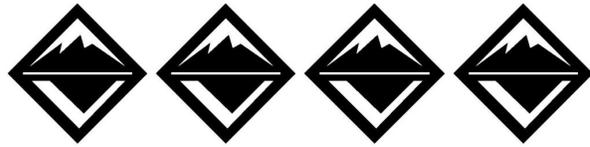


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*The inside scoop on Venturing in CR-Area 1*



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### Bay Jammer 2010

On July 15-17 the Bay Lakes Council out of Eastern Wisconsin hosted its 62<sup>nd</sup> annual event on the shores of Lake Michigan in Menomonee, Michigan. It started as a Boy and Girl Scout event that troops would go and compete against each other. Since then, Venturing and Sea Scouting has been added to units eligible to compete; while Venturing takes the majority of youth participants.

The event started off with the LipJam competition that showcased crews and troops of their stage presents and creativity. This year's theme was "The songs you hate to love" and each picked out a song and danced and/or lip synced. After a unit's performance, each would select a candidate to run for Bay Jammer King or Queen, and would be asked a question ranging from world events, to their role model. The night ended with an outdoor dance on the shores of the great lake.

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### Venturer/Advisor Spotlight

Heather Callaway is from the Bay Lakes Council in Appleton, Wi. She is a Silver Award Recipient. The following is an interview with her conducted on Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 by Area President Thomas Spargo.

**Thomas:** What motivated you to start Venturing?

**Heather:** My family. My brother was involved so I



joined the summer after 8th grade. I was jealous of all the trips he was going on, and Girl Scouts was not giving me that same experience.

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### Crew 283 from Northern Star Council Travels to Sea Base

**BY: BRENT KELLUM AND SCOTT JANKE**

Twelve members of Venture Crew 283 from Wayzata just returned from a one-week trip to Florida Sea Base located at Lower Matecumbe Key. Registration went smoothly and we all passed the swim test upon arrival. We checked into the air-conditioned dorms and got ready for the adventure ahead.

During the week, we completed ten dives including one wreck dive and one night dive. The weather was a balmy 93 degrees with high humidity and the ocean temperature was 87 degrees.

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**Thomas:** What was your favorite Venturing moment?



**Heather:** Sunrise on the Tooth of Time on my last day of my first Philmont Trek. I was 14, it was my first time away from home, and the whole Philmont experience was amazing but having made it 8 days on the trail to be able to watch the sunrise on the tooth just made those long days of marching on the trails worth it all. I still keep in contact with someone I meet on the train ride to Philmont too.

**Thomas:** What was your most memorable experience earning your Silver Award?

**Heather:** Well I guess doing the Ethics in Action. I did it at a council event and had youth from all over participating. It was interesting for me being 20 years old and hearing how the subjects related to 14 year olds. I also had adults partaking too.

**Thomas:** What other clubs, sports, or organizations are you involved in?

**Heather:** None really. I work full time and go to school full time. In High school, I was a member of my schools Drama program. I was the only tech to have been a part of all 12 shows we had in our 4 years. I lettered and have 3 bars, but that was 4 years ago. Scouting was the mostly what I did in High school.

**Thomas:** Where do you see yourself in five years?

**Heather:** Still in school! Finishing my masters. I'll be 26

**Thomas:** What degrees from what colleges will you have?

**Heather:** I will have my Associates in Hotel and Restaurant Management from Fox Valley Technical

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College this spring. I am going to finish my Bachelors degree in the same program and planning to get my Master's in Youth Camp Management or something of the like.

**Thomas:** What is the job that you would want to have after college?

**Heather:** My ending career goal is to own/operate an Outdoor Adventure Resort that will have things like Canoeing, Kayaking, climbing, COPE, cabins, and other things. But that's a long ways down the road.

**Thomas:** Can you relate Venturing to a Latrine?

**Heather:** You never know what is going to happen when you walk in. Every adventure is different. (ok that is a nasty thing to try to relate venturing to)

**Thomas:** Okay, how about: If you could be a type of food, what food would you be?

**Heather:** Well, I do like food. I might be a lemon? Err. No. I just eat food.....I guess I would be a Pizza! There are so many different types

**Thomas:** What trainings and awards have you earned in Venturing?

**Heather:** VLSC, Venturing VLA council level, Powder Horn Trained, Outdoor Bronze, Gold, and Silver

**Thomas:** What does Venturing mean to you?

**Heather:** Pushing yourself to try new things, to go out of your comfort zone, to learn life lessons, to become a stronger person, build self identity, have fun I wouldn't be the person I am today if it wasn't for the Scouting program.

## Bay Jammer 2010 (Continued)

After the dance everyone headed back to their campsite for the night.

The next day consisted mostly of sports competitions: from log rolling to boating, and an obstacle course to a compass relay.

The afternoon had a parade of units which let all the units display their size, level of organization, and flag.

The evening ended with a formal dance and the announcement of Bay Jammer King and Queen. This year's King is Ben Braun from Ship 007 in Fort Atkinson, WI.

And this year's Queen is Shelbi Schwandt from Ship 523 in Madison, WI.

Next year, Bay Jammers will be on July 15, 16, and 17. If you are interested in participating in next year's events, visit <http://www.bayjammer.htmlplanet.com/>

Make sure you sign up early to get the best price and to reserve a place to camp.

Also to see what the events were like at the 62<sup>nd</sup> annual event, check out our Facebook group "[Central Region Venturing Area 1](#)" to watch a video made by Thomas Spargo.

See you next year at this wonderful event!

## Sea Base Trip (Continued)



Our maximum depth was 60 feet and the longest dive was just over an hour. While diving we saw nurse sharks, barracuda, green and loggerhead turtles, stingrays, lobster, one seahorse and dozens of different varieties of tropical fish. One evening, we took a side trip to Robbie's and saw some huge

tarpon that will eat fish right out of your hand. Speaking of eating fish, we ate dinner that night at Lazy Days and it was absolutely incredible!

We finished our week with a luau. We performed skits along with other crews. We ended the evening by playing several games of volleyball. We packed up and left Sea Base the next morning. Before heading to the airport, we stopped at a little place famous for their milkshakes.

After that we went on an airboat ride in the Everglades. This was a great trip and it was very

enjoyable. Lots of credit goes to our Divemasters, Joe and Dave as well as Captain Carol. They really made it special.

## Venturing at the 100th Anniversary Jamboree

BY: CHRIS SANDBERG, AREA 1 CHAIR

I was privileged to be on the staff of the National Venturing exhibit at the 100th Anniversary BSA Jamboree earlier this Summer at Fort AP Hill, Virginia. I'm pleased to report that Venturing was well-represented to the 45,000 Scouts and Scouters in attendance!

Our exhibit was one of the most popular at the Jamboree. We built an 1880s Western town; here's a picture of part of our town.

We offered tours of an underground mine, horse races, musical performances, cattle roping, branding,



and a shooting range. As you can see, the horse races were busy all day long.

I worked in the Palace Theatre, which was where he handed out tickets for the mine tour. Lovely place, don't you think?

Our main purpose in the Theatre was to introduce Venturing to the youth and adult Jamboree participants and visitors. I talked about Venturing and how start a Crew or Ship with scores of older Scouts and leaders during the Jamboree, and their enthusiasm for being part of the excitement of Venturing was amazing!

We had 5 of the 6 members of the National Venturing Cabinet at the Jamboree, either at our exhibit or at



the Sea Scouting exhibit down the road a bit. They were all great ambassadors for Venturing.

This was the last Jamboree to be held at AP Hill - BSA has purchased a 10,600 acre site called The Summit in the New River Gorge area near Beckley, West Virginia. That will be the site of the 2013 and



future Jamborees (as well as a new National High Adventure Base.) And the word is out that Venturers will be able to attend the 2013 Jamboree as participants - the first time since 1989 that youth in dark green shirts will be part of the Jamboree! The current planning is for a Venturing sub-camp in 2013, so stay tuned for more info as the plans develop over the next two years.

## President's Corner

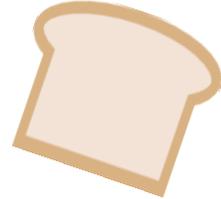
BY: THOMAS SPARGO, AREA 1 PRESIDENT

It has been a busy and fun summer as it starts to come to an end. I had the chance to go down to Evansville, IN during the end of June for the Central Region Venturing Conference, Bay Jammers in the middle of July, and I just finished working at the Minnesota State Fair for the Northern Star council booth for a few days. I'm glad I was able to attend those events and make new friends in the Area and Region. If there are any events that you would like me to attend, please make sure you tell me so I can get your date on my calendar.

For any of you interested in becoming the next Council or Area V.O.A. officers, make sure you think about coming to our Area conference on November 5-7th in Minneapolis. We will be electing the VP of Communications, so bring a speech, and join the Area VOA. It will be a fun filled weekend at the Holiday Inn Bloomington; a 3 star hotel with a comfy queen sized beds, 37" flat panel TVs, swimming pool, and hot tub in a relaxing atrium. The weekend will also feature a trip to the Mall of America just 10 minutes down the road.

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