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Central Region Venturing Monthly Newsletter



Welcome to the 1th edition of the 2010-2011 monthly Central Region Venturing Newsletter. Each edition will feature information that you will find useful for your council's Venturing program. We will highlight items that support the development of your Venturing Officers Association, Roundtables, chairmanships, commissioners, professional staff, council-wide activities and the Central Region Venturing Areas. We look forward to being of service to you in Venturing.

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Want to have a member of the Central Region Venturing Youth Cabinet attend your council Venturing event?

Simply send them an invitation! The Central Region Venturing President and your appropriate Area President would love to attend your Venturing event! They just need an invitation to discuss many of the details! This is a great way to get a change to not only meet them, but to ask them questions.

These youth officers live and breathe the Venturing program. They love the participating in the program, just as much as you do! They know the program inside and out! Each Area President's contact information can be found on pages 8 and 9 of this newsletter. The Central Region President's contact info is directly below this. One thing is for sure, they will not attend if you do not invite them!



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Lets Meet the New President...

Central Region Venturing President – Dan Carriveau

Daniel A. Carriveau is the 2010-2011 Central Region Venturing President. Dan is from the Bay-Lakes Council and lives in Little Chute, Wisconsin.

Dan has been involved in Venturing for four years. For the past three years, he has served as Crew President for Crew 9001. Last year, he served as the Area 1 Venturing President.

Dan has earned the Venturing Bronze Awards in Arts & Hobbies and Outdoors, Gold Award, and Silver Award. One of his personal goals is to complete the Ranger Award requirements before the end of 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 will be a freshman at 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 the 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!

National Meeting, Dallas Texas

Several Central Region Venturing representatives attended the Boy Scouts of America National Annual Meeting. They discussed with other Regional Venturing Presidents and volunteers a large variety of business topics to help improve Venturing as a whole, which will be released within the next few months. This meeting was five days long and filled with various meetings and formal ceremonies. Below are various pictures from the meeting.



Ben Hayes receives the National Venturing Leadership Award



Examining the BSA Monopoly!



Former National Venturing Director Charles Holmes is honored at a reception.

Central Region Venturing Vice Presidents

Newly added this year are three Regional Venturing Vice President positions: Vice President of Administration, Vice President of Program, and Vice President of Communication.

Applications for this position will be released shortly on www.crventuring.org. All applications are due by July 15. All applications will be reviewed and the top two candidates will be interviewed to determine the best candidate for each Vice President position.



Responsibilities for all Regional Venturing Vice Presidents:

- Responsible to the Regional Venturing President and a Regional Venturing Vice Chair.
- Supports the programs and activities designated by the region.
- Agrees to represent Venturing for special projects and on task forces as assigned by the region.
- Attends regional, area and council meetings and activities when invited and approved by the region and host area or council.
- Promotes national, regional and area activities, programs and awards.
- Supports the region in any effort to train council Venturing officers and Advisors.
- Agree to participate in required conference calls with the Central Region Venturing Youth Cabinet.
- Agrees to wear the official Venturing uniform as specified by the Central Region Venturing Youth Cabinet (paid for at own expense).
- Performs any other duties as assigned by the Regional Venturing President, Regional Venturing Vice Chair, or the Regional Director.

Responsibilities for Specific Regional Venturing Vice Presidents:

Vice President of Administration works closely with a volunteer advisor and other volunteers, youth officers, and professional staff to promote and administer awards and recognition, implement membership recruitment/retention methods, coordinate youth selection/election process, communicate with and maintain records of youth officer alumni, and other tasks as assigned.

Vice President of Program works closely with a volunteer advisor and other volunteers, youth officers, and professional staff to promote and coordinate training, assist with planning for activities (summits, conferences, events), assist with finance/registration for events, coordinate innovation ideas (best practices), and other tasks as assigned.

Vice President of Communication works closely with a volunteer advisor and other volunteers, youth officers, and professional staff to update the regional Venturing website, create and publish monthly newsletters, update and grow regional social networks, telecommunication, build and maintain relationships with outside organizations that sponsor Venturing crews, marketing the BSA and Venturing, and other tasks as assigned.

- Please note there are a large number of youth officers, volunteers, and professional staff already assigned to specific duties under administration, program, and communication. While the Vice President for each of these areas will most likely take on specific duties under that area, their primary role is to work with the Regional Venturing President and appropriate volunteer Vice Chair to coordinate the duties for their area.



New National Venturing President Announced

"Venturer You Should Know"

Jennifer Lowe has been selected to serve as the 2010-2011 National Venturing President.

She has served as the 2009-2010 Western Region Venturing President, is a native of Spanish Fork, Utah and the Utah National Parks Council. She anxiously joined Venturing when she became eligible at fourteen. Jennifer was fundamental in starting a crew in her area and served as her crew president. She also served as the President of her district's Venturing Officer's Association (VOA). Over the past five years, Jennifer has earned the Venturing Outdoor, Sports, and Community and Religious Life Bronze Recognitions; the Venturing Gold and Silver Awards and is a recipient of the Council level Venturing Leadership Award (VLA). She has also earned her Ranger and Trust Awards. Jennifer has enjoyed participating in and teaching multiple Venturing Leadership Skills Courses (VLSC) and Kodiak courses.



Jennifer is a 2009 graduate of Spanish Fork High School where she received high academic honors and served as a co-captain of the girls cross country and track teams. Jennifer is an All-State Academic athlete in both sports. She was also involved in and served in leadership positions in the National Honors Society, Key Club, and Youth City Council. Jennifer has played the violin for 12 years and loves music. In her free time, Jennifer enjoys reading, hiking, running, rock climbing, spending time with family, writing letters, and sewing. Jennifer is currently attending Brigham Young University where she is pursuing a degree in nursing.

Jennifer is extremely excited to serve in this capacity for such a great organization. Jennifer was selected at the 2010 Boy Scouts of America National Annual Meeting after a rigorous selection process among several highly qualified candidates.

Welcome Your Area President

All Area Presidents have been selected! Biographies will be in the next July Central Region Newsletter. The Area Presidents work specifically with the 8 to 12 councils within their Area to help improve and strengthen each council Venturing program. They provide councils with the resources they need to be successful, attend events, communicate effectively, and host Area wide Venturing events. Look forward to hearing more about Venturing within your Area from your Area President! All contact info and events within your Area can be found in on pages 5 and 6.

Area 1 – Thomas Spargo
 Area 2 – Elizabeth Wisman
 Area 3 – Dustin Readenour
 Area 4 – Lauren Snyder

Area 5 – Spencer Cardwell
 Area 6 – Jessica Wallace
 Area 7 – Aileen Dalton



Central Region Areas

Area 1: Councils: Winnebago Council, Northern Star Council, Twin Valley Council, Voyageurs Area Council, Minnesota Council, Gamehaven Council, Northern Lights Council, Gateway Area Council, Samoset Council, Bay Lakes Council, Chippewa Valley Council, Sioux Council

Upcoming Events

July 5-9 Venturing Scuba Certification Week
 August 1-7 Kodiak Leadership Course
 September 10-12 Fall Whitewater Weekend #1
 September 24-26 Fall Whitewater Weekend #2

Contact them at

Area President: Thomas Spargo
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 Area Chair: Chris Sandberg
area1chair@crventuring.org

Area 2: Councils: Great Sauk Trail Council, Hiawathaland Council, Detroit Area Council, Tall Pine Council, Lake Huron Area Council, Gerald R. Ford Council, Southwest Michigan Council, Chief Okemos Council, Scenic Trails Council, Clinton Valley Council, Blue Water Council, Erie Shores Council

Upcoming Events

June 19-23 Area 2 Whitewater Rafting

Contact them at

Area President: Elizabeth Wisman
area2president@crventuring.org
 Area Chair: Jeff Gerald
area2chair@crventuring.org

Area 3: Councils: Lewis & Clark Council, Illowa Council, W.D. Boyce Council, Mississippi Valley Council, Abraham Lincoln Council, Hawkeye Area Council, Northeast Iowa Council, Greater St. Louis Area Council, Glacier's Edge Council, Milwaukee County Council, Southeast Wisconsin Council, Potawatomi Area Council

Upcoming Events

July 9-11 Venturepalooza 3
 September 24-26 National Venturing Event

Contact them at

Area President: Dustin Readenour
area3president@crventuring.org
 Area Chair: Bob Vogt
area3chair@crventuring.org

Area 4: Councils: Great Trail Council, Buckeye Council, Greater Cleveland Council, Simon Kenton Council, Heart of Ohio Council, Greater Western Reserve Council, Muskingum Valley Council, Mountaineer Area Council, Buckskin Council, Allohak Council, Ohio River Valley Council, Tri-State Area Council

Upcoming Events

July 25-30 Camp Arrowhead Venturing High Adventure Week

Contact them at

Area President: Lauren Snyder
area4president@crventuring.org
 Area Chair: Dale Hayes
area4chair@crventuring.org

Central Region Areas (continued)

Area 5: Councils: Mid-Iowa Council, Coronado Area Council, Santa Fe Trail Council, Jayhawk Area Council, Quivira Council, Ozark Trails Council, Heart of America Council, Pony Express Council, Overland Trails Council, Cornhusker Council, Mid-America Council, Great Rivers Council

Upcoming Events

July 23-25 Joshua Slocum Sea Scout Regatta
 August 7 End of Summer Blast
 November 12-14 Venturing Campout with WFA training

Contact them at

Area President: Spencer Cardwell
area5president@crventuring.org
 Area Chair: Julie Dalton
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Area 6: Councils: Prairielands Council, Lincoln Trails Council, Hoosier Trails Council, Buffalo Trace Council, Anthony Wayne Area Council, Crossroads of America Council, Sagamore Council, La Salle Council South, Dan Beard Council, Tecumseh Council, Miami Valley Council, Black Swamp Area Council

Upcoming Events

June 27-July 3 HTC Kodiak 2010
 July 25-31 Venturing week at Camp
 August 1-7 Kodiak Training
 August 1-7 Ransburg Res. Venturing Camp

Contact them at

Area President: Jessica Wallace
area6president@crventuring.org
 Area Chair: Len Roberts
area6chair@crventuring.org

Area 7: Councils: Chicago Area Council, Three Fires Council, Northeast Illinois Council, Des Plaines Valley Council, Calumet Council, Blackhawk Area Council, Rainbow Council, Northwest Suburban Council

Upcoming Events

July 11 Thomas R. Smith Sea Scout Regatta
 August 1-7 Blackhawk Area Council Venturing Camp
 September 24-25 AIRCAMP 2010 – Continuing the Journey

Contact them at

Area President: Aileen Dalton
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 Area Chair: Kris Zahrobsky
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More information on all of the events and links to the councils listed above can be found on www.crventuring.org

Submit your events to the calendar via:
http://www.crventuring.org/event_submission.php

Venturing & Sea Scouting Discussion Lists

Please sign up for the many Yahoo Groups and Discussion Lists dedicated to Venturing and Sea Scouting. Information on these groups can be found by searching Yahoo Groups for Venturing, clicking on "Discussion Groups" at seascout.org, or by clicking on the links below.



Venturing Yahoo Group: this group shares information with Venturers and Advisors from across the nation: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/venturinglist/>



Central Region Venturing Yahoo Group: this group is used to share resources and ideas, and to ask questions about Venturing in Central Region: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/crventuring/>



Sea Scouting Discussion List: this group shares information with Sea Scouts and Sea Scout leaders across the nation:

<http://listserv.seascout.org/cgi-bin/wa?A0=SEASCOUT-NET>



Central Region Sea Scouting Discussion List: this group is used to share resources and ideas, and to ask questions about Sea Scouting in Central Region:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/crseascouting/?yguid=280725914>

Venturing Social Networking

In addition to the Yahoo Groups and Discussion Lists, there are many Facebook groups dedicated to Venturing and Sea Scouting. Information on these groups can be found by searching Facebook for Groups or Pages for Venturing, or start by clicking on the link below. The Information section has links to our Area and Council groups.



Central Region Venturing Facebook Group: this group is used to share resources and ideas, and to ask questions about Venturing in Central Region:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2292491801>

