

# Central Region Venturing Monthly Newsletter

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## Dates to Remember

### Area Venturing Conferences

Area 2 – January 29  
(Lansing, MI)

Area 3 – January 15  
(Normal, IL)

Area 5 – TBD  
(Kansas City, KS)

Area 6 – February 12-13  
(Frankton, IN)

Area 7 – Spring 2011  
(location TBD)

Welcome to the 6<sup>th</sup> 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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## CR Venturing on Facebook!

We are now up to 551 members on the Central Region Venturing Facebook page!



Central Region Venturing on Facebook to receive announcements in your Facebook news feed:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Central-Region-Venturing/5584419563>

You can also search for your Area and the Region groups.



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## Venturing Standard Operating Procedures

There has been a call from the field for the Venturing program to provide some structure and directives for the organization of Venturing Officer Associations at all levels. The National Venturing Youth Cabinet is now supported by the Program Impact department and the Youth Development team. In concert with providing leadership to this youth group across all 4 regions we led a process through the National Venturing Youth cabinet to create a minimum set of standards for operating as a Venture Officers Association (VOA), resulting in the Venturing Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's).

The NEWLY created Venturing Operating Procedures which include the following:

- Mission of the National Venturing Cabinet, region, area, council and district Venturing Officer Association's (VOA's),
- Selection process for youth President at the national, region, area, council and district tiers,
- Appointment process for youth Vice Presidents at the national, region, area, council and district tiers,
- Organizational diagrams of the structure of positions and functions for regions/areas and councils/districts,
- Job Profiles for each position both youth officers and adult advisors, and
- Glossary of terms describing the process, positions and key terms.

It is important for councils to note that these are minimum standards of recommendation and councils may add to these making them functional for your service demographics and directives as determined by the council approved leadership charged with this task both from a volunteer and professional perspective. We do request that adjustments to these SOP's by local councils be submitted through the Youth Development team so we can establish a library of practices being used in local council operation. These can be submitted through the email of [program.content@scouting.org](mailto:program.content@scouting.org).

The region and areas stand ready to support and service you and your local council as you implement this process for the first time or fine tune it for those who are already conducting your operation in a similar manner. Please utilize the youth leadership on an area and region level to assist in the organization of VOA's.

Your youth leadership will be introduced to this in the upcoming weeks and also all of the electronic support materials will be made available at [www.scouting.org/venturing](http://www.scouting.org/venturing).

The goal is to impact your membership through peer to peer recruitment support and more open lines of communication through the VOA's resulting in stronger service to local councils.

This document can be found at <http://www.scouting.org/venturing>. A Frequently Asked Questions document has also been published to help provide clarification.



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## Swift High

### Adventure Base

Swift High Adventure Base first opened the summer of 1966 at S bar F Scout Ranch about 90 miles south of St. Louis. From the beginning, it was designed to be a totally different experience for high school and college age members. It is one of only two bases of its type in the country, and we are lucky to have it here in the Central Region.

S bar F Scout Ranch is 5,200 acres of wood, trails, streams, Nims Lake and fun. The 270-acre Nims Lake serves as the focal point for water skiing, sailing, fishing, canoeing, swimming, and water sliding. S bar F Scout Ranch also offers horseback trail rides, climbing and rappelling, mountain biking, and rifle shooting. Evening programs include campfires, dances, volleyball, and crazy competitions.

Exciting changes are coming to Swift this year. This year we will be offering themed weeks. June 19-25 is Sea Scout/Aquatic Camp week. June 26-July 2 is Climbing Camp/Ranger Award Camp week and July 10-16: Swift Classic week.

Swift sign-up capacity is 135 campers per week. Reservation fees are \$25.00 per camper. The camper fee for 2010 was \$220.00 after camper savings day and \$210.00 prior to May 2, 2010. More information on Swift can be found at <http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/summer-camps/venturing/Pages/Venturing-Summer-Camps.aspx>.



## Area 1 Venturing Conference Review

On November 5 - 7, Central Region Area 1 held its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Area Venturing Conference at the Holiday Inn Bloomington, MN. Friday night featured a cracker barrel, games, swimming in the pool, and relaxing in the hot tub.



On Saturday, the conference featured speakers Thomas Spargo - Area 1 President, Chris Sandberg - Area 1 Advisor, and Carl Anderson - Area 1 Kodiak Coordinator. The conference also included special guests Dan Carriveau, - the Central Region President, James Wells and Austin Boene from Bay Lakes Council, and John Laswell and Mike Franson - Powder Horn Course Directors for upcoming courses in 2011 and 2012.

After all of the training was done on Saturday, participants were treated to a trip to the nearby Mall of America in Bloomington where they shopped and rode rides at Nickelodeon Universe theme park inside the mall. The night ended with a pool party and late night games.



On Sunday, Area 1 conducted its election of Vice President of Communication. (Other positions were filled previously before the event). Four excited Venturers ran for the position with Sarah Hopkins from Voyager Council in North Eastern Minnesota winning. She is a freshman in a Community college in Virginia, MN and has been a part of Venturing since age 14. She is looking forward to working with Thomas

and the rest of the Area VOA in her new position, and hopes to make Venturing a stronger program in the Area, and her council.



The weekend was successful with 32 participants from five different councils, and 18 of them being youth. Everyone is excited to make their council stronger, and to give Venturing an exceptional year.



## Powder Horn CDC Recap

Twenty-five participants and 6 staff attended the Powder Horn Course Director Conference on October 29 – 31 at Camp Lowden in Oregon, IL. As a result of this conference, several new courses are being planned for Areas 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7.

The purpose of this CDC was to prepare course directors and others to conduct a High Adventure resources course in their respective councils.

The Powder Horn syllabus is changing, and in order to help clarify some of the changes, Christopher Smith from the National office attended to advise the staff and participants of how and when some of the changes would be enacted. Some future classes may be less than the 6 days of most courses but will not cover as many topics. Also, youth 14 or older will be invited to attend the Powder Horn courses after they have attained some leadership skills. All participants will be required to have Youth Protection Training, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Climb on Safely, and some other certifications that are now offered online thru [myscouting.org](http://myscouting.org).

We are hopeful that the Boy Scout and Venturing youth participants will be able to take the course with one of their adult unit leaders so that when they return to their unit, this shared experience will inspire the unit to try new high adventures.

One of the highlights of the weekend included a report from our Central Region Venturing President, Dan Carriveau. It was informative and well received as he described the new changes in the Venturing Standard Operating Procedures.

Plans are in the works for another Powder Horn CDC next spring in Michigan. More news on dates and location to follow.



## Summer Camp Staff

It's that time of year again! Many councils are now taking applications for their summer camps. Please contact your local council if you are interested in being a part of staff at their camp. Summer camp staffs fill quickly so apply today! Why not become one of this select group?



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## Area 4 Conference Review

The Area 4 Program Conference was attended by well over 100 people. There were lots of informative trainings presented. At lunch there was a great presentation about The Summit. There was also a presentation about Venturing by Dan Carriveau. It was a great event and all that attended went home excited about Scouting.



## Area Pages

**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

September 9-11, 2011 Powder Horn Course

### Contact them at

Area President: Thomas Spargo

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Area Chair: Chris Sandberg

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

### Upcoming Events

December 18 VLSC – Tall Pine Council

June 18-21, 2011 Area 2 Venturing White Water

Rafting Trip

### Contact them at

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Area Chair: Jeff Gerald

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## Area Pages Continued

**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

August 19-21, 2011 Powder Horn – Central, IL

### Contact them at

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Area Chair: Bob Vogt

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**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

August 12-14, 2011 Powder Horn - OH

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Area Chair: Dale Hayes

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**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

November 12-14 Venturing Campout with WFA

Training

### Contact them at

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Area Chair: Julie Dalton

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## Area Pages Continued

**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

December 3-5 HTC Ranger Quest (and Outdoor  
Bronze) Weekend

May 6-8, 2011 Night Owl

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Area President: Jessica Wallace

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Area Chair: Len Roberts

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**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

December 3 Christmas Tree Ship

February 2, 2011 Arctic Blast 2011

April 8-10, 2011 Powder Horn

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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](http://www.crventuring.org)

Submit your events to the calendar via:

[http://www.crventuring.org/event\\_submission.php](http://www.crventuring.org/event_submission.php)



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## 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:** 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>

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