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## Area 2 Conference

Saturday, January 28,  
2012 · 9:00am -  
5:00pm

Location:  
Royal Scot Golf & Bowl  
4722 W. Grand River  
Ave  
Lansing, Michigan

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## President's Passage

Hello everyone,

It is hard to believe that summer is coming to an end already, I hope that all of your crews were able to have some awesome adventures this year.

I know that as the next school year starts you can become busy and not have as much time for Venturing, or maybe you are just looking for a way to keep your meetings interesting. Well here is a resource that can help you to build upon your program. "The Venturing Monthly Planning Forum," is full of ideas that you can use for meetings and event, including games, activities, How to's, and program features.

If you have any question

involving program or Venturing in general feel free to contact me, or reach out to other Venturers on facebook.

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Happy Venturing,  
Nick Huyser  
Central region Area 2



**Nick Huyser**  
2011-12 Area 2 Venturing President  
Central Region Venturing Committee

## Michigan International Camporee 2012

The Michigan International Camporee is the largest council-run multinational Scouting event in North America. Once every four years contingents of Scouts and Venturers, both all boys and mixed boys and girls, from over 20 countries, gather for 8 days of international friendship and fellowship at the Chief Okemos Council's Northwoods Scout Reservation northeast of West Branch MI. Of the 800 youth and adults participating in MIC 2008, 300 were from outside the USA and Canada.

The next MIC is scheduled for **Sunday, July 22, to Sunday, July 29, 2012**, with home stays for international contingents with mid-Michigan families the week before. Youth participants must be under 18 at the time of the event. Crews in Michigan's Lower Peninsula can apply to be host units. Crews in other areas can apply to fill out-of-state slots. Older Venturers can apply to be part of the all-volunteer MIC staff.



## LEAVE NO TRACE WORKSHOP

**FREE!** Leave No Trace 3 hour Workshop. **Saturday, Oct. 8**, at *Camp Miakond, Toledo, OH*. An introduction to the principles of Leave No Trace. No minimum age (or maximum age). Bring your troop Crew. Must register. For info and registration, Contact Rodger Phillips at [kj8m@hotmail.com](mailto:kj8m@hotmail.com)

**“A woodland in full color is awesome as a forest fire, in magnitude at least, but a single tree is like a dancing tongue of flame to warm the heart.” -Hal Borland**

## The Area 2 Fun Event

The Gerald R Ford Councils (GRFC) Kickback weekend is a weekend full of fun and fellowship for Venturers, that takes place in February.

This year GRFCs Kickback weekend will be the official fun event for Area 2. It takes place at Gerber Scout Reservation in Twin Lakes, MI.

Last years Kickback included Ice Fishing, geocaching, sledding, snow shoes, snowmo-

biles, the climbing tower, square dancing, and more. All for only 40 dollars.

The flier for this event will be posted to the Area 2 Facebook page in the near future, and will also be a part of the next newsletter.

For a slide show from last years Kickback weekend visit: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BxasF3NVU54>

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Lansing, MI 48906

A conference for Venturers and Advisors, Sea Scouts and Skippers, Commissioners and Scouting professionals.

Last year this event was fun and informative, with sixty five people from ten of our councils participating. In 2012 it will be even better. It will feature youth presenters for each of the program elements and for leading the discussion groups. The topics will be engaging, relevant and fun. More information is posted on facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=201298373255301> . An information flyer and registration form will be available soon.

## Kodiak CDC

Is your crew or council interested in completing the new Kodiak course? Then you need to send your advisor to the Gerald R Ford Council office (3213 Walker Ave. NW Grand Rapids, MI 49544-9775) on February 11th for the Kodiak course directors conference.

This conference is required for any unit that is interested in completing Kodiak, and is not limited to Venturers, Boy Scouts are welcome to.

More information will follow as we get closer.

[http://www.crventuring.org/Area\\_Pages/Area\\_2/](http://www.crventuring.org/Area_Pages/Area_2/)

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