

AREA 5 NEWSLETTER



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MIDAMERICA COUNCIL VENTURING CAMPOREE

It all started in Beck Field at Thomas Ashford Scout Reservation on Friday night, August 14, 2009 with a campfire and cracker barrel. The 2009 Venturing Camporee brought together Venturers from Mid America Council to celebrate



the ending of the summer. The events included: Mountaineering (climbing tower),

Land Navigation, Leave No Trace, and Shooting. All had a good time learning new skills that will assist in the different parts of the Outdoor Bronze Award.

Brittany Bloemendaal, Mid America Council VOA President, commented that the event was attended by many new Venturers. Most had not experienced the climb tower and shooting sports.

Special guests included the Courtney Weerts, Area 5 Venturing President and Julie Dalton, Area 5 Venturing Advisor.



Weerts commented that the event was a great way to get started on the way to Outdoor Bronze Award and ultimately Ranger or Silver Award.



Upcoming Events

Coronado Area Council World of Fun Trip
Sep 5-6

Powerhorn Pilot Course
Oct 10-12 & Oct 23-25

HOAC Halloween Event
Oct 24

QUIVIRA COUNCIL END OF SUMMER BLAST

Murray Gill Lake at Quivira Scout Reservation was the perfect location to have an End of Summer Blast. The Quivira Council VOA sponsored their End of summer Blast that included: Natural Climbing, Sailing, Swimming, and Shooting Sports.



This annual event is a mainstay within the Quivira Council Venturing Calendar each year.

As the first official event outside her home council, Area 5 Venturing President, Courtney Weerts was warmly welcomed during her remarks how the council VOA can assist in planning

events for Venturing Crews. Weerts commented on the uniqueness of the QSR and how it can support many of



the different requirements for advancement within the Venturing program.



HEART OF AMERICA'S AMAZING RACE

The annual Venturing Camp for the Heart of America Council was held at Cub World within the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation. This year's theme was the Amazing Race.



Venturers were given opportunities to participate in Project

COPE, Climbing Tower, Shooting Sports, Water Sports, T-Bones Game and many art projects.

The week as included evening meeting with local leaders to Venturing Summer Camp Program.



Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things.

Peter F. Drucker

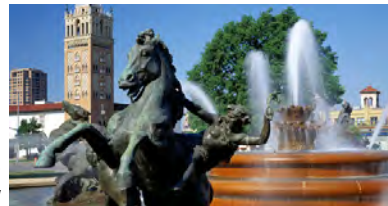
AREA 5 VOA/TLC CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED

The first annual Area 5 VOA Conference has been announced. All Council VOA/TLC Key 3 should hold the weekend of February 20, 2010 to participate in the fun filled weekend.

The agenda is still being determined; however, the week-

end will be a opportunity for the Key 3 to become savvy in social media, interact with Venturers and leaders, plus how to energize the Venturing program within

your council.



The weekend will be in Kansas City to minimize the travel expenses. Look for

more information later this fall.

APPLYING FOR AREA 5 POSITIONS

With the realignment of Areas within the Central Region, there is a need for adults to step up to the plate to ensure Area 5 has a successful program.

Some of the positions that Area 5 needs filled include the following areas:

- Kodiak
- Communications
- Sea Scouting



If you are interested in assisting on the Area 5 Venturing Program, please contact Julie Dalton at buffalotal1@cox.net.

On the youth side of the program, Courtney Weerts announced that they will be taking applications shortly for Area 5 Vice Presidents. She is looking for two youth to assist in planning and supporting events within the Area 5. Contact Courtney at area5president@crventuring.org.



AREA 5 VENTURING ADVISOR - JULIE DALTON

Julie Dalton is the Central Region Area 5 Venturing Chairman. Previously, she was Area 5's Powder Horn Coordinator.

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 5 VENTURING PRESIDENT - COURTNEY WEERTS

Courtney is attending Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS this fall where she will study Elementary Education. She serves as Crew President of Crew 2085 in Olathe, KS and has been a member of Crew 2412 where she also served in leadership roles.

Courtney is entering her 5th year in Venturing. This past year, she served as the President for the Heart of America Council Venturing Officer's Association. Over the last three years Courtney has been active at a variety of different levels. She has served as President for Crew 2412 in Olathe, she has been a volunteer for the Red Tail Hawk Camporee for three years, she served as emcee of the Venturing Blast, and she was selected as a Delegate for the Boy Scouts of America at the Asian Exchange program,

where she served as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader for the group. Courtney has attended VLSC training and has also served on staff for 3 years. She is also a C.O.P.E. Instructor and she truly enjoys seeing younger Scouts gain their confidence while learning to climb.

Courtney was the recipient of Heart of America's Venturing Leadership Award in 2007. She is also the recipient of the Outdoor Bronze Award, the Venturing Gold and Venturing Silver awards. In addition to the recognitions received in Venturing, Courtney has also had a very active 13-year tenure with the Girl Scouts. She completed her Girl Scout Gold Award in 2008. She has also served on staff at the Juliette Gordon Low



Girl Scout Camp for special needs children, served on the Council's Program Board, served on the Council's committee for their Healthy Family Day and for Council Day Camp staff. Courtney is also the recipient of the God and Church, God and Life and God and Country Awards.

Courtney brings a lot of experience to the position of Area 5 Venturing President. She looks forward to the challenge of helping council's develop VOA's where they don't yet exist and in supporting the existing VOA's. She looks to develop an Area 5 Venturing Officers Association that will consist of each Council's VOA President and two Area Venturing Vice-Presidents.

Don't tell people how to do things, tell them what to do and let them surprise you with their results.

George S. Patton

If you would like to include information about your council, events, or units, please send information to Courtney Weerts at area5president@crventuring.org.

FACEBOOK CHALLENGE

Did you know that each council's VOA/TLC has a Facebook page? That is right, besides the Central Area Venturing Page and Area 5 Venturing Page, each council in Area 5 has it's own page on the leading social medium for youth and adults...**FACEBOOK!**

As the Area 5 Venturing President, I challenge each council to update their Facebook page with the latest information at leadership and happenings within your VOA/TLC. Remember, this is a great communication vehicle for not only your Venturers and leaders in your council, but also can be a recruiting tool, plus let Venturers that are going to college in your council know what is going on, so they may participate in your activities.

YIV....Courtney

Council Venturing Facebook Groups

Cornhusker <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=45593761164>
Coronado Area <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=43917194381>
Great Rivers <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=51410679009>
Heart of America <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=7154275431>
Jayhawk Area <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=61791594448>
Mid-America <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=61167206693>
Mid-Iowa <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=46123236475>
Overland Trails <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=63287953625>
Ozark Trail <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=55634567180>
Pony Express <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=125186705404>
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