



Area 2 Newsletter

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New for Area 2

The most recent addition to Area 2 is a set of by-laws. There have not previously been a set of by-laws for this Area. In case you are unsure, by-laws—in accordance to The New Lexicon Webster's Dictionary—are a regulation or law made by a corporation, company, club, or local authority, for controlling its

affairs. These by-laws can, and should, be used as a reference for all things Area 2. These by-laws contain things such as the roles and responsibilities of officers, their selection, removal and term of office. This set of regulations also outline the mission and purpose of Area 2 as well as its abilities.

This is a big step for our Area. Our brand new by-laws took affect upon completion on August 15, 2010. They are available for your viewing on the Central Region website on our Area page. They can also be viewed directly here: <http://crventuring.org/document2.php?>



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Is Communication Important?

Communication is one of the basic functions of management in any organization; its importance can hardly be overemphasized. It is a process of transmitting information--ideas, thoughts, opinions and plans--between various parts of an organization. It is not possible to have human relations without communication. However, good and effective com-

munication is required not only for good human relations but also for good, successful businesses and organizations.

In our area and in our councils, it is essential that we communicate. Other Venturing crews can be an important tool in expanding the scope of your own crew. I encourage you to participate in council events, and attend VOA

or TLC meetings. These meeting and events are instrumental in broadening your horizons and bettering your council and crew. Also, in this crazy internet age, facebook is a great tool for communication. Be sure to join your council, area, and region facebook groups. Remember to invite your friends and crew members as well! Make these groups grow.



President's Passage

Hey Everyone,
I'm very excited about this term. I'm looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

I hope that throughout my term, our area is able to accomplish a lot; not only as an area, but also, within each of your councils and as specific crews as well. It is immeasurably important for the success and unity of a council for the council to have a Venturing Officer's Association (VOA). Therefore, it is a goal for this year to maximize the

number of these throughout our area. In addition to increasing the popularity of VOAs, I would like to add an area wide event to this year's calendar. The success of this event will be determined by the amount of input and dedication involved in the creating and hosting of this event. If you have questions, or simply would like to in-

roduce yourself, please, don't be afraid to contact me. I'd love to get to know you and your council; all I need is an invitation. I can always be reached via facebook message or through e-mail at area2president@crventuring.org.

Yours in Scouting,
Elizabeth Wisman
President, Area 2

Starting a Crew

Organizing a Venturing crew is easy to do. Just follow these steps:

1. A survey is conducted annually in community high schools to determine students' recreational, hobby, and avocation interests.
2. A meeting is called of key people within an organization, with a Scouting representative in attendance. The representative explains the Venturing program, describes the key volunteer leader positions, and plans the recruiting of adult leaders.
3. The crew committee and Advisors are recruited and meet with the Scouting representative. Responsibilities of adult leaders are explained. The Scouting representative also discusses program ideas and helps develop a one-year program. The crew's one-year program is reviewed and adopted.
4. The organization's top executive writes a personal letter to each young adult selected from the survey, or identified through other recruitment efforts, and invites the youth and their par-

ents to attend an organizational meeting. This letter is followed by a personal phone invitation from a member of the organization to each prospective youth.
5. The first meeting is held, involving young adults, the adult committee, and selected consultants. Adult Advisors share the program plans with the new Venturers (youth) and discuss member involvement and leadership roles through the election of youth officers.

Lizzie's Quote of the Month:

Whether I fail or succeed shall be no man's doing but my own. I am the force.

~Elaine Maxwell

We Want Your Events!

We're interested in your events! If they are open to other crews and councils, please add them to our calendar. Submit your events to the calendar via: http://www.crventuring.org/event_submission.php. This calendar is a great resource if your crew is

looking for a great event to attend. To View this event listing, check out the Central Region website at <http://crventuring.org>.



Ronald Cole tackles the high ropes course at the 2009 Area 2 Assemblage.

Q & A On The VOA

What is a VOA?

VOA stands for Venturing Officer's Association.

This is a group of youth officers at the District or Council level. This group also can be known as the Teen Leaders Council (TLC).

What is the purpose of a VOA?

VOA's help council Venturing advisors and professionals to get the perspective of the youth in the council. It allows

the youth to develop leadership skills, and gives council professionals tools to build the council's Venturing program.

What are some examples for VOA activities?

Examples of activities put on by VOA's range from organizing council-wide Venturing activities, supporting training, promoting recognition opportunities, assisting new units, and conducting

award programs.

Who make up the VOA Key Three?

The key three consist of the professional in charge of Venturing in your council volunteer advisor for your council's Venturing program, and the council VOA President.

Who has voting rights at VOA meetings?

This depends on what you set up in your council bylaws. However, since

the VOA is youth-run, typically only the youth will have a vote. Generally the president can only vote to break a tie. The adults however can have the right to subject an item to review if the voted on item is against policy or not realistic.

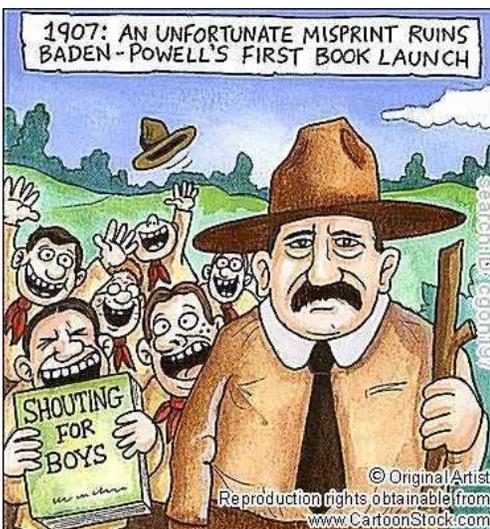
Chair's Chatter

Ideally, each council should have a Teen Leadership Council (TLC) for Venturing. Other names are used, such as Venturing Leaders Council, and the most commonly used name is Venturing Officers Association (VOA). The VOA is a youth run organization with elected or appointed officers. Additionally, some Councils have District Venturing Roundtables which are led by a Commissioner, but also include youth officers from the local Crews. Both formats are intended to help develop Venturing in the council by doing the following:

- Providing a communication forum for the Venturing Crews in the Council;

- Modeling effective Crew operations;
- Providing a learning resource for scouts interested in learning about Venturing;
- Promoting Venturing activities & opportunities;
- Assisting with Venturing training; and
- Developing new Venturing programs.

Please contact us for additional information and resources for starting or strengthening your VOA.



We are interested in what **you** have to say!

Have an article or story you want posted in our next issue? Send via email

to

area2president@crventuring.org.



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In the C.R.

What was previously known as the Central Region Venturing Youth Cabinet will now be known as the Central Region VOA. It has been determined that at the National level they shall be called a cabinet. However, at the Regional, Area, Council, and District levels, groups of youth leaders shall be called a Venturing Officers Association.

The August 2010 Central Region Venturing Newsletter is available here:

[http://crventuring.org/
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Venturing Oath

As a Venturer, I promise to do my duty to God and help strengthen America, to help others, and to seek truth, fairness, and adventure in our world.

University of Evansville Scouting Scholarship

In coordination with America's Scouting organizations, the University of Evansville created the UE Scouting Scholarship – a \$55,000, four-year award for recipients of the Scouting's highest honors. This award is available to Boy Scouts who have earned the Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout Award, Sea Scouts who have earned the Sea Scouting Quartermaster Award, or Venturers who have earned the Venturing Silver Award; and to Girl Scouts who have received the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award. It will administered to incoming

freshmen in the 2011-12 academic year.

Requirements for the University of Evansville Scouting Scholarship

- Candidates must have earned the Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout, Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award, Sea Scouting Quartermaster Award, or Venturing Silver Award.
- Candidates must have a high school GPA of at least 3.5 and score of 1530 or higher on



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the SAT or 23 or higher on the ACT.

- Renewable for four years with a UE GPA of at least 2.5.
- Candidates must visit the University of Evansville campus by April 9, 2011.

For more information about the University of Evansville and their scholarship opportunities, visit <http://www.evansville.edu/>.