and approved by his or her council.
3. Be less than 19 years of age on May 31, 2009.
4. Be a currently primary registered Venturer in his or her council in the proper area 5.
5. Be able to attend the Central Region Committee Meeting, June 26-28, 2009, to be held in Evansville, IN for the Central Region Venturing Cabinet Orientation.

If you have any questions feel free to contact the current Central Region President, Katelyn Childs, at [crventuring\\_prez@yahoo.com](mailto:crventuring_prez@yahoo.com) or the current Area Presidents.

## 2008 Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award Recipients

The Central Region Venturing Committee is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2008 Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award. This award recognizes Central Region councils and their VOA's for outstanding Venturing programming and growth. The eleven councils that earned the honor for 2008 are:

### **AREA ONE:**

Bay-Lakes Council, Appleton, WI  
Hawkeye Area Council, Cedar Rapids, IA  
Northern Star Council, St. Paul, MN

### **AREA TWO:**

Gerald R. Ford Council, Grand Rapids, MI  
Great Sauk Trail Council, Ann Arbor, MI  
Hoosier Trails Council, Bloomington, IN  
Lake Huron Area Council, Auburn, MI

### **AREA FOUR:**

Greater Cleveland Council, Cleveland, OH

### **AREA FIVE:**

Greater St. Louis Area Council, St. Louis, MO  
Mid-America Council, Omaha, NE  
Ozark Trails Council, Springfield, MO

The program has been authorized again for 2009, and we look forward to many more councils achieving the award this year.

For additional information about the CSVE program and the current application, go to:

[http://crventuring.org/Other/Council\\_Standards\\_of\\_Venturing\\_Excellence/](http://crventuring.org/Other/Council_Standards_of_Venturing_Excellence/)



# Central Region Realignment by the New Areas

## Area 1

**Venturing Chair: Chris Sandberg**

Council #	Council Name	Council Headquarters
173	Winnebago Council	Waterloo, IA
250	Northern Star Council	St. Paul, MN
283	Twin Valley Council	Mankato, MN
286	Voyageurs Area Council	Hermantown, MN
296	Central Minnesota Council	Sartell, MN
299	Gamehaven Council	Rochester, MN
429	Northern Lights Council	Fargo, ND
624	Gateway Area Council	La Crosse, WI
627	Samoset Council	Weston, WI
635	Bay Lakes Council	Appleton, WI
637	Chippewa Valley Council	Eau Claire, WI
733	Sioux Council	Sioux Falls, SD

Chris Sandberg started his involvement with Scouting at the age of 8 as a Bobcat, progressed through Cubs and Scouts to Eagle, held ASPL, SPL, and JASM posts in his Troop and was a Den Chief. He attended the XII World Jamboree (only one in the US so far...) and was a member of the Boy Scout Service Corps at the 1964-65 New York World's Fair. He joined a computer careers Explorer Post his last year of High School.

As an adult, Chris has been an ASM, SM, and CC for a Boy Scout Troop, Advisor to a Law Exploring Post and to the Council EOA, and

Advisor for a rock climbing-focused Venture Crew. He has chaired the Council C.O.P.E. Committee and currently is the Chair of the Venturing Committee. He has chaired the Family Campaign for Friends of Scouting, served on the Legal Issues committee for a 2-council merger task force, and is a member of the council's HR Committee.

He has taught two years at PTC and will be back again this Summer! He is Wood Badge trained (Eagle Patrol), and has the Council "Triple Crown": Exploring Leadership Award, Silver Beaver, and Venturing Leadership Award. He is a Vigil member of the OA.

He was an Associate Advisor for the Central Region's Venture Crew to the XX World Jamboree in Thailand in 2003, was on the North Central Region staff for the 1989 National Jamboree and will be on staff for the 2010 National Jamboree.

In his spare time, Chris is an attorney with a practice focused on technology, telecommunications, and energy issues ([www.locklaw.com](http://www.locklaw.com)), and a landscape photographer ([www.cksandbergphoto.com](http://www.cksandbergphoto.com)).



## Area 2

### **Venturing Chair: Jeff Gerald**

Jeff Gerald is from the Detroit Area Council. He has been with Crew 1589 since its founding in 2000. Jeff has served as the Crew Advisor and now as its Charter Organization Representative. He's also a committee member for Sea Scout Ship 2006. His favorite Venturing activity is the Area 2 Assemblage.

Through his participation with council's Venturing Officers Association he has earned the Council Venturing Leadership Award. He is an Assistant Course Director for Powder Horn in 2007.

Council #	Council Name	Council Headquarters
255	Great Sauk Trail Council	Ann Arbor, MI
261	Hiawathaland Council	Marquette, MI
262	Detroit Area Council	Detroit, MI
264	Tall Pine Council	Flint, MI
265	Lake Huron Area Council	Auburn, MI
266	Gerald R. Ford Council	Grand Rapids, MI
270	Southwest Michigan Council	Kalamazoo, MI
271	Chief Okemos Council	Lansing, MI
274	Scenic Trails Council	Traverse City, MI
276	Clinton Valley Council	Pontiac, MI
277	Blue Water Council	Port Huron, MI
460	Erie Shores Council	Toledo, OH



Jeff is an Eagle Scout with 40 years of membership in Scouting. He has served in many capacities, earning him the District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver, and the Order of the Arrow's Vigil Honor and Founder's Award. In 2008, Jeff received the Regional Venturing Leadership Award for his service to Central Region Venturing.

Jeff earned a BA in Economics & Urban Studies from Wayne State University. He and his wife Sheryl have two grown children who were both active in Venturing.

## Area 3

### **Venturing Chair: Bob Vogt**

Mr. Robert "Bob" Vogt is the Advisor for Venturing Crew 2783 in the Greater St. Louis Area Council. He has been an adult leader in the unit for 26 years (for both Exploring & Venturing).

Throughout his 43 years in Scouting, as a youth and adult, he has earned numerous awards and recognition including the Eagle Scout Award, District Award of Merit, Council and Regional Venturing Leadership Award, Commissioner Key, Venture Advisor Award of Merit, William H. Spurgeon III Award and the Silver Beaver Award.



Council #	Council Name	Council Headquarters
114	Lewis & Clark Council	Belleville, IL
133	Illowa Council	Davenport, IA
138	W.D. Boyce Council	Peoria, IL
141	Mississippi Valley Council	Quincy, IL
144	Abraham Lincoln Council	Springfield, IL
172	Hawkeye Area Council	Cedar Rapids, IA
178	Northeast Iowa Council	Dubuque, IA
312	Greater St. Louis Area Council	St. Louis, MO
620	Glacier's Edge Council	Madison, WI
629	Milwaukee County Council	Milwaukee, WI
634	Southeast Wisconsin Council	Racine, WI
651	Potawatomi Area Council	Waukesha, WI

He has planned and led over 20 week long super activities across the country. He has served on numerous District & Council Committees. He serves his church as the Scouting Coordinator for the United Methodist Church for the Eastern half of the State of Missouri. Besides Scouting, he is involved in his community's annual 3-day festival planning committee, his church, and has been on the staff of a church camp for over 30 years.

## Area 4

### *Venturing Chair: Dale Hayes*

Dale has been in Scouting the majority of his life. He is an Eagle Scout and has two sons that are Eagle Scouts as well. Dale currently serves as a Crew Advisor, District Commissioner, Assistant Scoutmaster and Unit Commissioner in Simon Kenton Council. Dale attended World Jamborees in 1975 and 2009 and will participate in his 4<sup>th</sup> National Jamboree in 2010.

Dale has advised crews to Philmont Scout Ranch, Florida Sea Base and Northern Tier High Adventure Base. He is a member of the C-29-09 Wood Badge staff and Central Region Sea Badge Staff later this spring. He has completed Powder Horn training, Kodiak Course Directors Conference and has lead Green Bar Scoutmasters training in Simon Kenton Council. Dale is a Career Center director and resides in Delaware, OH with his wife and family.

Council #	Council Name	Council Headquarters
433	Great Trail Council	Akron, OH
436	Buckeye Council	Canton, OH
440	Greater Cleveland Council	Cleveland, OH
441	Simon Kenton Council	Columbus, OH
450	Heart of Ohio Council	Ashland, OH
463	Greater Western Reserve Council	Warren, OH
467	Muskingum Valley Council	Zanesville, OH
615	Mountaineer Area Council	Fairmont, WV
617	Buckskin Council	Charleston, WV
618	Allohak Council	Parkersburg, WV
619	Ohio River Valley Council	Wheeling, WV
672	Tri-State Area Council	Huntington, WV



## Area 5

**Venturing Chair: Julie Dalton**

Council #	Council Name	Council Headquarters
177	Mid-Iowa Council	Des Moines, IA
192	Coronado Area Council	Salina, KS
194	Santa Fe Trail Council	Garden City, KS
197	Jayhawk Area Council	Topeka, KS
198	Quivira Council	Wichita, KS
306	Ozark Trails Council	Springfield, MO
307	Heart of America Council	Kansas City, MO
311	Pony Express Council	St. Joseph, MO
322	Overland Trails Council	Grand Island, NE
324	Cornhusker Council	Walton, NE
326	Mid-America Council	Omaha, NE
653	Great Rivers Council	Columbia, MO



Julie began her Scouting journey as a Girl Scout, earning her First Class Award, and as the sister to 4 brothers in Boy Scouts. As a Scouting mother, she has two sons who earned their Eagle award and a daughter who earned her Outdoor Bronze Award. She has been active

in her sons' Pack and Troop as a Den Leader and Troop Committee Chairman. When her daughter was finally able to join Venturing, she served as an Associate Advisor for her Crew. She has also been active at the District level, serving on the Training Team, as Activity Chair and as District Chair. She also serves as the Advisor to Quivira Council's VOA. She has also served on several Wood Badge courses, and as Course Director.

She has served on Quivira Council's Powder Horn staff in 2005 and will serve as Course Director for a cluster course in 2009. She has been a frequent participant at Philmont Training Center and takes advantage of every opportunity to get into the back country. She has had many adventures in her Scouting tenure and looks forward to serving on staff at Jamboree 2010 and further developing the Venturing program for our youth.

## Area 6

**Venturing Chair: Len Roberts**



Council #	Council Name	Council Headquarters
117	Prairielands Council	Champaign, IL
121	Lincoln Trails Council	Decatur, IL
145	Hoosier Trails Council	Bloomington, IN
156	Buffalo Trace Council	Evansville, IN
157	Anthony Wayne Area Council	Fort Wayne, IN
160	Crossroads of America Council	Indianapolis, IN
162	Sagamore Council	Kokomo, IN
165	La Salle Council	South Bend, IN
438	Dan Beard Council	Cincinnati, OH
439	Tecumseh Council	Springfield, OH
444	Miami Valley Council	Dayton, OH
449	Black Swamp Area Council	Findlay, OH

Len Roberts serves Central Region Venturing as the new Area 6 Venturing Chair. Prior to his service for to Area 6, Len served as Area 4 Venturing Chair for many years. In many ways, Len “wrote the book” on serving as an Area Venturing Chair, as he may actually be the first person in the BSA to serve in this position. Len began his involvement in Scouting over 26 years ago when he entered Boy Scouts. He is from the Miami Valley Council in Dayton, OH where Len has served as the Council Commissioner and Council President. He is now performing the duties of the Council Venturing Chair and has received his Council and Regional Venturing Leadership Award. Len is also an avid Sea Scouter and acts as a local Commodore. He has participated in Seabadge, directed a Powder Horn course, and was a Crew Advisor for the 2007 World Jamboree. Len is the Director of Community Involvement at the Dayton Early College Academy in Dayton.

## Area 7

### *Venturing Chair: Kris Zahrobsky*

Kris Zahrobsky is from Des Plaines Valley Council in LaGrange, IL. A lifetime member of the BSA, Kris started as a youth Tiger Cub and completed his youth tenure serving as the Central Region Venturing President from 2000-2001. Currently, he serves as the Central Region Area 3 Venturing Chairman.

He is an Arrow of Life Recipient, Eagle Scout, Silver Award Recipient, and Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow. He has also received the Council, Region, and National Venturing Leadership Awards.

Away from Scouting, Kris is the Service Manager for Life Safety/Fire Protection & Prevention company. He has earned a BS in Communication in addition to being certified Firefighter II.

Aside from work, Kris enjoys traveling, cooking, playing softball, and haunted houses.



<b>Council #</b>	<b>Council Name</b>	<b>Council Headquarters</b>
118	Chicago Area Council	Chicago, IL
127	Three Fires Council	St. Charles, IL
129	Northeast Illinois Council	Highland Park, IL
147	Des Plaines Valley Council	La Grange, IL
152	Calumet Council	Munster, IN
660	Blackhawk Area Council	Rockford, IL
702	Rainbow Council	Morris, IL
751	Northwest Suburban Council	Mount Prospect, IL



## 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

April 3-5: Seabadge

### 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

March 27-29: Kodiak & Kodiak X CDC  
May 29-31: Area 2 Assemblage  
June 20-23: Area 2 Venturing White Water Rafting

### Contact them at

Area President: Kaytie Corlew  
[area2president@crventuring.org](mailto:area2president@crventuring.org)

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

April 17-19: Powder Horn wknd 1  
April 18: Rock River Regatta  
May 1-3: Powder Horn wknd 2  
June 26-27: Badge Bash

### 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

March 28: Venturing C.U.P.

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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

April 3-5: Spring Olympiad

June 28-July 4: Venturing Resident Camp

### 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](http://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>