

Central Region Area 3 Venturing Update December 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 professional Scouters, Venturing adult leaders with council & district responsibilities, and Venturing youth leaders ready to take the next step up in Venturing.

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 2010 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.

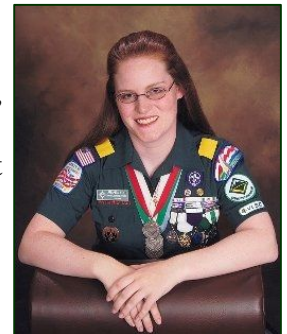
The conference will be starting with the basics of Venturing, and moving through the steps councils in our Area and across the country have taken to reach success. Here are just some of the things the conference will be covering:

- 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 15th, 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, 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.**



Amanda Vogt, Area 3 Venturing Conference



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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

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).

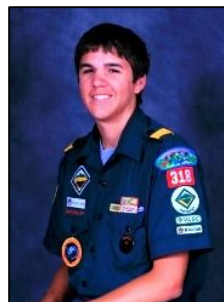
Recognition items will include a plaque, recognition in the Central Region newsletter, listing in the Central Region luncheon program at the Annual BSA Meeting in Dallas, and listing on www.crventuring.org

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 October 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 newsletter 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.

Area 3 Facebook Groups

We have become the largest Area level Venturing Facebook Group in the Nation!



CR Area 3 Venturing Facebook Group has grown to become larger than 3 of the regional Venturing Facebook Groups. We have over 550 members in our 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 group member does not have to be in Venturing to be part of the group. Because just 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
Central Region Venturing: www.crventuring.org
Central Region Sea Scouting:
www.seascouting.crventuring.org

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?

Venturers Help Make Scouting for Food Biggest One Day Event



30,000 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers and Explorers combined their efforts to turn the Greater St. Louis Area Council's Scouting For Food into the largest one day food collection event in the nation. Over 2.1 million food items were collected, sorted, boxed, loaded and delivered to over 500 local food pantries. Venturers took on the heavy lifting task of sorting, boxing and loading tons of food. Hundreds of Venturers participated all across the council. Scouting for Food started in the Greater St. Louis Area Council 25 years ago.



Council VOA President, Amanda Vogt, packing boxes.



District VOA President, Dustin Readenour, hauling food.



Area 3 Venturing President, Sarah Ward, unloading cars



Council VOA VP or Administrator, George Mlusshardt, sorting food.



Nathan Ward, past District VOA officer loads a semi.

Pictured here is Firehouse #2 in Ballwin, MO where Crew 2783, 2982 & 2627 were assisted by other Scouts to pack 1,425 cases of food. They filled 1.5 semi-trucks.

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>.

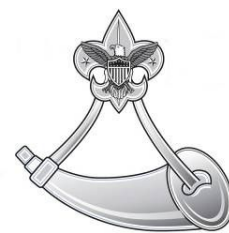
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ★ 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING



CELEBRATING THE ADVENTURE ★ CONTINUING THE JOURNEY

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 (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 2nd 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 McGroarty, will be in attendance the 2nd 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

Or contact the 2010 NEIC Powder Horn Course Director, Tamara Christensen at:

Phone: (847) 245-2322

Fax: (847) 245-2356

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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

Venturers Cruise the Mighty Mississippi River

160 Venturers danced their way down the Mississippi River on the Tom Sawyer Riverboat on Saturday night, November 7th. The Greater St. Louis Area Council Venturing Officer Association hosted this event. A committee of Venturers put together great decorations around the theme of "Midnight in Paris". Venturers started boarding at 9:00pm and departed from the shores at 9:30. The Venturers cruised till midnight. The dance floor was crowded the whole evening while others enjoyed strolling the deck and watching the shoreline passed by. Everyone had a great time at a great Council event.



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

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Area 3 Communication Coordinator

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

Sea Scouts Officers Specialized Training

February 6th, 2010 is an opportunity for Sea Scouts Leaders from throughout the Central Region to come together for a day of learning and fellowship.

Area 3 of the Central Region and the Greater St. Louis Area Council are hosting the training at the BSA MacArthur Service Center (4568 West Pine Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108). Starts at 8:30am and runs to 4:00pm. All Sea Scout Ships and Venturing Crew leaders are invited to join us for the day. Cost is \$5.00 per participant to cover cost of registration and materials. Lunch is not included. For more information contact Area 3 & 5 Sea Scout Commodore, Bill Hamilton at whami9@aol.com



A flyer is attached on this training opportunity. This course along with Venturing Leader Specific Training is a prerequisite for attending the Sea Badge Course. There are plans in the works for a Sea Badge Course to be offered in Area 3 in the fall of 2010.

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

October 2009:
<http://crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=358>
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/1336773109e0a2181/Area_3_Venturing_Conference_Flyer.html

Area 3 Venturing Conference Registration Form:

http://www.4shared.com/file/133677313703703b/Area_3_Venturing_Conference_Registration.html

Council Standard of Venturing Excellence Application:

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

Central Region October 2009 Venturing Newsletter:

<http://www.crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=361>

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.glacieredge.org/images/stories/pdfs/2010%20GEC%20Powder%20Horn%20Application.pdf>

Northeast Illinois Council Powder Horn Flyer & Registration Form:

www.neic.org/powderhorn

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http://www.4shared.com/file/166315454/9718bb42/Sea_Scouts_OST_2010.html