

# Central Region Area 3 Venturing Update December 2010



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## Register **NOW** for 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Area 3 Venturing Conference January 15, 2011 in Normal, IL

It is now time to complete the attached application to attend the 2011 Area 3 Venturing Conference. The Area 3 Venturing Conference in 2010 was one of the first Area level Venturing conferences held in the nation. It was by far the highest attended Area level Venturing conference in the nation in 2010.



There will be 2 tracks during this year's conference. An advance track for those that attended last year or for those that are ready to move their Venturing program up to the next level. And the standard track for those that are just getting started with Venturing within their council.

The conference is designed to provide your council with the building blocks for the success of your Council's Venturing Program. This one-day conference is designed to help you get Venturing "Out of the Box, and Over the Top" in your council. Whether you are just starting to build a Council Venturing structure, you are already on the path to success, or you just want to learn more information about how other councils have succeeded, then this conference is for you. This conference is for professional Scouters, Venturing adult leaders with council & district responsibilities, and Venturing youth leaders ready to take the next step up in Venturing.

This conference is for the 12 councils in Area 3 of the Central Region, but others from around the nation are certainly welcomed. Let's make 2011 all the more memorable for the youth in your council's Venturing Program by giving them the opportunity to grow in leadership skills, and have a great time doing it.

The standard trek will be starting with the basics of Venturing, and moving through the steps councils in our Area and across the country have taken to reach success. Here are just some of the things the conference will be covering:

- Recruitment (how to find the right youth to lead your council's Venturing Officer Association)
- Venturing Officer Association Job Descriptions and Bylaws
- How to hold successful multi-crew events
- Venturing Standard Operating Procedures
- VOA elections
- ILCS / NYLT/NAYLT / Kodiak – It is all about developing leaders!
- Powder Horn – Why it will grow Venturing
- Venturing Awards and Recognition
- What your Advisor won't tell you!
- How to make Venturing communications in your council work
- A Venturing roundtable and much more

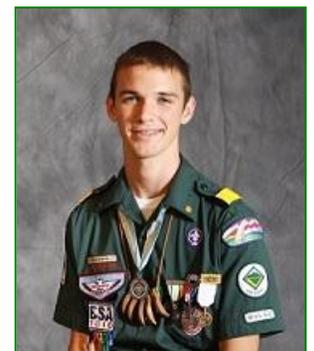


Amanda Vogt  
Venturing Conference Co-



Sarah Ward, Past Area 3  
Venturing President

The cost for all of this knowledge is just \$15 if you reserve your seat by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. It will be \$20 after that date and at the door. Cost includes continental breakfast, lunch and all supplies. The conference will be held at Calvary United Methodist Church in Normal, Illinois. The church is located right off I-55 and is within 3.5 hours or less of each of our council's offices. Check-in starts at 7:45am and we expect to be finished by 4:30pm. This is one day you don't want to miss. Our Area 3 Venturing President, Dustin Readenour, and the 2008-09 National Venturing President, Amanda Vogt will be spearheading the conference's staff. Sarah Ward, the 2009-2010 Area 3 President, will assist them. Dan Carriveau, the Central Region Venturing President, will be in attendance along with your Area 3 Venturing Committee to help lead the conference. A conference flyer is attached.



Dustin Readenour  
Venturing Conference Co-

## Make the commitment now to attend the CR Area 3 Venturing Conference. Space is limited.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Bob Vogt, the Central Region Area 3 Venturing Chair at (636) 394-6809 or [revogt1@gmail.com](mailto:revogt1@gmail.com)

## Central Region Venturing Newsletter

Attached to this emailed Venturing Update are the November & December 2010 issues 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.



## Council Standards of Venturing Excellence

Is your Council's Venturing Program at the top of its game? Is your Council meeting the "Standards of Venturing Excellence"? Introduced in 2007, the Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award is designed to give a council the roadmap to follow in developing an excellent Venturing program for our youth. In 2009, 11 councils were recognized for their outstanding Venturing programs. The two councils from Area 3 that were recognized in 2009 were Lewis & Clark Council (Belleville, IL) and the Greater St. Louis Area Council (St. Louis, MO).



Did your Council qualify? Did it submit the application? Will it qualify for the 2010 CSVE Award? Attached to this Venturing Update is a copy of the 2010 application for the CSVE Award. Take time now to review this one page application (it is attached to this Update) and set into motion the steps for your Council to be recognized for Venturing excellence.

When all of the requirements are completed, a council will be eligible to earn the award. The Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award is

determined based on successfully achieving the 2010 criteria by December 31, 2010.

The Council and VOA leadership completes the form. It is completed shortly after the end of the calendar year for which you are submitting for the award (example, for 2010, you should complete and mail the form no later than February 15, 2011).

Recognition items will include a plaque, recognition in the Central Region newsletter, listing in the Central Region luncheon program at the Annual BSA Meeting in San Diego, and listing on [www.crventuring.org](http://www.crventuring.org)

To apply for the award, fill in the council information at the top of the form, mark the requirements that have been completed, and get the requested signatures. Mail or fax the completed form to the Central Region Venturing office. The form can be found at:

<http://www.crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=307>

## Crew 2287's Underwater Tree Trimming

Venturing Crew 2287 had a good turnout for its first Underwater Christmas Tree Trimming.

We had over 18 crew members, prospective members, and adults turning out on a cold Sunday evening to decorate the tree.



Refreshments were served amid Christmas music and even a Charlie Brown Christmas movie! By the time



we started clean up, there wasn't any food left to worry about. Thanks to all of the Staff that showed up to make this event such a success.

The Crew's next event is on January 23rd at 4pm when they meet for an Underwater Dart Tournament.

Crew 2287 is a Venturing Crew that has scuba diving as its main focus. You don't have to be a certified diver to join, just have an interest.

Pictures are courtesy of Larry Douglas and Angelina Weller. For information on also joining this Crew, contact Terry Flynn at [pipefitter562@msn.com](mailto:pipefitter562@msn.com)

## Area 3 Facebook Groups

We are the largest Area level Venturing Facebook Group in the Nation! We are the first Area level group in the nation to reach 1,000 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:

<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](mailto:revogt1@gmail.com)

## Crew 007 – Halloween Hike

For the last three years, Crew 007 from the Mississippi Valley Council has been helping out at the Louisa County (IA) Halloween Hike. This year we had two members portray Dora and Diego in one of the skits along the hike. Also we had members help out by lighting the pumpkins along the trail, lead hikes, parking lot attendants, and even help out at the refreshment table. Since the County hosts it at a park, we also go camping there also. It is always nice to help out conservation board while educating the community through skits along a trail.



Submitted by Jerry Dusek, Advisor Crew 007  
Mississippi Valley Council

## 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?

## 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.



## Powder Horn to be Held in Area 3

### 2011 Central Illinois Powder Horn Sponsored by W.D. Boyce Council

**When:** Weekend #1: August 19th – 21st, 2011  
Weekend #2: September 9th – 11th, 2011

**Where:** Weekend #1: Eagle Crest Camp,  
Washburn, IL.  
Weekend #2: Ingersoll Scout Reservation,  
London Mills, IL

The 2011 Central Illinois Powder fee is \$250 per participant. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required along with your completed and signed registration form to reserve your spot in the course. Visit our website at: [www.centralilpowderhorn.org](http://www.centralilpowderhorn.org)

Registration Form can be found at:  
<http://www.centralilpowderhorn.org/documents>

E-mail at: [wdboycepowderhorn@gmail.com](mailto:wdboycepowderhorn@gmail.com)

Course Director: Lonny Johnson C: 309-573-4503  
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## Do a Kodiak Trek in 2011



**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:**

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Cell Phone: 314-609-8001

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

## Scouting for Food Venturing Video Goes Viral on Internet

Two members of our Area 3 Venturing Committee created a time lapse video of their Crew's efforts at a Scouting for Food collection site. Eric Mircsov took over 4,000 photos that he and Amanda Vogt had shot and created the video. They posted it their council's facebook page and in just a few hours the National Boy Scout of America facebook page had picked up the video and had messaged its existence out to its 110,000 members. Check out their awesome video at: <http://vimeo.com/17040001>



The trucking company that provided the transportation services for Scouting for Food also picked up the video and incorporated it into a nice promotional piece for their company. The link to this promotional piece is: <http://onthemove.sunsettrans.com/news/>

As to the great service project, 30,000 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers and Explorers combined their efforts to turn the Greater St. Louis Area Council's Scouting For Food into the largest one day food collection event in the nation. Over 2.1 million food items were collected, sorted, boxed, loaded and delivered to over 500 local food pantries. Venturers took on the heavy lifting task of sorting, boxing and loading tons of food. Hundreds of Venturers participated all across the council. Scouting for Food started in the Greater St. Louis Area Council 26 years ago.

## Swift Base – A Venturing Paradise

Swift 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 our country. And we are lucky to have it here in Area 3.



S bar F Scout Ranch is 5,200 acres of woods, trails, streams, Nims Lake and fun. The 270-acre Nims Lake serves as the focal point for water skiing, sailing, fishing, canoeing, swimming, water tubing, sun bathing, kayaking and water sliding. A herd of horses will allow you to saddle-up and explore the wilderness trails. If heights and challenges are your thing, Swift offers rock climbing, rappelling and a high and low ropes course. Mountain bikes are available every day for rides that see no pavement. You may want to try your hand at firing a .22 rifle or bow and arrow. At Swift, you choose what you want to do.

Evening programs include campfires and dances, volleyball and crazy competitions. We plan for an outdoor movie night, drive-in style. A game night or bonfire may be in the offing. If your crew wants to take an overnight canoe float down the lake, that can be arranged. Some crews like to hike to Castle Rock to check out the stars.

All meals are served in Swift Lodge -- dining-hall style. You camp on a campsite with your crew and your leaders. Tents are set up for you on wooden frames. Each of our five campsites are scattered in the woods, so that you have shade and some privacy.

Exciting changes are coming your way for Swift in 2011! In addition to our standard Swift program of climbing, rappelling, horses, skiing, tubing, and challenge course, there will be new opportunities to really dig deep into some programs and become an "Expert" in aquatics, horseback riding, and shooting. We will be offering special opportunities during our three weeks:

June 19-25: Sea Scout/Aquatic Camp

June 26-July 2: Climbing Camp/Ranger Award Camp  
July 10-16: Swift Classic

During the Aquatic week and the Climbing week, we will have experts supplementing our Swift staff. In addition we will offer many of the standard Swift high adventure activities that you are used to every week.

For 2011, reservations will be taken immediately on a first-come, first-served basis for Crews and Posts regardless of your council. In addition, Crews and Posts will be given priority for group activity sign-up on the basis of when you sign-up. First signed-up, first to choose program slots.

To assure that the facility is not overcrowded, when we reach the capacity of the camp, we will close that week to additional crews, posts, and troops. Sign-up capacity at Swift Base will be 135 campers per week. Units that procrastinate in signing up for camp greatly limit their choices.

The reservation fee is \$25.00 per camper. The \$25.00 reservation fee is refundable if requested in writing by May 2, 2011. No refunds of reservation fees after May 2.

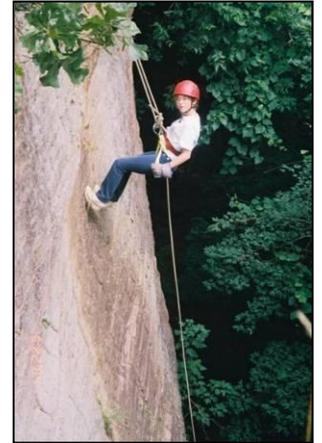
There is no minimum number of campers necessary to make a unit reservation. We ask you to project as closely as possible your actual attendance. When units over or under estimate attendance is when we have problems.

The summer camp fee for 2010 was \$220.00 after camper savings day and \$210.00 prior to camper savings day. The 2011 summer camp fee will be announced in October after the Council Camping Committee meeting. We encourage every crew to use the camper savings plan which will allow the Venturers and Explorers to save on the total fee if the full fee is paid by May 2, 2011. Swift information can be found at:

<http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/summer-camps/venturing/Pages/Venturing-Summer-Camps.aspx>

## Sea Scout/Aquatics Week at Swift June 19-25, 2005

A weeklong program offering ALL the Sea Scout and BSA Aquatics awards and certifications and having fun doing it. This will be layered on top of the normal Swift Base Venturing program, which



includes (horseback riding, rock climbing, rappelling, shooting, archery and a whole more).

The emphasis will be targeted to offer all the on the water requirements for the Sea Scout Aquatic rank advancements: Apprentice; Ordinary; Able; Quartermaster; Small Boat Handler; and Qualified Seaman

Scouts will also have the opportunity to earn the following Specialty Awards: Boardsailing, BSA; Kayaking, BSA; Snorkeling, BSA; Mile Swim, BSA; Red Cross Lifeguard; Standard Red Cross First Aid; and Scuba Certification (Pre-work Required).

Scouts\* will have an opportunity to work on and earn the following Merit Badges: swimming; lifesaving; Rowing; Canoeing; Small Boat Sailing; Motorboating; Waterskiing; and First Aid.

\*Female Sea Scouts/Venturers will (in accordance with BSA Policy) earn an equivalency certificate.

Many Core requirements for the Venturing Bronze, Gold Silver Quest and Ranger can be completed this week.

### **Link to Swift Promotional Video:**

<http://bit.ly/SwiftBase>

### **Great Venturing Sites:**

**National Venturing:** [www.scouting.org/Venturing](http://www.scouting.org/Venturing)

**Central Region Venturing:** [www.crventuring.org](http://www.crventuring.org)

**Central Region Sea Scouting:**

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

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:revogt1@gmail.com)

## **Meet Our New Area 3 Venturing Vice President of Administration**

The Area 3 Venturing Committee is proud to announce that Sarah Mittrucker is our new Area's Vice President of Administration effective January 1<sup>st</sup>. Her term will run until May 31, 2011.



Sarah Mittrucker is a founding member and in her 2<sup>nd</sup> term as President of Crew 4216 chartered by Knights of Columbus #11205 of Cape Girardeau, MO. She was also Vice President of Administration for Crew 4011 in 2008-2009. She also is the President of the newly formed Shawnee District VOA. She hopes to bring some multi crew activities within the district.

Sarah has earned the Venturing Bronze in Religious & Community Life and Arts and Hobbies Bronze. Recently she has also earned her Gold and Silver Awards. She has also earned the Pope Pius XII Award. She has completed VLSC and completed a Kodiak at Philmont Scout Ranch in July 2009. Sarah was part of the Technology Quest staff at the 2010 National Jamboree. Sarah will attend the World Jamboree in the summer of 2011 in Sweden. Also she is planning on attending the St. George Trek in July 2011 at Philmont Scout Ranch.

Sarah is also a Member of Girl Scout Troop 50013 and has earned her Bronze and Silver Awards and is currently working on the requirements for the highest award of the Girl Scouts - the Gold Award.

The Greater St. Louis Area Council has honored her with the Council's Venturing Leadership Award.

Sarah is a junior at Notre Dame Regional High School. She is active in her school's Girls Swim Team, Vice President of the Junior Class and involved in many clubs at her school. She is also active with her Youth Group at St. Vincent De Paul Parish and volunteers with various parish ministries. Sarah is also a Big Sister in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program at Blanchard Elementary School. She has also been an active volunteer with the Special Olympics for several years.

Sarah hopes to attend Lindenwood University in St. Charles, MO and Major in Business and Non-Profit Administration with an emphasis in Outdoor Recreation. She hopes to some day be a Scout executive and work in one of the High Adventure bases.

## Sea Scouters Make a Big Splash in Leadership Development at Seabadge

The weekend of November 12-14, 2010 had 14 staff members leading 32 participants in the Central Region's 2010 Seabadge Course. The purposes of the Seabadge experience are:



- To improve the understanding of leadership, management, and motivation among selected experienced Sea Scout adult volunteer leaders.
- To provide management, leadership, and presentation skills and tools to these leaders so that they may use them and share them with others in their day-to-day activities and through leading a Seabadge conference.
- To use this understanding and these skills and tools to improve and expand both the quality and quantity of the Sea Scout program as a way to reach the Aims of Scouting.



## New Venturing Standard Operating Procedures

The National Office and the National Venturing Youth Cabinet have released the Venturing Standard Operating Procedures. Be sure to read them as they will impact all Venturing Officer Associations at all levels of Venturing.

Attached to this Area 3 Venturing Update are the 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
- Glossary of terms describing the process, positions and key terms
- Frequently Asked Questions about the SOP's

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.

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.

## Can a Venturer Really Make a Difference?

### *A tribute to one that did*

When Venturing was just 4 years old back in 2003, a young lady handed to a Crew Advisor her application to join Venturing. She was just barely 14 and had just graduated from 8<sup>th</sup> grade that evening. Little did we know then that she was going to impact and change Venturing across this nation. Amanda Vogt was a shy, redheaded girl that loved music. She played the cello and had just made her high school show choir. The concept that she would in just a few years be leading 240,000 Venturers as the National Venturing President was not even a concept that she could comprehend. She did not even know there was a National Venturing President.



In the fall of 2005, as she was serving her Crew as a Vice President, an older member of her Crew suggested she run for her council's Venturing Officers Association's Secretary position. Amanda decided to raise her hand and was nominated for the position. She lost the election. But she had made that first important step toward higher leadership by being willing to raise her hand and step forward when others

would not. The next day, she was elected her District's VOA President.

In the spring of 2006, Amanda submitted application for the Area 5 Venturing President position. She was selected to this new position that did not even have a job description. She was handed a list of the 15 councils that stretched across 1,100 miles of the Midwest. She was asked to grow the Venturing program and to recruit an adult committee. She had just turned 16.

By the end of her term as the Area 5 Venturing President, she had written the first Area level Venturing By-laws in the nation, recruited a functioning adult Area Venturing Committee and had helped nearly 1/2 of the councils start Venturing Officers Associations. She was writing some of the first Area newsletters in the nation as she promoted Venturing. The Venturing program grew nearly 20% in her Area during her tenure.



In May of 2007, Amanda was selected as the Central Region Venturing President and became a part of the National Venturing Youth Cabinet. Amanda knew that for Venturing to grow, the youth of the program had to take ownership of their program. By the establishment of Venturing by-laws at all levels in Venturing, the youth would have the roadmap toward that goal. During her term, she organized, funded, and led the first regional level training for Area Presidents. Each Area established by-laws. A regional Venturing newsletter was published each month. She established Venturing facebook pages to reach the youth in their media. She developed training and resource CD's. And with the support of the Regional Venturing Committee, Venturing grew in the region each month during her tenure.

Unknown to most, but during her term as Regional Venturing President, Amanda was also fighting for her own life. She was having multiple daily seizures caused by a tumor growing deep in the motor skill area of her brain. In January 2008, the tumor was successfully removed.



At the National Boy Scout Meetings in San Diego, CA in May of 2008, Amanda was selected as the National Venturing President. The "new" Boy Scouts of America structure was being formed and the National Venturing Committee that had supported

Venturing for 10 years was dissolved. Amanda and her National Venturing Youth Cabinet were on their own without much adult support. Amanda challenged her cabinet to respond, by building their regional support system even stronger. Regional by-laws were updated or new ones written. The first regional Venturing event happened. The first national Venturing by-laws were adopted. Amanda traveled over 80,000 miles for Venturing during her term. From the State of Washington to the Oval Office in Washington she represented Venturing.



Upon the completion of her year as the National Venturing President, she immediately accepted the appointment as the first Vice President of Administration for our Area 3. Here she could serve as a mentor for our new Area Venturing President and co-chair the nation's largest Area Venturing Conference. In September of 2009, she also decided to run for her Council's (Greater St. Louis Area) Venturing Officer Association President position. A few days after her election as her Council's VOA President, she sent an email to the BSA National Office asking what it would take to have a centennial national event for Venturing. They responded that it would be a nice idea, but would take several years to plan. In addition a large staff would have to be recruited and since national did not have the budget for this event, a council would have to back it. And besides, the BSA's centennial year was just 4 months away. Amanda accepted the challenge to find a way to have the first National Venturing Event during the centennial year. Her dream of a National Venturing Event – The Fall Fun Rally became our reality this past September.



At the end of 2010, Amanda will age out as a youth in our program. She has made a difference in Venturing. Who will be that next Venturer that will raise their hand? Are we as adults helping that shy young person to become more than they know? Can your Venturers make the difference in the lives around them? When they are ready to make such a commitment are you ready and willing to support them? Scouting changes lives! It changed Amanda's and we are all better because of it.

## **Your CR Area 3 Venturing Committee**

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:**

Abraham Lincoln Council – Springfield, IL  
Glacier's Edge Council – Madison, WI  
Greater St. Louis Area Council – St. Louis, MO  
Hawkeye Area Council – Cedar Rapids, IA  
Illowa Council – Davenport, IA  
Lewis & Clark Council – Belleville, IL  
Milwaukee County Council – Milwaukee, WI  
Mississippi Valley Council – Quincy, IL  
Northeast Iowa Council – Dubuque, IA  
Potawatomi Area Council – Waukesha, WI  
Southeast Wisconsin Council – Racine, WI  
W.D. Boyce Council – Peoria, IL

## **CR Area 3 Venturing Committee**

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## Canyon Camp for Venturers

Just outside of Area 3 in Blackhawk Council in Northern Illinois there awaits another opportunity for a great Venturing summer camp. Canyon Camp has a special week devoted to Venturing. Watch for information soon to be posted on the summer 2001 dates and activities:

<http://www.canyoncamp.org/SummerCamp.html>

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

### October 2010:

<http://crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=430>

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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.**

## Following are the links to the resource items mentioned in this Central Region Area 3 Venturing Update:

### Area 3 Venturing Conference Brochure:

<http://www.crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=437>

### Area 3 Venturing Conference Registration Form:

<http://www.crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=432>

### Venturing Standard Operating Procedures:

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/venturing/pdf/venturingstandardoperatingprocedures.pdf>

### FAQ Venturing Standard Operating Procedures:

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/venturing/pdf/SOP\\_FAQ.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/venturing/pdf/SOP_FAQ.pdf)

### Central Region December 2010 Venturing Newsletter:

<http://crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=442>

### Central Region November 2010 Venturing Newsletter:

<http://crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=435>

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top in your  
council!**

