



Area 2 Newsletter

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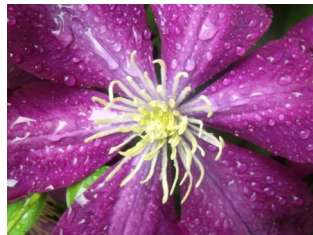
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New for Area 2

Do you like taking creative or awe-inspiring pictures of nature or your crew? Then we have something just for you! Area 2 is hosting a photo contest! All Venturers throughout Area 2

are encouraged to participate. Pictures can be submitted to one of four categories: Leadership, Your Crew, Nature and Camping/Summer Camp. The Contest will through January 15th, 2011. The photos can be found on the Central Region Area 2 Facebook page.

an over-all winner. (cont. "Photo Contest" Page 4)



First through third place will be selected for each category, as well as



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Religious Awards

Have you ever thought about earning the Religious and Community Life Bronze Award or the TRUST award? Both awards encourage Venturers to delve into their own beliefs and into the beliefs of others.

Now is a perfect time to give these requirements a shot!

· Talk with a history/social studies teacher, attorney or other legal professional, or

other knowledgeable adult about the U.S. Bill of Rights, and especially about the concept of freedom of religion. Hold a discussion about freedom of religion with members of your crew.

· Find out what religious groups are worshipping in your community. Talk to at least five adults in your community about the impact various religions have on your community. Report your findings.

· Attend a religious service/gathering/festival of a religion other than your own. Write about your experience and how it relates to the thoughts and practices of the religion. Compare the basic tenets expressed in the religious service/gathering/festival with those of your own religion.

· Attend two cultural events and compare these two events and their cultures with your own culture.



President's Passage

Hello Again Everyone,

It seems crazy that we are so far into my term already. There has been no slow time, or lack of

enjoyment. It was a huge privilege to get to meet so many Venturers at the Fall Fun Rally. I would like to personally extend my sincerest thanks to the host council; it was fantastically coordinated and full of excitement.

I also was fortunate enough to attend an Area 2

conference in Frankenmuth; great changes are coming for our Area. As transformation occurs at the Area, Regional and National level, it's important to keep moving forward at the crew and council level. These are the levels I can easily meet. If your council is hosting an event, be sure to send me an

invite and I will do my best to attend. - Lizzie Wisman

As always, if you have questions, or simply would like to introduce yourself, please, don't be afraid to contact me. I can always be reached via facebook message or through e-mail at

area2president@crventuring.org.

Lizzie's Quote of the Month:

There go the people. I must follow them for I am their leader.

~Alexandre Ledru-Rollin

First Ever National Venturing Event!

The Venturing Fall Fun Rally was a blast! There was so many things to do there. Our crew enjoyed the freedom and openness of the event. We enjoyed geocaching, caving, tug-o-war, the dunk tank, the climbing wall and the movie on Friday night. One of the many exhibits there that the gentlemen in our crew enjoyed was the car show, where they could admire cars such as the 1969 Chevy Camerio Yonko Super Sport. Many others besides our crew enjoyed the homemade root beer/crème soda saloon with freshly popped kettle corn by the re-enactors as well. When asked what their favorite part of the

entire event was, many were quick to answer both the square dance that went on Friday night and the disco dance on Saturday. Because of the FFR falling on the weekend,



many of our participants had to miss their homecoming and have mentioned numerous times that the dance Saturday was probably more fun than what they would have had back home. To cool off after some hard-core

dancing, we enjoyed rolling down the hill behind the cafe-

teria and playing some euchre. There was not much time in the entire event for a dull moment, and the Greater St. Louis Area Council did a fantastic job of planning an event for Ventures to come together and hang out with other Ventures from all over America and to have a great time.

Written by Ashleigh Kolski and Crew 2125



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>.

An interview was conducted with a brand new Venturer from the Gerald R. Ford Council's Crew 2011, just for this article.

When did you join V?

I filled out the application on October 3rd, 2010.

What appealed to you about V?

I love doing things outdoors but most of my friends don't, so this is a way for me to do so. Also, from what I've heard, V is

about who you are as a person; it's not a beauty contest or about your material possessions. Obviously, you're judged everywhere, but here it seems more like it's about who you really are.

What are you most looking forward to?

I'm looking forward to Kickback (a GRFC outdoor, winter, fun weekend). Just spending the weekend with new people and doing things I've never done.

For what are you nervous?

That I will be bad at whatever we're going to do. I don't know; meeting new people—making a good first impression.

What other activities interest you?

I'm a competitive and sideline cheerleader, I'm in NHS. I love to read: anything and everything. I like to bake with my best friend, I love the beach and now, Venturing.

What do you think of V so far?

I haven't done anything big yet but, honestly, the meetings and stuff haven't been boring like I thought they'd be. Everyone seems really nice. Venturing seems like something I'll want to stay in for awhile.

What goals do you have for yourself in V?

I don't want to focus so much on awards; I just want this to be fun. A way to escape from life's stress.

We thank this new Venturer and expect that she'll have a wonderful experience in this great program.

Chair's Chatter

Powder Horn: Area 2 is proud to be hosting a Central Region Powder Horn Course Director's conference the weekend of May 1-3. This is being sponsored by the Venturing Advisors and staff of the Lake Huron Area Council at Camp Rotary in Clare, MI. Powder Horn courses will be offered in 2011 at the LHAC's Paul Bunyan Scout Reservation in Mio, MI; and in 2012 at the GRFC's Gerber Scout Reservation / DeVos Venturing Center. Watch for further details.

Venturing Officer Associations: Many Venturing Advisors at the Council and District level have inquired about how Venturing fits in to the organizational structure of Scouting. A recently published Venturing Standard Operating Procedure is available for reference on the Central Region Venturing website www.crventuring.org. It also has a recommended set-up for Council and District VOA's to use as a guide. Please take a moment to look at it and contact us if you have any questions.

Area 2 Venturing Conference: Save Saturday, January 29, 2011 for the Area 2 Venturing Conference. All council and district VOA officers, Advisors, and Venturing professional staff are invited. We will also welcome two officers and two advisors from each Crew in Area 2. It will be at the Royal

Scot Golf Course in Lansing, MI. We are planning for meetings 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, with optional social activities afterward. Registration materials will be available soon.

Council Standard of Venturing Excellence: Its time to take a look at the CSVE award application and see how your council is doing. The application can be found on the Central Region Venturing website www.crventuring.org. We are encouraging councils to submit these, even if they don't have all of the requirements fulfilled. In this way the Region and Area Venturing committees can find out how they may better serve the councils.

Area 2 Sea Scouts Many thanks to Area 2 Commodore Jay Howse and his staff for getting trainers trained and then conducting an Area 2 Sea Scout Adult Leader Basic Training course during the Great Lakes Council's University of Scouting. Skippers, Mates and Committee members from several councils completed the course. Thanks also go to Central Region Commodore "Mac" McNeal for helping out.

Yours in Venturing

Jeff Geraldts, Area 2 Advisor



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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The CRV Committee is thrilled to offer the Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award.

Upon completion of all requirements, councils become eligible for the award. The CSVEA is determined based on successful achievement of the 2010 criteria by December 31, 2010. The form should be completed by the council and VOA leadership shortly after the end of the calendar year for which the council is submitting for the award. **The deadline is Feb 15, 2011.**

For more information on applying for recognition and the application, visit the CR site at http://www.crventuring.org/Other/Council_Standards_of_Venturing_Excellence/.

The October 2010 Central Region Venturing Newsletter is available here:

<http://crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=428>

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.

Join us on Facebook!
Simply search for the group "Central Region Venturing Area 2"

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=47322620098&ref=ts>

Upcoming Events

November 5-7 VLSC –Gerald R Ford Council — <http://www.bsagrvc.org/documents/trngVLSC%20Training.pdf>

December 18 VLSC — Tall Pine Council — http://crventuring.org/cal_popup.php?ID=601

June 18-21, 2011 — Area 2 White Water Rafting Trip — http://crventuring.org/cal_popup.php?ID=600

Area 2 Photo Contest

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Photos will be narrowed down based on the number of Facebook "Likes" per photo. The Area 2 VOA will make the final selection at the Area 2 Conference in Lansing, MI in January. Be sure to look for the winning photos in the Feb-

ruary newsletter!

Don't forget to submit your entry and make sure to tell your friends! Get to the Area 2 Group and vote; we can't do this contest without you!

Photos should be sent to area2president@crventuring.org along

with your name, age, crew number, category, council and a small caption. One entry PER category per person will be judged; however each contestant may only win once. The flyer can be found on the CR website at <http://www.crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=427>