

# Central Region Area 3 Venturing Update October 2009



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## Reserve your Spot NOW 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.



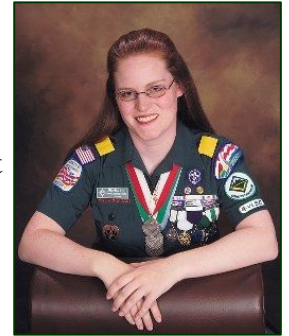
This conference is for the 12 councils in Area 3 of the Central Region. It will be held on January 30, 2010. Just in time for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting. Let's make that year all the more memorable for the youth in your council's Venturing Program by giving them the opportunity to grow 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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



Amanda Vogt, Area 3 Venturing Conference Co-



Sarah Ward, Area 3 Venturing Conference Co-

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, will be in attendance along with your Area 3 Venturing Committee to help lead 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](mailto:revogt1@gmail.com)

## 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 Standards 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 Standards 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 Dallas, and listing on [www.crventuring.org](http://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 September issue 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.

## Facebook – Area 3 Facebook Groups



**Area 3 Venturing Facebook Group has grown to become the largest Area level Venturing Facebook Group in the Nation!** In fact we are larger than two of the Regional Facebook Groups and soon we will pass a 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Group. How did we do it? Simply by a number of our members inviting their Facebook friends to join the group. The purpose of the Area 3 Venturing Facebook Group is to promote Venturing. A member does not have to be in Venturing to be part of the group because maybe the non-Venturer will see the fun, adventure, leadership, etc. opportunities and decide to be part of Venturing.

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](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)

**National Youth Leadership Society**

**The Value of Leadership**

The heart and soul of what we do in the Boy Scouts of America is to produce leaders for tomorrow. One of our strengths is shaping leaders who have a strong foundation of values and who know how to serve others, and we have had 100 years of practice. Now, as we begin to celebrate that rich century of leadership development, we introduce the National Youth Leadership Society.



Its purpose is to recognize youth members of the BSA who have learned and practiced outstanding leadership skills—the elite of our program. We want these youths, who have worked so hard at learning and leading, to enjoy a form of recognition that other organizations, such as schools, colleges, employers, and the military, can understand and value. Youths inducted into this National Youth Leadership Society may now receive the recognition they deserve in a more tangible way.

As a national honor society, the National Youth Leadership Society calls upon local councils to nominate those individuals who meet certain criteria.

Upon acceptance, the National Court of Honor will offer the individual the honor of membership into the Society. The council will be sent the appropriate honors and will perform a formal induction.

The National Court of Honor will maintain a national honor roll of inducted Society members as a class each calendar year. Individuals will be able to say they are a member of a particular class, for instance, the class of 2010 for members inducted in 2010. The class is based on when the individual was approved, not when the induction took place.

An application is attached to this Area 3 Venturing Update and can also be found at: <http://www.crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=1&id=234>.

**Area 3's Kodiak X**



A great group of Venturers and Venturing Adult Leaders completed Kodiak X on the weekend of September 25-26. Hosted by the New Horizon District of the Greater St. Louis Area Council the 2-day advanced leadership course drew 27 participants from Wisconsin, Ohio and Missouri. An experienced staff of 8 led the course (5 are members of the Area 3 Venturing Committee). There are plans already in the works for another Kodiak X to be held next fall. So plan your Kodiak course for 2010 and then come to Kodiak X.



## Meet W.D. Boyce Council's new VOA President

Zabrina Kay Johnson was elected Council Venturing Officer Association President for the W.D. Boyce Council. The VOA has developed their bylaws. Congratulations to Zabrina as she leads her new VOA in their development.



## Meet the Greater St. Louis Area Council Venturing Officer Association



GSLAC Council & District VOA Officers and Advisors



Council VOA Officers: (L to R): VP of Admin, George Mausshardt; VP of Communication, Sarah Ward; VP of Program, Andrea Lane; President, Amanda Vogt

October 3-4 brought over 35 members of the Greater St. Louis Area Council's newly elected Council & District Venturing Officer

Associations together for a weekend of training and orientation. The training was led by Jeff Abernathy, Council VOA Associate Advisor, and Amanda Vogt, Council VOA President. Council & District VOA officers participated in a full orientation to the Council Venturing Bylaws. They wrote mission

statements for each of their Districts. They started the planning for the 5 council VOA events scheduled over the next 12 months. The events they are planning are: Ski Night; Mississippi River Dance Cruise; Award & Recognition Dinner; Scoutquest 100; and the largest Venturing event in the nation, The Fall Fun Rally.

## 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)

## Silver Award Presented to Area 3 Venturing President

On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sarah Ward, our Area 3 Venturing President was presented with her Venturing Silver Award. She also received her 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Bronze Awards. Congratulations to Sarah on this great accomplishment.



## 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?



## 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.



## Area 3's 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](mailto:orchidscout@gmail.com) (608) 873-1821

## Northeast Illinois Council Powder Horn – Just outside Area 3

Another great Powder Horn course is being offered in and nearby Area 3. In fact the first weekend of the course will take place within the boundaries of Area 3 in the Southeast Wisconsin Council. The 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend will be just south of the Wisconsin border along the shores of Lake Michigan. The dates are:

**April 16-18, 2010**

**April 30 – May 2, 2010**

*2009-2010 National Venturing President, Matthew McGroaty, will be in attendance the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of the course*

The Powder Horn Fee is \$250. A \$50 non-refundable deposit will reserve your space on the course. A second payment of \$100 is due on January 15, 2010 and a final payment of \$100 is due on February 28, 2010. This fee includes food, materials, lodging and activities. Check out their Website: [www.neic.org/powderhorn](http://www.neic.org/powderhorn)

Or contact the 2010 NEIC Powder Horn Course Director, Tamara Christensen at:  
Phone: (847) 245-2322  
Fax: (847) 245-2356  
E-mail: [tamaranathan@yahoo.com](mailto:tamaranathan@yahoo.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).

## 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)

**POWDER HORN  
COURSE DIRECTOR  
CONFERENCE**  
Central Region, BSA  
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](mailto:nancypeto@hotmail.com).

Flyer & Registration Form are attached to this 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](mailto:CampConnie@aol.com) or Keith Gehlhausen at (812) 459-4778 [kegehlhausen@aol.com](mailto:kegehlhausen@aol.com)

Flyer & Registration Form are attached to this 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

## **CR Area 3 Venturing Committee**

### **Area 3 Venturing President**

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### **Area 3 Venturing Vice-President**

**Amanda Vogt**, Greater St. Louis Area Council  
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### **Area 3 Sea Scout Boatswain**

Open

### **Area 3 Venturing Advisor/Chair**

**Bob Vogt**, Greater St. Louis Area Council  
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### **Area 3 Associate Advisor – Illowa Council**

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### **Area 3 Associate Advisor – Lewis & Clark**

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### **Area 3 Associate Advisor**

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## Do a Kodiak Trek in 2010



**The Five Commissions of  
Kodiak:**  
Effective Team / Values and Vision /  
Communication / Decision Making /  
Planning

**To 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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Cell Phone: 314-609-8001

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



**Past editions of the Central Region  
Area 3 Venturing Update can be  
found at:**

**August 2009:**  
<http://crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=351>

**July 2009:**  
<http://crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=344>

**May 2009:**  
<http://crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=347>

**April 2009:**  
<http://crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=326>

**Following are the links to the  
resource items mentioned in the  
Central Region Area 3 Venturing  
Update:**

**Area 3 Venturing Conference Flyer:**  
[http://www.4shared.com/file/133677310/9e0a2181/Area\\_3\\_Venturing\\_Conference\\_Flyer.html](http://www.4shared.com/file/133677310/9e0a2181/Area_3_Venturing_Conference_Flyer.html)

**Area 3 Venturing Conference Registration Form:**  
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**Central Region September 2009 Venturing  
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<http://crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=356>

**National Youth Leadership Society Application:**  
<http://www.crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=1&id=234>.

**Glacier Edge Council Powder Horn Flyer &  
Registration Form:**  
<http://www.glaciersedge.org/images/stories/pdfs/2010%20GEC%20Powder%20Horn%20Application.pdf>

**Northeast Illinois Council Powder Horn Flyer &  
Registration Form:**  
[www.neic.org/powderhorn](http://www.neic.org/powderhorn)

**Central Region Powder Horn Course Director  
Course Flyer & Registration Form:**  
<http://www.crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=288>

**Central Region Course Kodiak/Kodiak X Course  
Director Course Flyer & Registration Form:**  
<http://www.crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=349>



## Venturing FORUM

Many of the articles about events and activities from our Area 3 Venturing Update are picked up and re-published by the Venturing FORUM. Just what is the Venturing FORUM? Glad you asked. The following is from their newsletter:

The Venturing FORUM is a cluster concept and a friendly way to help Venturing and Scouting Leaders exchange ideas and programs among our troops, crews, areas, councils, and regions. Our Cluster includes many councils and Crews in the Northeast, Central, Southern and Western regions that support venturing, exchange of ideas, Best Practices and activities for the Venturing Program. The Cluster newsletter "**Venturing Forum**" is not an official publication of any Council, Area, Region or National. It is the Venturing Leaders newsletter.

We are starting our 6<sup>th</sup> year of publications. Thank you for your input and articles in this effort to better support the Venturing program. If you would like to be added to the monthly email list, let Bob "the BEAR" Monto know at [rmonto@aol.com](mailto:rmonto@aol.com). We need the Scouter or Venturing leader to email us with their name, Council, Area and Region so we can group the emails by sub groups.

As always, Venturing articles, questions, and comments are welcome. We are seeking support from anyone interested in working on the newsletter or future website.