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NEW CENTRAL REGION IN PRINT AND ON THE WEB!

Through the efforts of the region president, the Central Region has established the first of its kind Regional Venturing Newsletter, and regional Venturing website. The goals of the new publications is to foster communication between councils, and to highlight outstanding strides in Venturing. The newsletter will be published quarterly, and the website updated frequently. The website will strive to be an up-to-date resource for councils and units. Among the resources that will be found on the website include a series of Power Point presentations that are useful for councils, and units to use as well as a complete collection of Venturing related forms and paperwork., clipart, a discussion forum, a sugges-



Check out the Central Region Venturing Website at www.crventuring.org

tion drop box, and this newsletter. Among the Power Point library will be features on training, advancement, leadership, and programs, in addition to information on various council programs recognized by the region. This will be of special interest to commissioners and training teams as

the new "New Leader Essentials" training program is implemented. When your council's TLC or VOA establishes a web presence a link can be added to you council's page. Please be aware that the page must be recognized by the local council, and your council's official web page must link to at as well as a cross reference to its official status.

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VENTURING AT CREWSING ALTITUDE

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VENTURING MAKES BIG SPLASH AT JAMBOREE

The 2001 National Scout Jamboree is now history and Venturing was at the center of the attention. From July 21 to August 1, 2001, scouts of all ages gathered under the theme "Meet Me at the Hill" at Fort A.P. Hill just outside of Fredericksburg Virginia. Many Venturers saw the 2001 Jamboree as an awesome opportunity. Not only could they share their love of the program, they could take part in a truly spectacular spectacle. Over 40,000 Boy Scouts were in attendance with countless more visiting each day. Venturing made its Jamboree debut with the "Venturing Rainforest." The rainforest was the accumulation of many months of planning according to Associate National Venturing Director, Brad Harris. Scouts had to either wait in line each morning for a "Fast Pass" that gave the scout a specific time for his journey through, or wait in lines up to 3 hours long just to get through. Once inside you were exposed to all the facets of Venturing. The very first thing



Scouts visiting the Venturing Rainforest provide first aid to victims of a plane crash (background). (Photo by Mark A. Duncan)

scouts had to respond to was to perform first aid for a plane crash victim. Then they got to see a SCUBA diver, shoot laser guns, and air pistols, as well as ride a bike across simulated jungle terrain. This was all while being kept cool with a constant mist, and in the presence of various tiki gods. After completing the

rainforest, you could purchase a special patch series at the trading post with your chit. Questions about venturing were ready to be answered by a team of current and past members of the National Venturing Youth Cabinet. The national officers had so many youth and adults

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TLC'S/VOA BOLSTER VENTURING

Are you looking for that extra kick in your council's Venturing program? Involving youth at the council level can pay great dividends. Youth leadership through a Teen Leader's Council, or a Venturing Officer's Association, will serve many purposes. A youth board of highly motivated

youth leaders can help to bring the magic of Venturing to new crews, and provide support for exiting crews. Through this leadership council Venturing activities can be planned BY YOUTH, FOR YOUTH. Exciting Venturing activities also provide a great opportunity for youth an

adults to network together. It is encouraged to include the council Venturing president on the Council Executive board also. A core group of officers to represent the council is also important for publicity. See related articles inside on how other councils use this youth leadership.

Sound Off

What are crew advisors saying about Powder Horn training?

"There is so much packed into the week, and all you are getting is a sample, its like drinking water from a fire hydrant."

-Dave Mitchell

"Extreme Go, See, Do"

-Don Dunbar III

IS POWDERHORN RIGHT FOR ME?

Powder Horn training is the newest and most exciting adult advisor training! Powder Horn training is for Advisors and Associate Advisors, who want to learn how to conduct a safe and exciting high adventure crew program. The basis for the course is the Venturing Ranger Award. Advisors will have to opportunity to experience first hand many of the activities described in the *Ranger Award Handbook*. This will allow the advisors to be able to offer input to the crew on activities, and have the knowledge of what it takes to safely conduct these programs. Powder Horn is not a leadership course, nor will it

make advisors experts on the high adventure activities, but it is designed to provide the "been there, done that," experience to ensure a quality



crew program. It is highly encouraged that each crew conducting a high adventure super activity have at least one advisor who has completed Powder Horn training.

Upcoming courses in the Central Region are as follows:

- April 26-28 & May 17-19, 2002 Simon Kenton Council, Columbus Ohio
- May 19-25, 2002, Heart of America Council, Kansas City Missouri

BURNING ISSUES

Can a Venturer who is not registered as a Sea Scout earn the Quartermaster Award?

Sea Scouting is a special cluster of Venturing composed of units designated with the specialty code 1208 on their unit application. The Sea Scout advancement program was written uniquely for the growth of Scouts involved in

maritime activities. Due to the unique nature of aquatic activities, and special training needed to conduct them safely, only a Sea Scout Ship can provide the opportunity for youth to earn Sea Scout advancement, including the Sea Scout Bronze award. For more information of starting a Sea Scout Ship, contact your District Executive, and visit the National Sea Scout com-

mittee's website at www.seascout.org

Also note that all Venturing Advancement requires submission of a Unit Advancement report, this includes all bronze, Gold, Silver, Ranger, and Quartermaster awards.

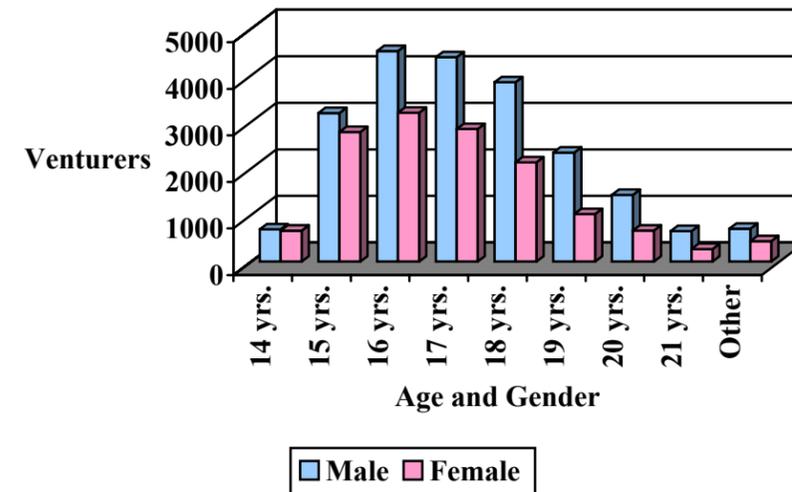
SEA SCOUTS BIG ON JAMBOREE EXCITEMENT

(Continued from page 1) interested, that just keeping enough literature around was a problem. Many youth were eager to sign up right away, but were instructed to contact a local crew to join the fun. The Sea Scout cluster was also represented at the Jamboree. They had a prominent display of Sea Scouting excitement. The Scouts were able to navigate remote controlled boats through buoys and

travel through a spectacle of Sea Scouting images. Just looking at the faces of the youth at these displays, it is clear that Venturing is going to continue to grow, and set firm it's foundation as the third step in the scouting family!



LATEST CENTRAL REGION VENTURING MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS



NEWS/NOTES: NATURE OF LEADERSHIP, COUNCIL OBJECTIVE VENTURING GOALS

The national council recently released the Venturing Nature of Leadership course after a successful pilot last summer at Philmont and in the Yukon of Alaska. Councils can apply to host a course. The course will be nationally supported, and require a plan to be submitted prior to the release of the syllabus to the council.

This is an excellent opportunity for councils to synergize Venturing!

Robert Rescot, recently announced in response to several inquiries about how council can continue to support Venturing, has released a set of 20 standards that councils can use as a bench

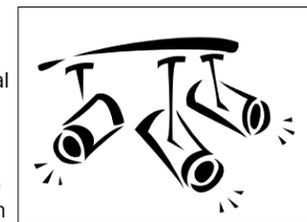
mark. The criteria falls in to several categories, including membership, commissioner service, training, youth leadership, and program support.

You can download the Nature of Leadership Fact Sheet, and the Objective Progress goals from the website at www.crventuring.org.

COUNCIL SPOT LIGHT: ST. LOUIS'S FALL FUN RALLY

For now 27 years the Greater St. Louis has hosted the Fall Fun Rally. The rally is a gigantic fun weekend for Venturers thought the council. The rally is led by a chairman appointed by the Explorer/ Venturer Officer Association (EVOA) President. They work with closely with EVOA staff and lay advisors to recruit a committee to lay out the event and recruit staff for the weekend. This has been one

of the longest running events of its kind. Coral Conant, the 2001 chairperson explains her take on the fall Fun Rally in the adjacent column. The activities this year included: caving, COPE, dances, cook offs, volleyball tournament, Jell-O wrestling, EVOA elections, and many



more! Editor's note: At the EVOA elections, Coral was elected as the new council president. Our hats off to Coral and the other officers.

"The [St. Louis] Fall Fun Rally is successful each year because of the hard work put into it. The event relies on a dedicated, determined, reliable group. One person can not make the Fall Fun Rally a success. Success stems from the will of the team. The details must be planned out far in advance; goals must be set high. Expectations must exceed reality. Then when obstacles stand in the way of the expectations, determination must overpower."

-Coral Conant
2001 Fall Fun Rally
Chairman