



Councils Part of Area 1:

- Bay Lakes
- Central Minnesota
- Chippewa Valley
- Gamehaven
- Gateway Area
- Northern Lights
- Northern Star
- Samoset
- Sioux
- Twin Valley
- Voyageurs Area
- Winnebago

Area 1 Conference

On **January 22-24**, Area 1 will unite for their conference at the Fred C. Anderson Scout Camp in Northern Star Council. This will be an event that welcomes anyone from across the area who has a great interest in improving their council's or district's Venturing program. This will be a weekend with lots of training, networking and meeting other Venturers, and going to the Mall of America!!!

This will be a great opportunity to learn several new skills and how to start a VOA. Do your council/districts have a VOA? Do you even know what that is?

This is an event for both youth and adults to become better leaders for their council/districts and help develop the future leadership. More details will be give out soon.

Training Topics:

- "Crews that Thrive"
- Building Promotional Materials
- How to Start & Maintain a Venturing Officers Association (VOA)
- Recruitment & Retention
- Plus more!

For more information contact President Dan Carriveau area1president@crventuring.org

Area 1 Assemblage---The Amazing Race

Area 1 is going to be hosting an Area 1 Assemblage based around the theme of The Amazing Race. Units will be put into smaller teams that will race though some difficult challenges. The challenges will be a bit of everything to deeply involve the Venturers and truly test them!

Are you up for the challenge? This event will be held **April 30th to May 2nd**. The location is to still

be determined, but will be central for the entire area to attend! Units are strongly encouraged to sign up. Things should go well and planning is already underway.

So start brushing up on your Amazing Race viewing to become prepared and look forward to a great weekend!

Fun, food, and fellowship among Venturers.

Text Message Service

Yes, that is right, Area 1 has their own text message service. Text "**CRAREA1**" to **41411** to review small updates on your phone about Venturing events, activities, and notifications. This is a great way to stay connected all the time! Standard text message rates apply, but a free service for you to join!

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Have you heard about OKPIK?
<http://www.ntier.org/OKPIK.html>
 It is coming up quickly? Tons of programs and activities that are offered. Check us out for more details!

Kodiak/Kodiak X

There is one planned for November 20-22, 2009 in Dayton, OH. Also one is planned for Jan 15-17 in Florida. A Kodiak/Kodiak X CDC is a training that takes place over a weekend and provides information as to what a Kodiak Trek is and a Kodiak X course. The Course Director's Conference's are for Adults. Kodiak is a leadership development course for older teens offered by a troop, crew, district, or council in a six-day format or over two three-day weekends. It is based on the servant leader concept and is delivered while on a trek, trip, or other activity. It teaches five leadership skills called commissions using illustrations found in nature.

www.kodiak-bsa.org

Venturer Night Lock-in – December 5-6, 2009

Do you like to play games, win prizes, and meet new people? Well if you do, the 2009 Bear Paw staff and Venturing crew lock-in is perfect for you! It takes place at the Appleton YMCA (218 E. Lawrence St, Appleton, WI 54140) CREW 9001 LOCK-IN Appleton YMCA Dec 5-6, 2009 10:00 pm-6:30 am

Crew 9001 welcomes Venturers, Boy and Girl Scouts, Explorers, and Youth Groups. Even if you are not in a registered group but are interested, you may still attend. Any youth 11 or having completed the fifth grade, through the age of 20 is welcome to attend. Must have one Adult for every 10 youth.

You will receive: "Venturer Night" T-Shirt, Pizza and Soda during the night, and an entry to the drawing for some great door prizes.

We offer: Two Open Pools (10 pm-1am), Water Polo, Inflatable Climbing Tower, Inflatable Obstacle Course, Open Gym, Volleyball Courts, Basketball Courts, Racquet Ball Courts, Movies Playing All Night, Door Prizes, Competition Type Events, and more! This is the 10th year Crew 9001 is having a lock-in, so they are going all out to celebrate!

What to bring: Sleeping gear if desired, swimming suit and towel, clothing to

fit the night's activities, money for the trading post, a good attitude, and a friend.

This is a great opportunity to meet other groups like yours, and to find out what they do. If you are not in a group, this is a great chance to get involved. Altogether, it will be a great night to meet people, experience new things and to have fun!

Separate Youth and Adult Sleeping Accommodations Will Be Available Please Contact Dan Cariveau with any questions or for more info! crew9001@gmail.com or 920-788-0567! See you there!

Go to <http://crew9001.zapto.org> or crew9001@gmail.com for more info.

Shooting Sports Competition Weekend

For the first time ever, we will be having a competition for rifle shooting, shotgun shooting at clay targets, and archery. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category. The morning will be used for practice and the afternoon and evening will be the competition. Space is limited to 25 for each event so make sure you sign-up early.

Register by filling out the enclosed form and mail it to the Fargo Service Center.

Location: Camp Wilderness – Park Rapids, MN
Time: Check-in starts at 7pm on Friday and ends by 9am on Sunday
Cost: \$40 per person
Meals: 3 meals on Saturday and Breakfast on Sunday



http://www.nlcbasa.org/camp_wild-highadvcamp.htm

Bay Jammer 2010

One of the nation's oldest and beloved events is back for its 62nd consecutive summer this coming July 16, 17, and 18, 2010. Yes, that event is the renowned M&M Bay Jammer! The Bay-Lakes Council of the Boy Scouts of America has sponsored this event since the Council merged with the former Nicolet Area Council in the 1970s, which had formerly sponsored the event. Bay Jammer lives on after nearly seven decades as a testament to the spirit of Scouting.

The Bay-Lakes Council is proud to sponsor Bay Jammer for its 62nd year and would like to invite you

and your Scouting unit to attend this summer spectacular! Bay Jammer is an event which builds on the values of Scouting, tests a unit's knowledge and perseverance, brings together old friends and develops new relationships, and provides Scouts and Scouters from around the Midwest with a forum to collaborate, congregate, compete, and have some good clean fun.

For those who have participated in the M&M Bay Jammer, you know how special this weekend-long event is. You also know how much your Scouts have enjoyed the spirit of competition and

the lasting friendships that are formed. For those of you who may be considering making your first trip to Menominee, we truly hope that the contents within will help you make what could be the best decision you have made all year. Your unit will thank you for it!

Bay Jammer 2010 promises to be one of the best since its inception in 1948. The tradition Bay Jammer upholds will be everpresent, with a few new twists here and there. We guarantee it will be a weekend to remember! The program guide you are about to read should give you a

good idea of what is in store for this year's edition of Bay Jammer. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our chairman anytime. We hope to see you this coming summer in Menominee!



Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award

The Central Region Venturing Committee is pleased to offer the Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award.

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 TLC 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, and listing on 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.

To get the petition form, go to: <http://www.crventuring.org> and click on Council Standards of Venturing Excellence on the left side menu.

“The real leader has no need to lead-- he is content to point the way.”
Henry Miller

Great Lakes Centennial Jamboree

September 25-27 at the EAA Grounds in Oshkosh, WI, over 10,000 Scouters came together to help great up for the 100th anniversary.

There was several Venturing Crews that attended, which was really cool. I had a really great time going around talking to all of the Venturing Crews that had attended.

One thing that I was also responsible for was the color guard for the Saturday night show. So, I got to select about 8 Venturers in full uniform to go backstage and help open up the evening's events. After the opening, we got to hangout back stage and watch the show. We could also go into the VIP section and watch the show right up there in the front. We had an extremely good dinner delivered to us

History of Venturing

Venturing was officially created by the Boy Scouts of America's executive board on February 9, 1998. However, if you ask Venturing Associate Director Bill Evans, who was there that day and helped create Venturing, he would expand a little.

In 1995, the Outdoor Exploring Committee chaired by Dr. Dick Miller of Waynesboro, Virginia, met in Long Key, Florida. The primary purpose of the meeting was to address the issue of how to support and sustain the amazing growth that outdoor Exploring was enjoying. During a five-year period in the early 1990s, outdoor Exploring had grown 94 percent to almost 100,000 members. When the committee would come up with an idea, it would sound familiar. Then they would refer to a 1950 edition of the *Exploring Handbook* and find their idea had already been applied years ago. So, if you are a history buff and have an early edition of the *Exploring Handbook*, you can see the many similarities between the early days of Exploring and today's Venturing.

If you really want to trace the roots of Venturing, you have to go way back. The need for a senior Boy Scout program probably surfaced the second day after Scouting started in the United States in 1910. Actually, in the very first National Executive Board meeting report, there is a discussion about losing older boys. It was no surprise to our founders that older boys needed an age-specific program with challenges appropriate for them. Older boy programs cropped up across the country during those early years, causing the need for national action. In 1935, the BSA created Senior Scouting, publishing the *Guide to Senior Scouting*. There were several options, including

backstage, too! We also got to hangout backstage with Miss Wisconsin! Point being...wearing full class A to all your Venturing events can help get you chosen for some of these cool things!

Overall the event was a huge blast! They had special times for Venturers to do some of the activities including scuba diving, kayaking, COPE, climbing wall, and other various high adventure activities. Besides just that, there was literally over 100 different activities to do; nobody was bored the entire weekend! Thanks to those who came and made it so fun.

--Dan Carriveau



Explorers, Sea Scouts, and Air Scouts. In 1949, the BSA consolidated the senior programs, with the exception of Sea Scouts, into Explorer Scouts. At that time, a boy could be an Explorer in the troop or in a stand-alone unit called the Explorer post. The Explorer advancement program included the Bronze Award, the Gold Award, and the Silver Award. Sound familiar? The last Silver Awards were earned in 1966 as Exploring began to turn more toward career emphasis. That is until the new Venturing Silver Award was reintroduced in August 1998. The new Venturing advancement award medals are very similar in design to their predecessors of the 1940s and 1950s.

What was true in 1920 is true today: Older teens need a program specific to their needs and abilities. How old are our Venturers, anyway? Our age chart is almost a perfect bell curve with 17 being the highest point. Eighteen is next, followed by 16. There are actually more 19-year-olds than 14-year-olds. Because Venturing is very challenging and usually involves ambitious travel, it lends itself more to older teens.

When Associate Director Evans looks back over Venturing's last seven years, he points out that the most enjoyable moments of the development are not related to the phenomenal growth. They are moments when he heard Eagle Scouts stand before a group and talk about how Venturing has allowed them a place to be an Eagle Scout and to continue to learn and grow. Moments when a young lady stands before a group to tell how she finally had a place to be a Scout along with her mom, dad, and brothers. Venturing does change lives.

CR Area 1 Chair's Corner

I'm very pleased to be writing a short note in this first-ever Area 1 newsletter! Venturing is growing all across the country, and Central Region is a vibrant part of that success story.

Here at the western edge of the Region, we enjoy wide open spaces and natural wonders. But we also have the challenges of dispersed populations and distances to get to events and activities. My hope for 2009-2010 in Area 1 Venturing is to start finding ways to overcome our distance issues and work together in all 12 Councils to

strengthen and expand Venturing for all our youth.

Dan and I are excited to be planning the first ever Area 1 event for January 2010; please put the dates (January 22-24) on your calendar now, because we need youth and adult Venturing leadership from ALL our Councils to come together to make this event a success.

2010 is the 100th anniversary of Scouting in the US, and I know that Councils are all planning celebrations and events for our centennial birthday. Those events

are a great opportunity to show the face of Venturing in your communities; I hope you are all planning to be a visible part of your Council's celebration!

Best wishes for a great Fall, and I look forward to seeing you all in January.

---Chris Sandberg
Central Region,
Area 1 Venturing Chair

Presidents Address

Hello Area 1,

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Dan Carriveau. I have been chosen to serve as your Area president. You can read my bio in the newsletter to learn more about me.

We have a great year of opportunity ahead of us. One thing that I have discovered is that something is only as good as you make it. I always take the bull by the horns and drive forward to see what can be done and get things done!

There is a lot of things that the Venturing Program offers. We have the up and coming Area 1 Conference on January 22-24 at the Fred C. Anderson Scout Camp in Northern Star Council.

This will be a great opportunity to get things going in 2010 and become well trained in the various aspects of Venturing to hopefully bring things back to your council and be able to strengthen their Venturing Program.

As an Area, we are as good as we make it. We all

sink or swim as a team. If we all work together, we can improve Area 1 to make it the best that it has ever been. We need to start the building blocks somewhere and just dive in and get involved. It is the only way that things get done. We, as an Area, can finish off the rest of the year and make this something amazing! It is up to everyone in Area 1 to make that happen! See you in January and hopefully at a few Venturing Events.

---Dan Carriveau
Area 1 President



Join us on Facebook!
Simply search for the group "Central Region Venturing Area 1"
<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#group.php?gid=18910637702>

Primitive Biathlon

February 20-21, 2010

This will be a round ball event only! Any snowshoes allowed, but only traditional wood snowshoes can win. Primitive dress preferred, but not mandatory. Any metallic sight allowed. The course will be approx. 1.8 miles long with four stations of three shots each, and will be on the clock. This will be a timed event with time reduced for shots hit. A misfire will be considered as a miss! Categories this year include Juniors (17 and under) and Youngsters (18yrs-108yrs) Smoothbore events will also be offered. Also enjoy our Sunday afternoon "Winter Walk"- Stroll this beautiful winter wonderland (with or without snowshoes) and shoot the course without challenging the clock. In the spirit of the event, this is an "All-Weather" event!

<http://www.gamehavenbsa.org/documents/Biathlon2010.pdf>

Contact Us

“A general is just as good or just as bad as the troops under his command make him.”

**General Douglas
MacArthur**



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Area 1 President Dan Carriveau

Dan Carriveau, from the Bay Lakes Council, is the 2009-2010 Central Region Area 1 Venturing President. Dan has been President of his Crew for the last two years, has planned the Council's Venturing Night Lock-In event for three years, and has been activity chair for Crew events and service projects.

In addition to being an Eagle Scout, Dan is active in his church, school, and community, and has held leadership positions in his Troop and Order of the Arrow Chapter and Lodge. He also works on Staff at the Bear Paw Scout Camp in the summer.

He plans to attend college and major in business, and is looking towards a

degree in Entrepreneurship or Hotel/Resort Management so he eventually open his own hotel or resort.

Dan wants to build up each Council's Venturing program in the Area, attend Venturing events throughout the Area, and use electronic media to help spread the word about Venturing.

Area 1 Newsletter

This is our first-ever newsletter published by Area 1. Inside you will find various comments from your Area Leadership. You can also find out about various Venturing Events and see how past events went! If you ever have a

submission for this newsletter, email them to area1president@crventuring.org. Please make sure to take a few minutes to skim over the information in this article and pass this information along to your Council and District leadership and crews!

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