

Central Region Area 1 Venturing Newsletter



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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!

Area 1 Conference—did you register yet?

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 given out soon.

Training Topics:

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

Registration: http://www.crventuring.org/Area_Pages/Area_1/ (flyer at the bottom)

Area 1 Assemblage---Planning underway

April 30-May 2 at Gardner Dam Scout Camp in the Bay Lakes Council will be the first-ever Area 1 Assemblage. Make sure to mark the dates on your calendar, tell a friend, and plan on attending!

If there is anyone interested in serving on the planning committee for this event, please make sure to contact Area 1 President Dan Carriveau right away so that you can get involved. Planning will

begin for this huge event right away.

The committee will pick a theme, develop program, find staff to run the program, and make it happen! Many hands make for light work.

This is a great way to get Area experience and have fun working with many people from across the huge Area 1.

Even if you don't want to help plan the event, you are strongly encouraged to attend and network with the various Area 1 members.

Whatever the committee puts together should be grand!

Be assured that more information will be released as the date gets closer and the committee plans everything out.

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

Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award

Don't forget to apply for this prestigious award! All forms are due by February 15th, 2010. Please review the form and see if you qualify, fill out the petition, and be distinguished.

http://www.crventuring.org/Other/Council_Standards_of_Venturing_Excellence/



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Kodiak/Kodiak X

There is one 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 – Recap

Things went SUPER well at the Venturer Night Lock-in. Personally, I had a lot of fun and thought that things were planned out extremely well. There were things to do whenever you got bored. The climbing wall was amazing! There was an open pool, which was fun, too. The door prizes were quite elaborate. I ended up getting a Wireless Sports Plus video game that I hooked up to my TV the moment I got home! WOW! There were 200 people in attendance and everyone had fun! Things seem to be in shape for next years lock-in, being planned for December 4-5, again at the Appleton, Wisconsin, YMCA. Thanks for inviting me to attend – Dan Carriveau



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

Shooting Sports Competition Weekend – May 15-17

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!



Buck Hill All-Nighter – February 19

Northern Star Council and Buck Hill Winter Recreation are inviting all Venturing Crews, Explorer Posts, & Boy Scout Troops to join the excitement at the Fifth Annual Buck Hill Lock-In. Come have fun in the snow all night long! Last year, more than 700 attended! Groups may start arriving at 9:30 p.m. Check in at "The Hutch" building. Check-in will start at 9:45 p.m., rentals begin at 10:00, and those with their own equipment we hope to have on the hill by 10:00 p.m. The full snack bar will be open all night for purchases of food and beverages.

Skiing, snowboarding, movies, bon fire, snow shoeing, snow tubing...FUN FUN FUN!!!

Cost is \$35 per person (includes lift ticket and equipment rental). An extra \$10 charge if interested in snow tubing rental. **The fun is on February 19, 2010 from 10PM to 5AM!!!**

Contact Faith Anderson for more information and registration information:
faitha@flexmation.com

Primitive Biathlon – February 20-21

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>

Venturer Blaze Away Day – Recap

On August 23, thirty-three Ventures from crews throughout the Northern Star Council gathered at Beaverbrook Sportsmen's Club in East Bethel to learn about and shoot large caliber rifles, pistols and shotguns. Venture Crew 410 and Ten Ring, a Minnesota non-profit corporation and Chartered Partner sponsored the event. All staff were trained Scouters. Traditional paper targets were non-existent! Instead clay birds, balloons, water bottles and other such fare were the targets of choice. Also the ventures using small-bore rifles had the opportunity to challenge each other with "Dueling Posts." After the rifles and some trap shooting they moved on to handguns using 38 caliber double action revolvers for shooting at bowling pins trying for that one shot "Strike"; then with a 38 Single Action Army type pistols they attempted to shoot a Cowboy

Action match with a "Nevada Sweep" on some steel targets. (That's Cowboy lingo, Pilgrim) Then time being what it was we all migrated to the BBQ for some burgers, dogs and beans.



36th Annual Winter Amidships

Bay-Lakes Council of the Boy Scouts of America and alumni of Fond du Lac Scout units are proud to invite you to Winter Amidships (WAM) co-ed Scout event to be held **Saturday, February 20th, 2010, at the UW-Fond du Lac, WI.**

This event is open to units of Venture Crew, Career Explorers, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts. Youth must be 14 years of age, and accompanied by 2 adult leaders (one must be at least 21 years of age).

Each unit may submit 1 team in each of 11 events: Knots, Compass Board, Life-jacket Relay, First Aid, International Code Flags, Obstacle Course, Scooter Race and Surprise events have 4 members each. Heaving Line and Bowling have 3 members each. Tug-of-war teams have an 800 lb. weight limit.

The day also includes dinner, awards presentation, dance, and event patch. Pre-registration is required. We will accept up to 20 units OR 300 participants, whichever comes first.

For more information contact Ann Gratton at 920-231-3015 or agrutton@milwpc.com

http://www.baylakesbsa.org/council/files/WAM_Flyer_2010.pdf

Arctic Adventure 2010

Are you willing to accept the challenge of the Arctic? Conquer the Adventure? **January 15-17 and February 19-21 at Gardner Dam Scout Camp** in the Bay Lakes Council is hosting a Venturing event. Cost is only \$45 for the weekend or \$80 for both weekends!

You are welcome to attend one or both weekends. January 15-17 the Area 1 President will be in attendance.

You can choose one of two activities that you would like to do:

- 1) Snow sports (lodging in cabins) where you will have the opportunity to cross country skiing and/or snowshoeing.

OR

- 2) Artic Trek. This program is a little more intensive and it is recommended that you do the snow sports weekend first and/or complete the OKPIK training first.

For more information contact Mike Mailand at mmailand@sbcglobal.net

<http://www.baylakesbsa.org/council/files/UpcomingEventsPDFs/ArcticAdventureRegForm2010.pdf>

CR Area 1 Chair's Corner

Advisors: We Need You At the Area 1 Conference!

Dan has been pushing hard to get the word out about the first-ever Area 1 Conference coming up in three weeks (see the lead story in this issue.)

But the Conference is not just for Venturers. While our focus at the Conference will be on giving Venturers new tools to help their Crews and Councils

deliver great Venturing program, we also need committed adults who care about Venturing to be a part of the Conference.

We need you to get Venturers to the Conference, to support them during the weekend as they learn and discuss how Venturing can be strengthened when they return home, and to give them your advice and counsel

as they plan new ways to turn ideas into practical leadership.

Most of all, we need you to encourage your Venturers to attend and participate in the Conference, so they (and Venturing) can grow!

I look forward to seeing you all January 22-24 at Fred C. Anderson Scout Camp.



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<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=18910637702>

CR Area 1 President's Address

Hello Area 1,

I am looking forward to having a great 2010. We have so much to look forward to this year: the **Area 1 Conference on January 22-24 and the Area 1 Assemblage on April 30-May 2**. Details on those events are on page one of this newsletter.

I really hope that these events go well and that we are able to use these opportunities to our advantage at furthering the Venturing Movement. All of the preparation will finally come out!

I am a senior in high school right now. I am starting to apply for the many scholarships that I am eligible for. Most of the information that I put down and the essays I write somehow involve my experiences in Scouting and the Venturing Program.

This is not only a great reason to stay involved in Venturing, but it is a fun way to get so much experience in life that will help you and motivate you to do good in the future.

Venturing has so much to

offer that it is hard not to get involved and find something that you enjoy doing.

Anyways, keep up the great work Area 1. Things went fabulous for 2009 and I do not expect anything to change for 2010! Oh yeah, and great job on reaching the goal for the Area 1 Facebook Group! Congrats!

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=18910637702>

---Dan Carriveau
Area 1 President



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“A fair reputation is a plant, delicate in its nature, and by no means rapid in its growth. It will not shoot up in a night like the gourd of the prophet; but like that gourd, it may perish in a night.”
Jeremy Taylor



Dan Carriveau
Area 1 President

We're on the Web!
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www.crventuring.org

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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 can 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

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! This is a great way to utilize in getting information out about your Venturing event! Take advantage of that! See ya soon – Dan Carriveau, Area 1 President

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