

Central Region Area 3 Venturing Update May 2010



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Announcing our New Area 3 Venturing President



The Central Region Area 3 Venturing Committee and Fred Wallace, Area 3 Director, are proud to announce that the 2010-2011 Central Region Area 3 Venturing President is Dustin Readenour.



Dustin is completing his Sophomore year at Marquette High School in Chesterfield, MO. He serves as Crew Vice President of Administration for Crew 2783 out of Ballwin, MO. Dustin is entering his 3rd year in Venturing in the Greater St. Louis Area Council.

For the past year, he has served as a member of his

Council's Venturing Officer Association and as President of New Horizon District's Venturing Officer Association. New Horizon District is a very large district and serves more Scouts than most councils.

Dustin has earned his Outdoor Bronze Award. He has also recently completed his Venturing Gold Award and Silver Award. He has completed the Venturing Leadership Skills Course, and the new Crew Leadership Training. This past summer he completed a Kodiak Trek at Philmont under the trek direction of Amanda Vogt, past National Venturing President. This fall, he looks to complete the Kodiak X Course and the new Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders course. Dustin is an Eagle Scout and active Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

Dustin participated at the Central Region Area 3 Venturing Conference in Normal, IL this past

January. And in February he attended the Southern Region's Winterfest in Gatlinburg, TN. He traveled this past March with Sarah Ward, the 2009-10 Area 3 Venturing President, to the Lewis & Clark Council in Illinois to present the importance of forming a Venturing Officer Association for the council.

Dustin will serve this summer as the Commissary Manager at Camp Famous Eagle at the S-F Scout Ranch in southern Missouri. It is his 2nd year as a member of the Greater St. Louis Area Council camp staff. Also this summer, Dustin will attend the Central Region's Venturing Planning Conference in Evansville, IN as a member of the Central Region Venturing Youth Cabinet. There he will participate in the training and orientation of the Central Region Venturing Youth Cabinet. At the ScoutQuest100 event (predicted to be the 2nd largest BSA Centennial event) that is being held in early June in St. Louis, Dustin will serve as the youth chair for one of the largest activities at this huge event. Dustin is also actively involved in the planning for Venturing's first National Venturing Event, the Fall Fun Rally.

Dustin brings a lot of experience to the position of Area 3 Venturing President. He looks forward to the challenge of helping council's develop VOA's where they don't yet exist and in supporting the existing VOA's. He looks to continue developing an Area 3 Venturing Officers Association that will consist of each Council's VOA President and two Area Venturing Vice-Presidents.

Please join in welcoming Dustin Readenour as our new Central Region Area 3 Venturing President. His term of office starts June 1st.

Announcing our New Central Region Venturing President



Please welcome Daniel A. Carriveau to the position of the 2010-2011 Central Region Venturing President. Dan is from the Bay-Lakes Council and lives in Little Chute, Wisconsin. His term of office will begin June 1, 2010.

Dan has been involved in Venturing for four years. For the past three years, he has served as Crew President for Crew 9001. He is currently serving as the Area 1 Venturing President.

Dan has earned the Venturing Bronze Awards in Arts & Hobbies and Outdoors. His goal is to earn his

Venturing Silver Award prior to starting his term. Dan began in the Scouting program as a Tiger Cub and progressed through the ranks of Cub Scouts and into Boy Scouts, only later to become an Eagle Scout. Then, Dan discovered Venturing!

He is a Senior at Little Chute High School who will be attending Lakeland College in the fall of 2010 to study Resort Management and Accounting. Upon graduation, Dan hopes to work in the hospitality field and later own his own hotel and convention center with several resorts located around the world.

Without a doubt, Dan will do a great job with his strong work ethic and dedication to Venturing. He looks forward to supporting each of the seven areas in Central Region, and in turn, support each council to help strengthen their Venturing program. A big push will be for youth, adults, and professional Scouters to become educated, beyond the basics, about the Venturing program.

Dan is looking forward to a very exciting, fun, and challenging year!

Announcing our new Area 3 Venturing Vice-President



We are proud to announce that Zabrina Johnson from the W.D. Boyce Council has been selected as the Area 3 Venturing Vice President to serve the center cluster of councils for our Area. The councils she will help to support are W.D. Boyce, Northeast Iowa, Mississippi Valley, Hawkeye Area, and

Illowa.

Zabrina is a Junior at Dunlap High School in Peoria, IL. She is active in her high school band and Creative Writing Club. She is very active in both her Venturing Crew and her Girl Scout Troop. She currently serves as First Vice President of Crew 40 and as her council's Venturing Officer Association President.

Zabrina has earned her Religious and Community Life bronze Award. She has also completed her Venturing Gold and Silver Awards. She is a 10 year Girl Scout and is nearing completion of her Girl Scout Gold Award. Her council recognized her for her leadership when they presented her with the Venturing Leadership Award.

She looks forward to working with our new Area President, Dustin Readenour, to continue the development of Venturing Officer Associations.

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.

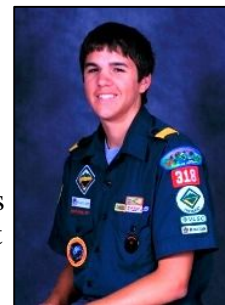
Andrea Lane, Greater St. Louis Area Council V.O.A. Vice-President of Program & Youth Chairperson - Fall Fun Rally

Amanda Vogt, Greater St. Louis Area Council V.O.A. President 2008-2009 National Venturing President

Matthew McGroarty, 2009-2010 National Venturing President

Central Region Venturing Newsletter

Attached to this emailed Venturing Update is the January/February 2010 and the March 2010 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 are one of the largest Area level Venturing Facebook Group in the Nation! We have over 835 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

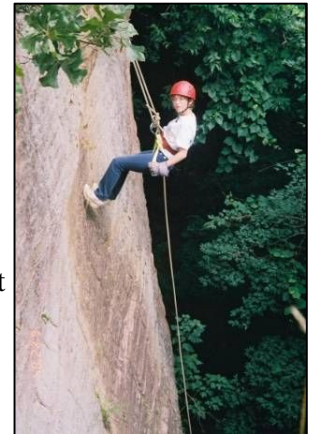
Swift Base – A Venturing Paradise

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 a few 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



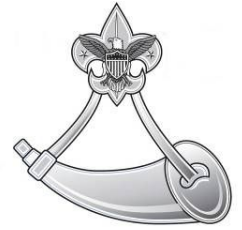
For both Youth & Adults.

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?



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.



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

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.

Seabadge to be Offered in Area 3



We are proud to announce the first ever SeaBadge to be held in Area 3 of the Central Region. It will be held November 12th - 14th at Beaumont Scout Ranch outside of St. Louis, MO. Details can be found in the attached document.

We need early registrations. National is now requiring that we have 15 confirmed students before they will sanction the course. Which means we need application with a deposit as soon as possible. This course is offered to all Sea Scout Leaders who meet the eligibility requirements regardless of what Area or Region they reside in. This course is also applicable to Profession Scouters and Key Venturing Leaders who support Sea Scouting within their District/Council/Area/Region. Please feel free to contact Bill Hamilton, the Area 3 Commodore, with any questions about the course or a leaders eligibility.

We are also offering the required Prerequisite for the course this month. See next article.

Sea Scouts Adult Leader Basic Training (formerly Sea Scout Officers Specialized Training)

Area 3 of the Central Regions and the Abraham Lincoln Council members are hosting the Sea Scout Adult Leader Basic Training, beginning with registration and check-in at 8:30 AM on Saturday, May 22nd, 2010 at the Abraham Lincoln Council Service Center



The Center is located at 5231 South Sixth Street Road, Springfield, Illinois 62703. The event will continue through the morning, until

12:00. All Sea Scout Ships, and Venturing Crew leaders are invited to join us for a day of learning and fellowship. The cost is \$10.00 per participant which will cover your registration and materials. Lunch is not included.

Email registrations to Lev Reynolds at Leveringr@aol.com. The \$10 registration fee will be collected at the training. For more information about course content e-mail Bill Hamilton at whami9@aol.com.

When you arrive, BE PREPARED; bring your Sea Scout manual, Wear your uniforms. We will be having a Land Ship Ceremony so you are encouraged to wear your ship's appropriate uniforms.

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

February 2010:

<http://crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=379>

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:

Central Region January/February 2010 Venturing Newsletter:

<http://www.crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=378>

Central Region March 2010 Venturing Newsletter:

<http://www.crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=395>

Seabadge Course Information & Registration:

http://www.4shared.com/get/287472501/1e25095d/Seabadge_Central_Region_Part1c.html

Thank You Sarah!

May 31st marks the end of Sarah Ward's term as our Area 3 Venturing President. I want to thank her for her dedication to Venturing.



The current Central Region Area 3 came into existence just 11 months ago. Sarah is our first Area 3 Venturing President. During her term she has worked with me to establish an Area 3 Venturing Committee to be a resource on Venturing for the 12 councils of Area 3. Through Sarah and the committee, we have established Venturing communication across the councils through newsletters and Facebook groups. We have published 8 Area 3 Venturing Update Newsletter. Every professional Scouter and key Venturing adults and youth in the 12 councils receive the Venturing Update. The Area 3 Venturing Facebook Group has grown over 400% to become nearly the largest Area level Facebook group in the nation. Every council now has their own Venturing Facebook Group with many of them being administered by the Venturing youth.

The Area 3 Venturing Conference held this past January in Normal, IL was the largest Area level Venturing Conference ever held in the BSA. And it was our Venturing youth that organized it and led it. From the conference has come the establishment of a number of Council Venturing Officer Associations. Over half of our councils now have or are currently starting a VOA.

Sarah and members of the Area Venturing Committee are actively involved in bringing the first ever National Venturing Event, The Fall Fun Rally to us in Area 3. Also this fall, members of the Area 3 Venturing Committee are leading the Regional Seabadge Course being held here in Area 3.

We have made great progress in Venturing this past year and we look forward to Dustin Readenour, our incoming Area 3 Venturing President, to build upon the success.

I also want to thank Amanda Vogt who has served as a mentor to Sarah and our Area Venturing Committee. Amanda has served as the Area 3 Venturing Vice President since completing her term last May as our National Venturing President. She will continue this current role as an Area Venturing Vice President until she ages out as a youth member this December. Her Venturing leadership and drive to grow Venturing has been an inspiration to us all.



Bob Vogt
Area 3 Venturing Committee Chair



**Take Venturing
Out of the Box and
Put It Over the
Top in Your
Council!**

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.

Dustin Readenour, our incoming Area 3 Venturing President wants to see active Venturing Officer Associations (VOA) in each council. The CR Area 3 Venturing Committee will be supporting him in this endeavor. Dustin will continue to develop the 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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