

Central Region Area 3 Venturing Update August 2009



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Council Standards of Venturing Excellence

Is your Council's Venturing Program at the top of its game? Is your Council meeting the "Standards of Venturing Excellence"? Introduced in 2007, the Council Standard of Venturing Excellence Award is designed to give a council the roadmap to follow in developing an excellent Venturing program for our youth. In 2008, 11 councils were recognized for their outstanding Venturing programs. The two councils from Area 3 that were recognized in 2008 were Hawkeye Area Council (Cedar Rapids, IA) and the Greater St. Louis Area Council (St. Louis, MO).



Did your Council qualify? Did it submit the application? Will it qualify for the 2009 CSVE Award? Attached to this Venturing Update is a copy of the 2009 application for the CSVE Award. Take time now to review this 1 page application (it is attached to this email) and set into motion the steps for your Council to be recognized for Venturing excellence.

When all of the requirements are completed, a council will be eligible to earn the award. The Council Standard of Venturing Excellence Award is determined based on successfully achieving the 2009 criteria by December 31, 2009.

The Council and VOA leadership completes the form. It is completed shortly after the end of the calendar year for which you are submitting for the award (example, for 2009, you should complete and mail the form no later than February 15, 2010).

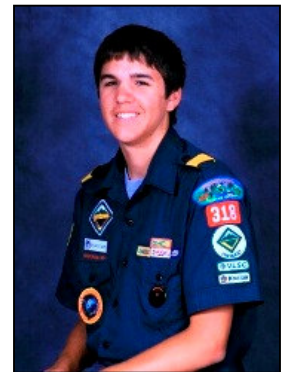
Recognition items will include a plaque, recognition in the Central Region newsletter, listing in the Central Region luncheon program at the Annual BSA Meeting in Orlando, and listing on www.crventuring.org

To apply for the award, fill in the council information at the top of the form, mark the requirements that have been completed, and get the requested signatures. Mail or fax the completed form to the Central Region Venturing office. The form can be found at:

<http://www.crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=307>

Central Region Venturing Newsletter

Attached to this emailed Venturing Update is the July & August issues of the Central Region Venturing Newsletter designed and written by Ben Hayes, the Central Region Venturing President. We need your help in sending the newsletters out across our Area 3. Please forward them 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.



Reserve your Spot for the Area 3 Venturing Conference

**January 30, 2010 in
Normal, IL**



The Area 3 Venturing Conference will be one of the first Area level Venturing conferences held in the nation. It is designed to provide your council the building blocks for the success of your Council's Venturing Program. This one-day conference is designed to help you get Venturing "Out of the Box, and Over the Top" in your council. Whether you are just starting to build a Council Venturing structure, you are already on the path to success, or you just want to learn more information about how other

councils have succeeded, then this conference is for you.

This conference is for the 12 councils in Area 3 of the Central Region. It will be held on January 30, 2010. Just in time for the 100th Anniversary of Scouting. Let's make that year all the more memorable for the youth in your council's Venturing Program by giving them the opportunity to grow in leadership skills, and have a great time doing it.

The conference will be starting with the basics of Venturing, and moving through the steps councils in our Area and across the country have taken to reach success. Here are just some of the things the conference will be covering:

- Recruitment (how to find the right youth to lead your council's Venturing Officer Association)
- Venturing Officer Association Job Descriptions and Bylaws
- How to hold successful multi-crew events
- VOA elections
- VLSC/Kodiak/Kodiak X – It is all about developing leaders!
- National Youth Leadership Society
- Powder Horn – Why it will grow Venturing
- Venturing Awards and Recognition
- How to make Venturing communications in your council work
- A mock Venturing roundtable and much more

The cost for all of this knowledge is just \$15 if you reserve your seat by January 1st, 2010. The conference will be held at Calvary United Methodist Church in Normal, Illinois. The church is located right off I-55 and is within 3.5 hours or less of each of our council's offices. Check-in starts at 7:45am and we expect to be finished by 4:30pm. This is one day you don't want to miss. Our Area 3 Venturing President, Sarah Ward, and the 2008-09 National Venturing President, Amanda Vogt will be spearheading the conference's staff. Ben Hayes, the current Central Region Venturing President, has been invited along with your Area 3 Venturing Committee to help lead



Amanda Vogt, Area 3 Venturing Conference Co-chair

the conference. A conference flyer is attached to this Area 3 Venturing Update along with the registration form. **Register now to reserve your spot.**

If you have any questions feel free to contact Bob Vogt, the Central Region Area 3 Venturing Chair at (636) 394-6809 or revogt1@gmail.com

Facebook – Area 3 Facebook Groups

Did you know that your council has a Venturing Facebook Group? Many of our councils have developed their own Facebook Groups. Those that have not have had one established by the Central Region Venturing Communication Committee. They will be serving as the group administrator until a local youth or adult steps forwards to administer the group. The following are the links to each of our council's Venturing Facebook Groups:

Area 3 Venturing Facebook Group:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=17279505847>

Abraham Lincoln Venturing Facebook Group:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=44059028761>

Glacier's Edge Venturing Facebook Group:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=24369249032>

Greater St. Louis Area Venturing Facebook Group:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=4896422380>

Hawkeye Area Venturing Facebook Group:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2246395863>

Illowa Venturing Facebook Group:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=51644697397>

Lewis & Clark Venturing Facebook Group:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=129355675712>

Milwaukee County Venturing Facebook Group:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=52890419845>

Mississippi Valley Venturing Facebook Group:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=119055695511>

Northeast Iowa Venturing Facebook Group:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=60552383208>

Potawatomi Area Venturing Facebook Group:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=59070017342>

Southeast Wisconsin Venturing Facebook Group:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=54250448845>

W. D. Boyce Venturing Facebook Group:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=8316386849>

Why Facebook? Simply, because that is where you will find much of the youth that we serve in Venturing. To ignore their internet social network is to lose a most valuable communication tool.

Great Venturing Sites:

National Venturing Cabinet Officers:

www.nationalventuringyouthcabinet.org

Central Region Venturing: www.crventuring.org

Central Region Sea Scouting:

www.seascouting.crventuring.org

Nation's Largest Venturing Event ... The Fall Fun Rally ... Is Almost Here

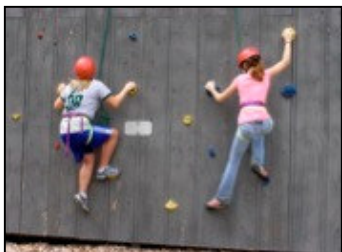
Yes, the largest Venturing event in the nation is held right here in Area 3 and all Venturers are invited. Last year over 700 Venturers from 10 councils were in



attendance. Venturers from Kansas, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and many other places all showed up. Even the National Venturing President and the Central Region Venturing President came to the event. Did you? Well don't miss the 2009 Fall Fun Rally from September 11-13.

So what is the Fall Fun Rally? Over 50 events are available and all are organized and staffed by

Venturers. This premier Venturing event is held annually at Beaumont Scout Reservation just outside St. Louis, MO. All for the cost of \$12 (including an event t-shirt), the FFR is a definite value.



The Venturing Officer's Association puts on the FFR in the Greater St. Louis Area Council. Each District VOA is in charge of part of the activities.

Here's what they have got up their sleeves right now: Rifle Shooting; Model Rockets; Blacksmithing; Rendezvous Encampment; Volleyball Tournament; Land Navigation Competition; Climbing Tower; Tabletop Display Contest; Obstacle Course; Frisbee Tournament; Sea Scouting Activities; Drunk Driving Simulation; Caving; Crafts; Horseback Riding; Shotgun Shooting; A Dance; Mini-golf; Eagle meet



and greet; Fencing; Search and Rescue; Armed Forces Demo; Crazy Building Competition; Cast Iron Chef; Dunking Booth; Venturing Skills Challenges; and much more.

The big question is ... are you going to be there with a contingent from your council? This year

they hope to break 1,000

Venturers. Mark your calendars now to join Venturers from around the Central Region at the Fall Fun Rally. A promotional video of the event can be



found at www.fallfunrally.org. Please see the event's website for more details. **A flyer and registration package for the Fall Fun Rally is attached.**

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

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?

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ★ 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING



CELEBRATING THE ADVENTURE ★ CONTINUING THE JOURNEY

Kodiak X Leadership Course Offered in CR Area 3

If you have completed Kodiak leadership course, your next step in leadership development is Kodiak X. Kodiak X is a weekend leadership challenge course that builds on the 5 leadership commissions learned in Kodiak. During the weekend, participants will review what they learned at Kodiak, and learn two additional commissions. These commissions are:

1. Evaluating Performance
2. Mentoring

Each participant will have an opportunity to practice their leadership skills while serving as a leader of their team as they face challenging scenarios.

The New Horizon District of the Greater St. Louis Area Council is sponsoring Kodiak X. The course's Co-Directors are Amanda Vogt, the 2008-2009 National Venturing President, and Bob Vogt, Central Region Area 3 Venturing Chair. Course will be held on September 25-26, 2009 at Salem in Ballwin United Methodist Church (14825 Manchester Rd, Ballwin, MO 63021) starting at 6:00pm. It will conclude on

Saturday at 5:00pm. Participants will be staying at the church overnight. Co-ed adult leadership will be provided. Showers are available. Cost is \$25 and includes 2 meals, snacks, and course supplies.

Course is limited to the first 48 paid participants. Course is open to Venturers from outside the council.

Venturers, older Boy Scouts (15 & older) and adult leaders that have completed Kodiak can take Kodiak X. **See attached flyer & reservation form for more details.**

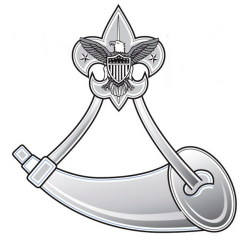
Kodiak X is a requirement for the new National Youth Leadership Society.

For more information contact Bob Vogt (636-394-6809) or by email at revogt1@gmail.com



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.



Glacier Edge Council Powder Horn

Area 3's 2010 Powder Horn is being conducted by Glacier Edge Council lead by Luann Rece (Area 3's Powder Horn Coordinator). You do not have to be from Glacier Edge Council to attend this Powder Horn. Luann has recruited an outstanding staff from top volunteer leaders from many of our Area 3 council's. **Details for the Powder Horn are attached to this Update.** All Powder Horns are limited in participant size. Space is starting to fill. Be sure to get your reservations in as soon as possible.

Powder Horn High Adventure Skills Resources Management Course

For Venturing and Boy Scout Leaders

May 14-16, 2010

Glacier's Edge Council- Camp Indian Trails

June 4-6, 2010

Bay Lakes Council- Gardner Dam Scout Camp

(Both weekends required. Course starts on Friday morning and runs through Sunday afternoon each weekend.)

Course Director: Luann Rece
orchidscout@gmail.com (608) 873-1821

First Annual BSA Venturing Division National Fencing Championship

Millstadt, IL Venturing Crew #1826 is sponsoring the first ever Boy Scouts of America, Venturing Division National Fencing Championship here in Area 3.



It will be held on September 12 at Beaumont Scout Reservation in St. Louis during the St. Louis Area Council's Venturing Fall Fun Rally. For tournament registration information, go to:

http://askfred.net/Events/moreInfo.p...nament_id=8776

This is not USFA but will follow all USFA regulations. No ratings will be handed out.

To be eligible a BOY OR GIRL must be a member of a Venturing Crew or a member of a Boy Scout Troop, have graduated 8th grade and be between the ages of 14 and 20.



Scouts can camp at Beaumont that weekend. The Fall Fun Rally is huge and has many other activities besides fencing. For more info about the Fall Fun Rally go here: www.fallfunrally.org

The Fall Fun Rally costs \$12 and includes an event T-shirt. There is no additional fee to enter the tournament.



Scouts can register for the tournament on askfred.net. However, Scouts must also register for the Fall Fun Rally.

Millstadt Venturing Crew has been around for about 5 years but we only started fencing last year. There are a couple of other Venturing Crew fencing teams around the country and we hope we

can stimulate more interest among Scouts for the sport of fencing.

Anyone with questions can contact Crew 1826 at their Crew pages:

www.myspace.com/Millstadt_Venture_Crew
Millstadt Venturing Crew" on facebook
or www.twitter.com/BSACREW1826

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.

Do You Have a Venturing Story to Tell?

If you have a great Venturing story to tell, please send it to revogt1@gmail.com

Do a Kodiak Trek in 2009-2010



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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Kodiak is a required course for the new National Youth Leadership Society.



**POWDER HORN
COURSE DIRECTOR
CONFERENCE**

**Central Region, BSA
Friday, November 20 - 22, 2009**

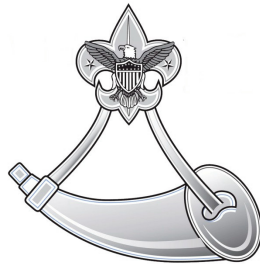


**KODIAK & KODIAK X
COURSE DIRECTOR
CONFERENCE**

**Central Region, BSA
November 20-22, 2009**

This conference is for anyone interested in learning more about how to plan a Powder Horn course. Future course directors, assistant course directors, staff advisors, and other staff members make up the majority of our participants. Councils considering holding a course in 2010 or even 2011 are strongly encouraged to send the anticipated course director and several others to the 2009 Conference. Much information presented will provide a strong foundation as you plan for your course.

An experienced staff of past Powder Horn course directors will cover a wide range of Powder Horn topics, including: course standards and guidelines, course format, council & regional approval process, budgeting, staff selection & development, participant recruiting, logistics planning, program planning and instruction, newsletters, resource & give away items, living history, working with teens, website and e-mail resources, etc. Ample time will be dedicated to answering questions about how to run a successful course.



Location: Schiewetz Leadership Training Center, Miami Valley Council BSA, 4999 Northcutt Place, Dayton, Ohio 45413

\$80 - covers course materials, meals and lodging.

If you should have any questions, please contact Area 4 Powder Horn Coordinator Nancy Peto at 614-306-9768 or by email at nancypeto@hotmail.com.

Flyer & Registration Form is attached to the emailing.

Would you like to learn more about Kodiak and Kodiak X so that you can better understand and offer these exciting programs for your youth? This is your chance to not only learn about the programs, but to also obtain useful information that will help you in planning your Treks with ease.

This conference is for anyone interested in learning more about how to plan a Kodiak course. Future trek directors, assistant trek directors, instructors, staff advisors and other Venturing leaders interested in bringing Kodiak to their crew and/or council are encouraged to attend. The information presented will provide a strong foundation as you plan for your course.



An enthusiastic staff of Kodiak trainers will cover a wide range of topics, including: course standards and guidelines, course format, approval process, budgeting, staff selection & development, participant recruiting, logistics, etc. In addition, we will present a number of actual Kodiak commissions. Ample time will be dedicated to answering questions about how to run a successful Trek and Kodiak X course.

Location: Schiewetz Leadership Training Center, Miami Valley Council BSA, 4999 Northcutt Place, Dayton, Ohio 45413

\$110 – Includes meals, lodging and conference materials and Kodiak and Kodiak X manuals

If you have any questions, please contact Central Region Kodiak Coordinator Connie Elliott at (419) 340-8022 CampConnie@aol.com or Keith Gehlhausen at (812) 459-4778 kegehlhausen@aol.com

Flyer & Registration Form is attached to the emailing.

Your CR Area 3 Venturing Committee



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

Sarah Ward, our Area 3 Venturing President, really wants to grow youth leaders in our Area. She wants to see active Venturing Officer Associations (VOA) in each council. The CR Area 3 Venturing Committee is supporting her in this endeavor. Sarah looks to develop an Area 3 Area level VOA from amongst the council's VOA Presidents and Area Vice-Presidents.

The 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

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