

Central Region Area 3 Venturing Update June 2010



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National Venturing Event Right Here in CR Area 3



The biggest and best ever Venturing event is happening in just over 90 days. It is time to make your reservations now to attend the first National Venturing Event – The Fall Fun Rally. Go to www.fallfunrally.org for all the up-to-date information. Cost is just \$14 for the weekend (if paid by 8/2) and will include an event t-shirt. There is an option for Meals on Saturday and Sunday, prices are in the registration. More details on registration and costs are can be found at: <http://www.fallfunrally.org/files/FFR2010Registration.pdf>

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. They 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. The Greater St. Louis Area Council V.O.A. is honored to take on this endeavor. They 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, much more.

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

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

To join our National Venturing Event Facebook Group click on this link: <http://tiny.cc/jxelw>

Make your Crew's reservation now to get the best pricing for the first National Venturing Event. Leader information packet will be posted any day now and will be updated through the website.

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

Jennifer Lowe, 2010-2011 National Venturing President

Central Region Venturing Newsletter

Attached to this emailed Venturing Update is the June 2010 issue of the Central Region Venturing Newsletter designed and written by Dan Carriveau, 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.



New Youth Positions for the Central Region Venturing Youth Cabinet

Three new vice-president positions are being created on the Central Region Venturing Youth Cabinet. The Central Region Venturing Committee is looking to quickly fill these positions with qualified youth candidates. Applications are now being accepted for the positions of Central Region Venturing Vice President of Administration, Program and Communication for the 2010-2011 term of office. If you are a Venturer or know of a Venturer that meets the qualifications outlined in the attached application, please take this opportunity to setup and become a leader in the Venturing program.

The nomination form includes the following:

1. Youth may apply who will be less than 20 years of age on May 31, 2010.
2. The application deadline is July 15.
3. Nominations and photos may be scanned and emailed to Mandy.Garcia@Scouting.org.

The job descriptions as well as additional qualifications are included on the nomination form. <http://crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=405>

Area 3 Facebook Groups



We are one of the largest Area level Venturing Facebook Group in the Nation! We have over 841 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.

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

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. If you missed the Cedar Rapids, IA stop on June 18-19 then be sure to catch the St. Louis, MO stop 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.

Great Venturing Sites:

National Venturing: www.scouting.org/Venturing

Central Region Venturing: www.crventuring.org

Central Region Sea Scouting:

www.seascouting.crventuring.org

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?

Save the Dates for the Next Powder Horn to be Held in Area 3

**2011 Central Illinois Powder Horn
Hosted by the W.D. Boyce Council
August 19-21, 2011 &
September 9-11, 2011**

More details, as they become available.

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.



News on our New Area 3 Venturing President

On June 4th, our new Area 3 Venturing President, Dustin Readenour, was presented with his Venturing Gold and



Bob Vogt presents Dustin Readenour with his Venturing Silver Award

Silver Award at the Greater St. Louis Area Council Venturing Award and Recognition Banquet. Over 300 Venturers and adults attended this banquet. At the banquet 13 Venturing Silver Awards were presented, 12 Venturing Gold Awards and 18 Bronze Awards

Also at the banquet, 9 youth and 5 adults were recognized with the Council Venturing Leadership Award. Dustin was one of the 9 youth recognized with the Venturing Leadership Award.



In addition during the banquet, Dustin was officially installed by Bob Vogt, Area 3 Venturing Chair, as the 2010-11 Area 3 Venturing President. Sarah

Ward, past Area 3 Venturing President, and Amanda Vogt, past National Venturing President assisted him in the installation.

Bob Mazzuca, B.S.A's Chief Scout Executive, was present at the banquet and praised the Venturing youth of the council for their wiliness to host the first National Venturing Event. That their example of leadership should be an inspiration to all Venturers.



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

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Kodiak is a required course for the new National Youth Leadership Society.

Venturing

**Take
Venturing out
of the box and
put it over the
top in your
council!**



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.



Venturers Lead the Way at ScoutQuest 100

In St. Louis, MO from June 4-6th well over 20,000 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and



Venturers attended ScoutQuest 100 in Forest Park. The Greater St. Louis Area Council sponsored the event (expected to only be exceeded by the Jamboree in Scout attendance for the 100th Anniversary Year). The Lewis & Clark Council was also a participant in this huge event.

Venturing was well represented at the event. Hundreds of Venturers participated. The Venturers organized and lead 5 of the most popular events. The Venturing lead events were Ice Block Sledding, Slacklining, Extreme Obstacle Course, Cardboard Boat Race and Fencing (lead by a Fencing Crew from the Lewis & Clark Council).



The Ice Block Sledding was a big hit. It is estimated that over 10,000 Scouts tried their hands at balancing themselves on a large block of ice as the sledded their way down a long hill.

Slacklining is like tightrope walking, except you are only about 2 feet off the ground.

Nearly a dozen slacklines were kept very busy over the 3-day event.



The Extreme Obstacle Course was a big draw especially for the Cub Scouts. They had to negotiate many different and challenging elements as they made their way around the course.



The Milstadt Venturing Crew hosted the Fencing event. Scouts were given the opportunity to try out the sport under the watchful eye of the experienced Venturer Fencers.



Then came the wild and wet Cardboard Boat Race. 37 Crews and Troops entered the



event. Most did not make it to the finish line. TV cameras from the local media caught the highlights of the race.



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 Area 3 Venturing President wants to see active Venturing Officer Associations (VOA) in each council. The CR Area 3 Venturing Committee will support 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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BSA Joins with Duke of Edinburgh's Award Program to Inspire Youth Across America

IRVING, TX (May 20, 2010)—The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award program announced today a new collaboration to promote the Young Americans' Challenge to youth members of the BSA. The award program aims to involve youth in challenging educational and nonacademic programs in community service, adventurous journeys, and physical recreation activities to achieve a balanced development of life skills.

BSA Chief Scout Executive Bob Mazzuca and His Royal Highness Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, officially launched the program nationwide during a special reception at the National Scouting Museum. During the event, the two discussed the complementary efforts of both organizations to strengthen communities, families, and young people. "It isn't every day that we have the occasion to welcome royalty, but this very special visit does highlight the everyday commitment we share with Prince Edward to enrich the lives of young people," Mazzuca said. "The Young Americans' Challenge provides yet another opportunity for our nation's youth to fulfill their potential. We are excited to offer it to our membership."

The award, introduced to the United Kingdom in 1956 by Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, has since traveled to more than 130 countries around the world, inspiring youth (ages 14 to 25) to achieve personal discovery and growth through self-reliance, perseverance, responsibility, and service to the community. Every year, there are approximately 700,000 youth worldwide who undertake these programs of development in order to achieve either a bronze, silver, or gold level of achievement. Since 1956, more than six million awards have been presented.

Although the award will be available to all Scouts, the BSA will specifically promote it to members of its Venturing program. Venturing is a youth development program for young men and women between the ages of 14 and 21. The program provides positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.

BSA, Duke of Edinburgh's Award

"The Boy Scouts of America is a wonderful organization that has inspired America's youth for 100 years," said Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex. "We believe that this award is a great addition to their already exceptional program of motivating young people to achieve great things."

For a century, the BSA has helped build the future leaders of America by combining educational activities and lifelong values with the inspiration required to ignite action. It has remained the nation's leading youth organization through its dedication to the core values of Scouting—service to others, personal achievement, and respecting and embracing the outdoors—while continuously adapting to new technologies and communication platforms to help deliver its programs in relevant and meaningful ways

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

May 2010:

<http://crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=401>

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>

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<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 June 2010 Venturing Newsletter:

<http://www.crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=404>

Seabadge Course Information & Registration:

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

Fall Fun Rally – National Venturing Event

Registration Information:

<http://www.fallfunrally.org/files/FFR2010Registration.pdf>