

# Central Region Venturing Monthly Newsletter

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Area 2 Venturing White Water  
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Welcome to the 12<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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## Bylaw Generator

Is your council or district VOA having trouble writing by-laws or operating procedures? Check out the Central Region Venturing website for a template generator. It is quick, simple, and easy. Enter your council name, mission statement, date for president selection process, and click submit! Within seconds you will have an editable version of your council or district by-laws that you can print or save to your computer. Check it out now:



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## Jennifer Welles - 2011-2012 Area 1 President



Jennifer Welles has been elected Area 1 President. She will begin her term on June 1st, 2011. Jennifer is a Junior at Bay Port High School in Suamico, Wisconsin. She is active in the High School Band, where she plays flute and performs with the Color Guard. Jennifer hopes to pursue a career in Veterinary medicine.

Jennifer has been the President of Crew 9063, sponsored by the Howard Suamico Lions Club, for the past two years. Along with her Crew, she has participated in several Area events. She has been an active Girl Scout for 10 years where she has earned numerous awards including the Bronze Award and the Cadette Girl Scout Leadership Award. She joined Venturing at the age of 14 to expand her opportunities in Scouting. Since that time, Jennifer has made many new friends from around the Area and has experienced many new adventures. Jennifer is involved in helping form the Voyageur District VOA with the hopes that it will grow to the Bay-Lakes Council someday. As President, she hopes to continue the positive progress of her predecessors and continue to increase participation in Area events. She looks forward to working with council VOAs to help spread the word about Venturing. For those councils without VOAs, she would like to help promote the importance of the VOA and try to help them get started. She looks forward to attending events in her area and meeting new people.

## Nick Huyser - 2011-2012 Area 2 President

Nick Huyser has been selected as the Area 2 President for 2011 – 2012, his term will begin on June 1, 2011.

Nick is a member of Crew 2146, chartered by the Hudsonville Lions Club, in the Gerald R Ford Council. He is 19 years old and will be a sophomore at Grand Valley State University this fall. He is seeking a double major in finance and marketing, and a minor in public administration. Nick has been involved in Scouting since he was a Wolf in Cub Scouts where he earned his Arrow of Light award. He crossed over into his Boy Scout troop, where he served in many leadership positions including assistant senior patrol leader, and junior assistant Scoutmaster. He earned his Eagle Scout award in 2008, and is currently an assistant Scoutmaster in that troop. In 2007, Nick was a founding member of his Venturing crew. Within the crew, he has served in many positions, including secretary, president, and crew guide. In 2010, he was on staff at the Devos Family Venture Base and Gerber Boy Scout Camp. He also attended the National Scout Jamboree as an assistant Scoutmaster. Nick's goals for the upcoming year include: regularly publishing an Area Venturing Newsletter, holding the 2nd annual Area 2 Venturing Conference, as well as plan an Area 2 Assemblage.



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## Christina Vogt - 2011-2012 Area 3 President



The Central Region Area 3 Venturing Committee is proud to announce the 2011-2012 Central Region Area 3 Venturing President is Christina Vogt. Christina is the President of Greater St. Louis Area Council's Venturing Crew 2783 sponsored by Salem in Ballwin United Methodist Church. She also serves as the New Horizons District Venturing President. She has earned the Venturing Outdoor Bronze and Religious and Community Life Bronze Awards, the Venturing Gold Award, the Venturing Silver Award, and Venturing Ranger Award. She is also currently working on her Girl Scout Gold Award. She has completed the VLSC Course, the ILSC Course, the Kodiak Course, and the Kodiak X Course. She is attending NYLT this summer. Christina served as a co-trek leader for her Crew's trek to Philmont when she was 14. She attended the 2009 National BSA Meetings. She helped staffed Scout Quest 100 in St. Louis, and the National Venturing Event last year. She was the co-chair for the St. Louis Venturing Ski Night, and is helping to plan the upcoming Council Venturing Recognition Dinner. Christina is a sophomore at Marquette High School in Chesterfield, MO, and is involved in the Show Choir, is a cellist in the school orchestra, served as the goalie for the freshman soccer team, and serves as a mentor for middle school students. She is served as the Manager for the Junior Varsity Soccer Team this past fall, and as the Manager for the Freshman Soccer team this spring.

Christina's goals for the upcoming year consist of improving the resources available to each crew within the area. She plans to do this by enhancing the area newsletters, developing contacts within each council, and by creating a crew level track at the upcoming 2012 Area 3 Venturing Conference.

## Blaine Lott - 2011-2012 Area 4 President

The Central Region Area 4 Venturing Committee is proud to announce the 2011-2012 Central Region Area 4 Venturing President is Blaine Lott. Blaine is from the Great Trail Council and lives in Green, Ohio.

Blaine has been active in Crew 2222 for 4 years and has held the president and secretary positions within his crew. He started Scouting as a Tiger Cub in Cub Scouts and proceeded through Boy Scouts and Venturing. In Boy Scouting, Blaine earned the rank of Eagle Scout with a Silver palm and in Venturing he has earned his Silver, Outdoor Bronze and Ranger awards. Blaine is a Vigil member of Marnoc Lodge #151 in the Order of the Arrow.

Most recently Blaine has served his council as VOA Vice President of Program as well as Vice President of Communications for the Central Region. He is a member of Green High School's soccer and track teams and after graduation next year, he plans to enter the medical field.



## Sarah Griffey - 2011-2012 Area 5 President



Sarah Griffey has been selected Area 5 President. She will begin her term on June 1st, 2011.

Sarah is a sophomore who is home schooled and an active member of her church. She is a member of Crew 2533 from Andover, KS in Quivira Council where she served as crew vice president of administration. She is also the current president of Quivira Council Venturing Officer's Association. Sarah has been active in VLSC training in Quivira Council, as well as helping out with her younger brother's Cub Scout Den. During her tenure as Council VOA President, attendance at VOA meetings has grown. She attended the Area 5 Leadership Conference in 2011. She is also the recipient of the Council Venturing Leadership Award. In addition to Venturing, Sarah is an avid swimmer, competing for over 10 years. She is also active in her church's AWANA program, Vacation Bible School and church camp.

## Tyler Andrews - 2011-2012 Area 6 President

Tyler Andrews, of Crew 69 in the Crossroads of America Council, has been selected as the Area 6 Venturing President for 2011-2012.

Tyler is a senior at Pike High School in Indianapolis. At Pike High School, he is a member of the National Honor Society and the recipient of the Most Spirited Student Award for showing the most school spirit and representing the values of Pike High School. He is also a catcher on the varsity baseball team. He is an Eagle Scout, with seven palms. In addition, he is an OA Vigil member and a Firecrafter Minisimo. He has served in numerous leadership positions in his Scouting career, including patrol leader at the 2007 World Jamboree and senior patrol leader at the 2010 National Jamboree. In Venturing, he has earned the Outdoor Bronze Award and is currently working on the Ranger Award. Tyler has earned all of the religious emblems for the Roman Catholic Church: Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei, and Pope Pius XII.

He has been accepted at several colleges and plans on majoring in Political Science and Entrepreneurship. He plans on starting a business before graduating from college and one day serve as President of the United States.



## Aaron Beatty - 2011-2012 Area 7 President



The Central Region Area 7 Venturing Committee is proud to announce the selection of Aaron Beatty as the 2011-2012 Area 7 President. He will begin his term on June 1, 2011.

Aaron comes to us from Calumet Council and is a resident of Oak Forest, Illinois. He is 18 years old and will be a sophomore at Robert Morris University. He is seeking to major in Computer Networking and minor in Business. After completing his Bachelor, he plans to complete his Masters degree. Before being named the Area President, Aaron served as his crew's founding president. He has earned the rank of Eagle Scout with his Boy Scout troop, in which he is still involved as an assistant Scoutmaster. He is also involved as a committee member and den leader with the troop's feeder Cub Scout pack. Outside of Scouting, Aaron is heavily involved in PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter), an organization that helps to feed and house homeless members of the community. Before graduating high school, Aaron was involved with the Ecology Club, the Spanish Club, and a member of the Business Professionals of America. Combined with good grades, Aaron applied and received a scholarship from the Oak Forest Rotary Club. Aaron was chosen to fulfill this position among several very qualified applicants based on his outstanding talents, abilities, morals, and attitude. Aaron has a proven record of leadership, dedication, and commitment. The true spirit of Scouting is shown through his actions and words each day.

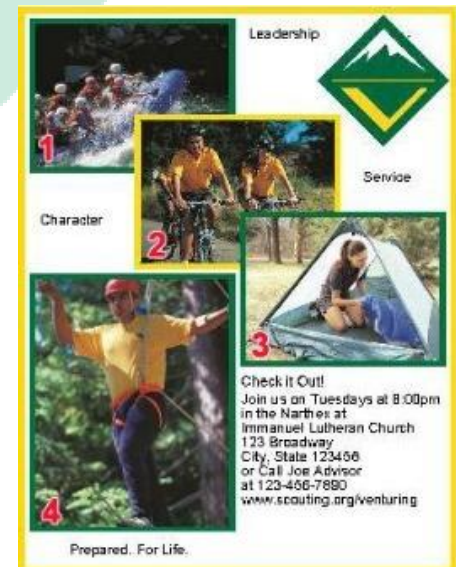
## Membership Flyer Generator

Is your Venturing crew planning an open house and in search of a recruitment flyer? Check out:

[http://www.crv venturing.org/Membership/Custom\\_Recruitment\\_Flyer/](http://www.crv venturing.org/Membership/Custom_Recruitment_Flyer/)

Simply click on the images that best reflect your unit's activities, enter appropriate contact information, and you can create a free customized recruitment flyer that you can save as a PDF document and print out or share.

Coming soon...you will also have the ability to add your crew's own photos to the flyer!



## Area Pages

More information on all of the events and links to the councils listed below 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)

**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 Event

June 11-12 Whitewater Rafting

June 21- 26 ArrowPower2011

July 15- 17 Bay Jammer 2011

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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

June 18- 21 Area 2 Venturing White Water Rafting Trip

July 9 Thunderbase High Adventure Camp

July 31- August 4 Venturing Super Camp

### Contact them at

Area President: Elizabeth Wisman

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Area Chair: Jeff Gerald

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Information for the Area 2 White Water Rafting Trip at [http://crventuring.org/Area\\_Pages/Area\\_2/](http://crventuring.org/Area_Pages/Area_2/)



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**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

June 5- 11 Horse Camp

June 19-25 Aquatic Camp, Sea Scout Week, Swift Base

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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

June 12-18 NYLT- SKC

June 13- 18 NYLT- GWRC

August 7-13 Aquatics Week 2011

August 12-14 Powder Horn-OH

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## Area Pages Continued

**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

July 9-13 Venturing Camp

August 6 End of Summer Blast

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**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

June 12-17 NYLT- MVC

July 10-16 Venturing Camp

July 15-17 Kodiak 2011

July 17-23 Venturing Camp (Cycling Adventure & Advancement)

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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

June 19-24 NYLT- NWSC

July 10 Thomas R. Smith Sea Scout Regatta

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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>



**Central Region Venturing Twitter:** Follow our Twitter account to receive short, timely messages about Venturing in the Central Region: <http://twitter.com/#!/CRVenturing>

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To contact the entire Central Region Venturing Committee,  
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