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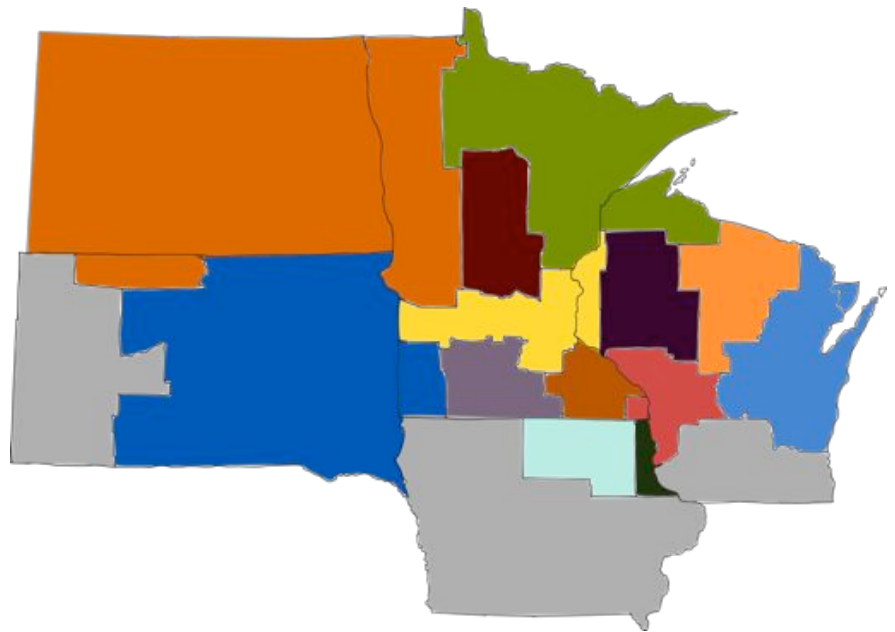


*The source for all things Venturing in Central Region Area 1.*

Serving Winnebago, Voyageurs Area, Twin Valley, Sioux, Samoset, Northern Star, Northern Lights, Gateway Area, Gamehaven, Chippewa Valley, Central Minnesota, and Bay-Lakes Councils.

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## Alright, What *exactly* is Area 1

As a Venturer or Advisor, you are officially a member of the Boy Scouts of America. The BSA serves youth across the United States. The United States is made of individual Scouting Councils. In essence, Councils are to the Boy Scouts of America, what States are to the United States. They provide support, activities, and training to Scouting units like your Venturing Crew. Every Council is also a member of something called

an Area, which is a group of Councils. We are a part of Area 1 which covers South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa. Areas exist to coordinate support, activities, and training for Venturers in neighboring councils in order to make Venturing even better.





Looking for April Fun? Then check out The Great Race to Area 1 the weekend of April 30-May 2 at Gardner Dam Scout Camp near Whitelake, WI.

Be ready to compete Amazing Race style in small teams in activities like COPE, Shooting Sports, GPS, Kayaking, Dutch Oven Cooking, and Guitar Hero.

There will be prizes for the winning teams. Teams will be selected as you arrive.

Ready to sign up? Fetch the flyer on the [Area 1 Page of the Central Region Venturing Website](#) to get all the details and to sign up!

The event is priced at \$25 a person for the weekend. After April 21, a late fee of \$5 will apply.

Want to be a part of Area Leadership? Elections for Area Vice-President of Administration and Area Vice-President of Activities will take place during the weekend. Cast your ballot!

Questions? Contact Dan Carriveau at 920-422-2130 or [area1president@crventuring.org](mailto:area1president@crventuring.org)

## A Winter Weekend at WAM

Before the sun had even peaked over the horizon, we'd hit the pavement and begun the six hour drive to Fond-du-Lac, Wisconsin. Most of us were first timers. We'd decided to drive from the Twin Cities across Wisconsin based on the testimony of couple of people that went last year and the promise of winter Bay Jammer-like experience.

We made to the UW-Fond-du-Lac Campus just minutes before registration and the weigh-in for the Tug-of-War officially closed. We'd suffered a couple mishaps that morning including misbehaving and deceptive alarm clocks, a missed turn, slow traffic, and unfortunate Cinnamon Melts from McDonald's. At the weigh-in, we found out even through we were a group of lightweights, we had too much weight to all pull. The two people in our group that we sidelined ended up getting picked up another team competing in the Girls' Category.

That day, we raced against the clock and our meager knowledge of the cardinal directions to fill in the 32 points of the compass. We rode wheelie scooters, wore Scooby-

Doo costumes, tested our knowledge of Scouting skill trivia, and braved the cold and wet obstacle course all in the name of fun. A few of us even went bowling on the frozen pond just outside the building.

At the end of the day, we dined on spaghetti for dinner and found out that we'd placed in the Surprise Event. It was a blast to be able to hang out with other Scouts during the day and during the dance that night. By the time we crawled into our sleeping bags, we knew that next year we'd be back.

- Laura Larsen,  
Crew 75, White Bear Lake, MN



*Winter Amidships is an annual event of the Bay Lakes council for older Girl Scouts, Sea Scouts, Mariners, Venturers, and older Boy Scouts. It features a medley of traditional and contemporary events based on friendly competition. Next year's WAM will take place on Saturday February 5, 2011.*

# President's Corner

Hi Everyone!

What a year we are having! As the winter is leaving us and the spring is coming, we have a lot of things to look forward to. My personal favorite is The Great Race to Area 1 Venturing Event taking place at Gardner Dam in White Lake on April 30 to May 2. It will be a great time, email me with any questions you have! Registration is at <http://crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=384>

Moreover, there is a lot of fun events that we can plan and attend as the weather starts to warm up. Take some time to look up all the different Venturing events (<http://www.crventuring.org>). You can find some really cool events!

Are you interested in taking my job next year? Well, apply to become an Area President. Applications will be published on <http://www.crventuring.org>. Basically, my job is to assist with the development of the twelve council's within Area 1. I attend various Area 1 Venturing events. Lastly, plan various Area 1 activities including the Area 1 Conference and the Area 1 Spring Fun Event. A big thing is using communication (Facebook, text messaging, email, phone calls, etc) to get the word out about various things. If you are interested and would like more info or have questions, please email me at [area1president@crventuring.org](mailto:area1president@crventuring.org).

Yours in Venturing,  
Dan Carriveau

## Area 1 Establishes VOA

It's official. While at the Area 1 Conference, held January 22-24, youth participants established the first ever Area 1 VOA. First, they approved By-Laws, or rules, for the Area and second they elected a Vice-President of Administration and a Vice-President of Program. The finalists were Laura Larsen and Thomas Spargo respectively. Both are of Northern Star Council. Plans were started for this year's Area 1 Spring Fun Event, the Great Race to Area 1. Seth Shipton of Samoset Council is acting as Activity Chair for this event.

## Area 1 Text Service

Have you joined?

To join and receive updates about Area 1 text "CRAREA1" to 41411.

*This is a free service. You will not receive any spam nor messages not regarding Area 1. All numbers are kept private. You can unsubscribe at anytime. Standard text message rates apply as assessed by your service provider.*

## Looking for Summer Fun?

Bay Jammer (July 16 - 18th.), is the nation's oldest continuous Scouting event. Held each summer in beautiful downtown Menominee, Michigan area, utilizing the facilities

of the Great Lakes Memorial Marina. Now in its 62nd consecutive year, Bay Jammer has played host to thousands of youth. Participating is Sea Scout Ships, Venturing Crews, Explorer Posts, Boy Scout Troops, and Senior Girl Scout Troops from all over the Midwest region. Events at Bay Jammer have changed and evolved over time, but still include the essence of what Scouting is all about. Many events (21) are available for Scouts to participate in, they include canoeing, pull boat race, swimming, log rolling, volleyball, sand sculpting, a talent night called "LipJam", a triathlon, a formal dance, and much more. In recent years scouts have traveled from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, and Indiana, to Michigan for this historic event.



For more info and our program guide please visit:

[bayjammer.htmlplanet.com](http://bayjammer.htmlplanet.com)

## Report from Area 1 Conference January 24, 2010

I just got home from the Area 1 Conference and I am posting this quick report.

Overall: a GREAT weekend. We had nine youth and 15 adults from five Councils in attendance, as participants and staff. Over the course of Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday morning, we had excellent presentations from our Area President, Dan Carriveau, our Regional President, Ben Hayes, Heather Callaway (Bay Lakes Council), and Laura Larsen (Northern Star Council.)

In addition to the more formal presentation (on everything from "Networking and Why It Is Important" to "Crew Membership" to "How to Start and Maintain a Council VOA"), the Conference featured great exchanges of ideas and tips among participants. I was able to video-tape most of the presentations, and will put files of the sessions up on the site in a few days.

On the business side, we adopted By-Laws for the Area 1 VOA and elected two new Vice-Chairs; we also moved forward with planning the Area 1 Fun Event to be held at Gardner Dam Scout Camp in Langlade County, WI

on April 30—May 2, 2010. We also tentatively set our next Area Conference for October, 2010. On the social side, there were group games, a trip to the Mall of America, and tons of good food!

For me as Area 1 Chair, the most exciting part of the Conference was seeing the start of building a network among youth and adult leaders in the Area - I know the participants are taking good ideas and friendships back to their home Councils and will be able to build stronger Venturing in the Area!

- Chris Sandberg  
Area 1 Venturing Chair

## The Skinny on Kodiak



So, you've heard the name Kodiak or Kodiak X, or seen the a medallion with the Bear Paw on it, but what is it? In a nutshell, its a course designed to teach servant leadership to Venturing aged youth. Technically, it's the second step level of leadership

# Chairman's Corner

Crew Health, Growing, and Recruiting...ABR

Are the Crews in your Council growing? Are they adding new members, or just sitting with the first group of young men and women who formed the Crew?

The answer to that question will tell you a lot about the health of those Crews. A Crew that adds new members every year has a much greater chance to develop great program, give Venturers leadership opportunities, and continue as an active Crew.

Otherwise, the likely pattern is for the members to work together for a year or two, and then for the Crew to shrink as members leave home for college and age out. With no new, younger members to replace the departing ones, the Crew falls below the point where it can plan and carry out interesting program, and dissolves.

The solution: Always Be Recruiting! Crews that think ABR are on the lookout for new members at every opportunity: when they are planning an activity, or working on a service project, or just out having fun. They talk up the Crew to friends at school, at church, at work - wherever potential Crew members are. They invite potential members to "try out" the Crew by coming along for an activity; they actively work to make potential members feel part of the Crew.

As we move into the Spring, and

training offered in Venturing, with the Venturing Leadership Skills Course being the first.

Kodiak takes places during some type of extended trek, trip, or medley of activities like a backpacking trek, a trip to the Boundary Waters, or a week together at camp. During the experience, while hiking the trail or seeing the sights, participants do mini activities, called commissions, that highlight leadership skills. Kodiak is about doing and experiencing.

Kodiak X is one step beyond Kodiak. It offers additional guidance on how to become a stellar leader.

*Interested in taking Kodiak?*

*Have questions?*

*Want to become a Course Director so you can host a Kodiak in your council?*

Contact the Central Region Area 1 Kodiak Coordinator

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## Now Accepting Applications

Have you ever dreamed of taking your leadership skills to the next level? Do you enjoy meeting new people and talking about Venturing?

Then, the position of Area 1 Youth President is for you!

You'll get to travel around the Area and work with Area Chairman Chris Sandberg to make Venturing all that it can be. Current Area President Dan Carriveau had this to say about his experiences this year, "It is a great experience! You can meet so many people, travel all over, and take on a huge and essential leadership role within Venturing. [The] cool thing is that Venturing is still developing!"

To apply fill out the application found on the [Area 1 Page of the Central Regional Venturing Website](#).

Deadline to apply is April 15, 2010.

# Chairman's Corner

your Crews are planning their program for the warmer months, they have a great opportunity to decide how to make recruiting part of their plans. Bringing new members on board now means they will be ready for Summer-time events and can help the Crew take on new challenges. New members bring enthusiasm and fresh viewpoints - they make the Crew stronger.

Growing Crews are healthy, happy, and excited Crews. Let's all work this Spring to think ABR, and to support and encourage growth in every Crew!

Yours in Venturing,  
Chris Sandberg  
Area 1 Chair

## Area Leadership

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A thank you to those that submitted content.

Have something to submit for next time?  
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