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Central Region Venturing Monthly Newsletter



Welcome to the 11th 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 the 2009-2010 Central Region Venturing President

Please welcome **Ben Hayes** as the newly-selected 2009-2010 Central Region Venturing President. Ben is from Delaware, OH and is a member of the Simon Kenton Council. He will officially take office on June 1, 2009.

Please read more about Ben on page 2 of this issue!

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Introducing Ben Hayes, 2009-2010 Central Region Venturing President

Please welcome Ben Hayes to the position of the 2009-2010 Central Region Venturing President. Ben is from Simon Kenton Council and lives in Delaware Ohio. He is a proud Eagle Scout and a member of Crew 318. Ben served the Central Region as the Area 4 Venturing President for the 2008-2009 term.

Ben is a freshman at The Ohio State University where he plans to become a nurse in a children's hospital. He is a member of the OSU Dance Sport club and Pre-Nursing club.

Ben started his Scouting career as a Tiger Cub and moved through Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and currently is active in Venturing and is assistant Scoutmaster of his Scout troop. As a Boy Scout, Ben has experienced many high adventure activities: he has participated in treks at Florida Sea Base, Philmont, and Northern Tier. In addition, he attended the 2005 National Jamboree, 2006 BSA/SAJ Friendship Program in Japan, the 2007 World Scout Jamboree in England, and he will be attending the 2010 National Jamboree as a member of the international hosting team.

As a Venturer, Ben has earned his Sports Bronze, Outdoor Bronze, Gold award and Silver Award. He has completed Wood Badge, attended and served on staff for VLSC, completed Kodiak and has taken the Course Directors Conference training for Kodiak. During Ben's term as Area 4 president, Ben traveled all around the country and co-chaired the Area 4 10th Anniversary of Venturing event, X Marks the Spot. He has many Venturing activities planned for the summer, including a Sea Base trip, and is looking forward to an exciting and productive year as the Central Region Venturing President.



Area President Applications are Due April 15th!

Each of the seven new Central Region Venturing Areas have applications available for the 2009-10 Area Venturing Youth President positions and the deadline is rapidly approaching. Forms are available at:

http://crventuring.org/Leadership/Central_Region_Venturing_Youth_Cabinet/

Since the Areas have realigned for the upcoming term, pay close attention to the councils served by each area. 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 Area Venturing Presidents is June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010. Applications are due April 15, 2009.



If you have any questions, feel free to contact the current Central Region President, Katelyn Childs, at crventuring_prez@yahoo.com or the current Area Presidents.

Kodiak and Kodiak X CDC

Buffalo Trace Council in Evansville, IN hosted the largest ever Kodiak and Kodiak X Course Directors Conference. The course successfully educated 45 participants in the finer points of planning, promoting, and successfully hosting Kodiak and Kodiak X courses. The course was conducted March 25 - 27, 2009. The course participants were taught by the best instructors in the country: Connie Elliot, the Central Region Kodiak Coordinator, and Mark Belli, the Southern Region Kodiak Coordinator.



Members of the CR Venturing Youth Cabinet in attendance



CDC Participants enjoying Kodiak X games

Anyone interested in putting on a successful Kodiak course for their council, district, or crew should look into attending the next CR Kodiak/Kodiak X CDC in Dayton, Ohio on November 20 - 22, 2009 at Cricket Holler Scout Camp. Registration forms will be available on [crventuring.org](http://www.crventuring.org) or check out <http://www.kodiakcdc-bsa.org/>.



Participants and staff of the latest CR Kodiak CDC

Attention Readers: Your help is needed!

Arts and Hobbies Bronze Alternate Requirements

Attention all Crews or individuals who have created or possess alternate requirements for the Arts and Hobbies Bronze. Central Region would like to share these various requirements to all Venturers and we need your help finding these documents. Please send requirements and any questions to Katelyn Childs at:

crventuring_prez@yahoo.com



Testimonials for "Non-traditional" Crews

"Non-traditional" Crews are defined as those who do not have a Ranger-based program but are specialized in some other area of interest. These would include religious youth groups and sports teams. We are looking for testimonials from members of crews with unusual interests to provide ideas to those looking to start new units. If you are a member of a crew with a unique interest, please contact Katelyn Childs at: crventuring_prez@yahoo.com

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 17-19: LNT Master Educator Course - IA
July 17-19: Bay Jammer

Contact them at

Area President: Carrie Schmitz
area1president@crventuring.org

Area Chair: Chris Sandberg
area1chair@crventuring.org

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

May 29-31: Area 2 Assemblage
June 5-12: Southern Indiana Adventure Kodiak
June 20-23: Area 2 Venturing White Water Rafting

Contact them at

Area President: Kaytie Corlew
area2president@crventuring.org

Area Chair: Jeff Gerald
area2chair@crventuring.org

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 & May 1-3 : Powder Horn
April 18: Rock River Regatta
April 18: Youth Leadership Conference
April 24-26: U.S. Grant Pilgrimage
April 25-26: Wilderness First Aid
June 26-27: Badge Bash

Contact them at

Area President: Cody Romano
area3president@crventuring.org

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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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

June 28-July 4: Venturing Resident Camp

Contact them at

Area President: Sarah Ward

area5president@crventuring.org

Area Chair: Bob Vogt

area5chair@crventuring.org

More information on all of the events and links to the councils listed above can be found on www.crventuring.org

Please submit events to http://www.crventuring.org/event_submission.php

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>