

Central Region Area 3 Venturing Update February 2010



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First National Venturing Event – Right Here in Area 3



The Venturing Officer Association of the Greater St. Louis Area Council is proud to announce that the Fall Fun Rally has been designated as the first National Venturing Event. The council is proud to sponsor this event and to open it up to Venturers from across the country to attend.

The Fall Fun Rally is the largest Venturing event held each year in the country. The Fall Fun Rally is in its 37th year. We have the facilities, the staff, and the experience to host several thousand Venturers for this 3-day event. In 2008 it was the Central Region's 10th Anniversary event for Venturing. Venturers from throughout the Central Region attended. This event is centrally located in the USA.

The Fall Fun Rally is a youth lead event. The Council's V.O.A., the 9 District V.O.As, and hundreds of other Venturers staff the event each year. Venturing is many things, but of uppermost importance is youth leadership development. Planning for the 2010 event started at last year's event. This is the first time that a National Venturing event is being done and it is the youth of the Venturing program that are doing it. We are honored to take on this endeavor. We thank our council and

the National Office for the trust they have placed in us to accomplish this unique opportunity. We hope that this will be the start of more and bigger future National Venturing Events, but today's good news is that the first one is on the way. So let's get excited about it!

Date: September 24-26, 2010

Location: Beaumont Scout Reservation, High Ridge, MO (Just 35 minutes SW of downtown St. Louis)

Who can attend: Venturers, Explorers, Sea Scouts, & Boy Scouts (over age 14+) & their adult leadership

Events from the Fall Fun Rally:

Volleyball Tournament, Tug-of-War Competitions, Rifle Range, Shotgun Range, Archery, Climbing Tower, Slacklining, Wild Caving, Mountain Men Village, Blacksmithing, , Helicopters, , Kickball, Crab Soccer, Wiffleball, Dodgeball, Hillbilly Golf & Washers, National Venturing Fencing Competition, Pool Noodle Jousting, Police & Military Demonstrations, Table Top Competitions, Dutch-oven Cooking Competitions, Skit/Talent Competition, Fear Factor Event, Horseback Riding, Adult Venturing Training, Venturing Officer Association Elections, Game/Trivia Night, Movie Night, Twister for 50, Karaoke Night, Award Show, Dance, Model Rockets, Backyard Games, Obstacle Course, Frisbee Golf, Sea Scouting Activities, Drunk Driving Simulator, All Star Sports Challenge, Crazy Building Competitions, Dunking Booth, and much more.

Check out our websites now and down the road as more events are announced.

Websites: <http://www.nationalventuringevent.org>
<http://www.fallfunrally.org>

Join our National Venturing Event Facebook Group:

Facebook Group:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=207652002378&ref=ts>

Mark your Crew's calendar now to attend the first National Venturing Event. Registration and leader's information will be posted and updated through the website. Cost is just \$15 for the weekend and will include an event t-shirt. We look forward to welcoming you to St. Louis and the Fall Fun Rally.

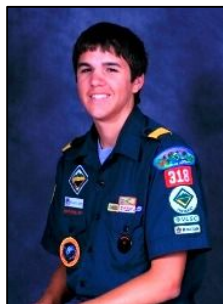
Andrea Lane, Greater St. Louis Area Council V.O.A. Vice-President of Program & Youth Chairperson - Fall Fun Rally

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Matthew McGroarty, 2009-2010 National Venturing President

Central Region Venturing Newsletter

Attached to this emailed Venturing Update is the November/December 2009 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 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.



Central Region's Venturing President Application



The application for the Central Region's Venturing President for 2010-2011 is now online at www.crventuring.org. One youth will be chosen out of the over 50,000 Venturers in the Central Region to lead our Region. This is a once-in-a-

lifetime opportunity to become a National Venturing Officer. We need your help to identify qualifying Venturing youth in Area 3 that are ready to step-up in their leadership. Applications are due to the Central Region Office by March 15th

Qualifications: To run for Regional Venturing President, a Venturer must:

1. Be a present or past crew president, or a present or past Council Venturing Officer Association President or officer (or equivalent district/council/Area organization) in his or her council.
2. Be recommended and approved by his or her council.
3. Be less than 20 years of age on May 31, 2010.
4. Be a currently primary registered Venturer in his or her council.
5. Be able to attend the BSA National Annual Meeting the weekend of May 26-29
6. Be able to attend the National Venturing Youth Cabinet Training and Orientation in Irving, TX from July 7-11

Area 3 Venturing President Applications Coming Soon

The application for the Area 3 Venturing President for 2010-2011 will soon be available on the www.crventuring.org website:



Applications are due by April 1st. Details are on the application. We are seeking a youth member that wants to help grow Venturing across Area 3. We are 8,000+ Venturers strong in Area 3. The Area 3 Venturing Committee wants to further the

development of the Area 3 Venturing Officer Association to encourage cooperation and sharing of resources across our councils. Do you have a Venturer or two in your council that can lead the way? A council may nominate more than one Venturer for the Area President position. Candidates not selected will be considered for an Area Vice-president position.

Area 3 Facebook Groups

We have become the largest Area level Venturing Facebook Group in the Nation! We have over 825 members in our group. How did we do

it? Simply by 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 did not have one 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

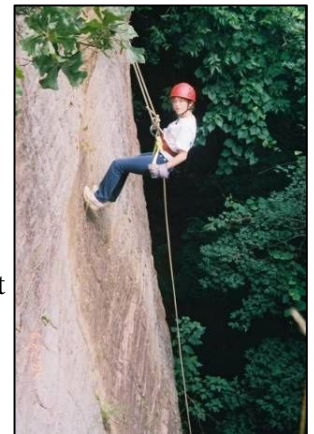
Swift Base – A Venturing Paradise

Swift Base first opened the summer of 1966 at S bar F Scout Ranch about 90 miles south of St. Louis. From the beginning, it was designed to be a totally different experience for high-school and college-age members. It is one of only two bases of its type in our country. And we are lucky to have it here in Area 3.



S bar F Scout Ranch is 5,200 acres of woods, trails, streams, Nims Lake and fun. The 270-acre Nims Lake serves as the focal point for water skiing, sailing, fishing, canoeing, swimming, water tubing, sun bathing, kayaking and water sliding. A herd of horses will allow you to saddle-up and explore the wilderness trails. If heights and challenges are your thing, Swift offers rock climbing, rappelling and a high and low ropes course. Mountain bikes are available every day for rides that see no pavement. You may want to try your hand at firing a .22 rifle or bow and arrow. At Swift, you choose what you want to do.

Evening programs include campfires and dances, volleyball and crazy competitions. We plan for an outdoor movie night, drive-in style. A game night or bonfire may be in the offing. If your crew wants to take an overnight canoe float down the lake, that can be arranged. Some crews like to hike to Castle Rock to check out the stars.



All meals are served in Swift Lodge -- dining-hall style. You camp on a campsite with your crew and your leaders. Tents are set up for you on wooden frames. Each of our five campsites are scattered in the woods, so that you have shade and some privacy.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT AT SWIFT BASE

Venturers should start making plans for the 2010 summer camp program at Swift Base. The sign-up process is based on a first-come, first-served basis. High-school-age Scouts from the Greater St. Louis

Area Council and out-of-council crews may begin signing up to attend Swift Base now.

Cost for the week is just \$210. There are still slots left for crews for this summer. For more information about a great Super Activity for your Venturers go to: <http://www.stlbsa.org/Camping/Summer+Camps/Venturing/>

Adventure Base 100 in Area 3

Experience Scouting like never before with **Adventure Base 100!** Created specifically for the 100th Anniversary Celebration, Adventure Base 100 is traveling the country to give people an exciting, hands-on view of the history and future of the Boy Scouts of America. This 10,000 square foot campus features immersive



Scouting experiences including a ropes course and zip line, interactive digital exhibits, a multi-sensory IMAX-like dome, and more! It will also house a traveling museum that will showcase real artifacts from the National Scouting Museum in Irving, TX. Starting at the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, Calif. in January, and ending at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York in November, this magnificent traveling exhibit will stop at key events and locations in more than 40 cities including 2 locations here in Area 3. They are Cedar Rapids, IA on June 18-19 and St. Louis, MO on August 21-22.

Of special note, the exhibit on Venturing features a full life size photo cut out of an Area 3 Venturer, Christina Vogt, from Crew 2783, Ballwin, MO.

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?

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 leadership 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 McGroaty, 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
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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

Area 3 Venturing Conference

The first ever Area 3 Venturing Conference was “Out of the Box and Over the Top”. 64 participants and 10 staff spent January 30th in Normal, IL learning how to take their council’s Venturing program to the next level. Led by Sarah Ward, Area 3 Venturing President, and Amanda Vogt, past National Venturing President, the conference was packed full of valuable Venturing knowledge and experience.



Representatives from 12 councils (7 states) were in attendance. Topics covered everything from basic Venturing to advance leadership opportunities, from how to lead a multi-crew event in your council to the ultimate multi-crew youth lead event (National Venturing Event). The importances of Kodiak and Powder Horn courses were explained. The development of council and district Venturing Officer Associations as key to developing a council Venturing program were deeply discussed. Even to the point of demonstrating mock VOA elections.

All of the participants were encouraged to take the foundation knowledge they gained from the conference and build upon it within their council for the benefit of the Venturing youth.

The report on the Area 3 Venturing Conference that was filed with the Central Region Venturing Committee (with many additional photos) can be found at the following link:
http://www.4shared.com/get/215620618/db55d213/Area_3_Venturing_Conference_Re.html

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.

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

December 2009:

<http://crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=365>

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 this Central Region Area 3 Venturing Update:

Council Standard of Venturing Excellence Application:

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

Central Region November/December 2009 Venturing Newsletter:

<http://www.crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=367>

Area 3 Venturing Conference Report

http://www.4shared.com/get/215620618/db55d213/Area_3_Venturing_Conference_Re.html

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

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, is growing our 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 is developing 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

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