

# The Central Point



Newsletter of Central Region Venturing | BSA

September Newsletter 2011

## In This Issue:

Membership & Awards	2
Website Highlight	2
Area 1 Conference	2
Area 7 Fun Event	3
Area 4 Conference	3
Area 1-5 Pages	4
Area 6-7 Pages	5
President's Corner	5
Powder Horn	6

## SOP Webinars

You are invited to participate in the Venturing SOP webinar to learn about the changes made to the Venturing Standard Operating Procedure (Venturing SOP). At the conclusion of the webinar, you will have the opportunity to ask questions. The Venturing SOP Webinar will take place on the following dates: Tuesday, 9/27 at 5:30PM CST; Wednesday 9/28 at 1:00PM CST; Friday, 9/30 at 4:30PM CST. Please RSVP your attendance to Angela Elliott ([angela.elliott@scouting.org](mailto:angela.elliott@scouting.org)) for which webinar you would like to attend. There is a limit of 75 people per webinar. You must RSVP at least two days prior to the webinar. All area, region, and national officers and advisors must participate in at least one webinar; otherwise your regional Venturing president will follow up and conduct the training with you.

It is recommended that council officers and advisors participate to learn about the changes. A reminder email, with the call in information will be sent the day prior to the webinar. Unless you have the software on your computer already, you will need to download software in order to participate. This information will come with the reminder email. The Venturing SOP has a lot of information that helps Venturing, including area, council, district, and crew direction. You can find the current copy of the Venturing SOP at <http://www.scouting.org/venturing>. It is recommended that you view this document prior to the webinar.



*Dustin, the Central Region President, and Dan, the National Venturing President*

## New BSA Alumni Award

The national Alumni Relations Committee is pleased to announce a newly created award: the Alumni Award. The requirements are available at <http://www.BSAalumni.org> for registered alumni. If you or someone you know is not registered, it only takes a few minutes. The BSA's definition of alumni is, "everyone positively and personally impacted by the Boy Scouts of America – former Scouts, family members of Scouts past and present, volunteers past and present, community leaders, and the millions of Americans who benefit from Scouting in their communities every day." The recognition items for the Alumni Award include a very nice looking...

[Continue reading on page 3](#)

Welcome to the 2011-2012 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 council VOA, Venturing Forums, the Central Region Venturing Areas and professional staff. We look forward to being of service to you in Venturing.

## Follow us on:



## Venturing Membership Reports

Administration has had a great start to the year, and we still have many things planned. As Central Region Venturing Vice President of Administration, I have worked with the Area Vice Presidents of Administration to help them create goals for the year and working with contacting the local councils, promoting VOAs, and talking about the importance of trainings and advancements.

We recently completed our first administrative conference call. Eight Vice Presidents for Administration and Advisors took part in the conversation. We are looking forward to more participation and sharing of ideas about

how to support Venturing during our next conference.

By the time you read this, administrative VPs and their advisors will have completed their survey of each local council's Venturing experiences. The goal is to learn, based on the standards set by the Council Standards of Venturing Excellence and how well local councils are doing. Any difficulties experienced by local councils will be used to help organize training at Area conferences to help them better meet their needs.

I hope to catch up with many of you at the Fall Fun Event later this month or at one of the area fun or training events.



*Sarah Mittrucker  
Region VP of  
Administration*

## CRVenturing.org Highlight

*By Deb Keyes, Central Region Associate Advisor for Communications*

Central Region Venturing's website has a series of pages devoted to resources which are intended to help crews, ships, and others in their support of the Venturing program. They can all be found under the Resources tab on our site at <http://crventuring.org/Resources/Links/>.

One of the resource pages lists links to BSA sites:

<http://crventuring.org/Links/BSA Links>

Included in the list are links for BSA Divisions, Regions, Order of the Arrow and many other BSA pages such as Guide to Safe Scouting, Scouting Alumni and Scout Stuff. Links sometimes change and we will make every effort to keep them current. If you find a link that needs to change, please let us know via email to [communications-coordinator@crventuring.org](mailto:communications-coordinator@crventuring.org) Please also contact us if you have information not listed that you would like to share via a website link.

## Area 1 Conference

*By Sarah Hopkins, Area 1 VP of Communications*

Attention all Area 1 Venturers! It's time once again for our annual Area 1 Conference. When: **November 11-13, 2011**. Where: Holiday Inn Bloomington, Bloomington MN. Why: Because it's FUN! The weekend will feature leadership training and a trip to the Mall of America. You will also have a chance to meet and fellowship with youth from all across the Area. Last year, over 30

participants came to this exciting event. (Who knows, you just might make a friendship that lasts a lifetime!) Contact Jenny Wells, Area 1 President at [area1president@crventuring.org](mailto:area1president@crventuring.org) for more information. Signup info will be coming soon.



*2010 Area 1 Conference youth  
participants*

## Area 7 Extravaganza

By Connor Parker, Area 7 VP of Communications

**First Ever Area 7 Extravaganza - Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011!!**

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 29th from 8:00a.m.—7 p.m.** for our first ever Area 7 Extravaganza to be held at the Rainbow Scout Reservation in Morris, Illinois. Receive the early bird rate of \$30 per person if you register by September 30th. On October 1st, the price will increase to \$35 per person. Registration includes: High Cope, Low Cope / Teambuilding, Saturday Lunch, Saturday dinner, Shooting Sports, Dutch Oven Appetizer & Dessert Cook-off, Frisbee Golf & optional camping

for Friday and Saturday night and much, much MORE! Registration will close on Monday, October 24th at Midnight. This is your chance to meet people such as Area 7 President, Aaron Beatty; former Area 7 President, Aileen Dalton. You will also get to meet other Venturers from the Area and have TONS OF FUN!!! Dress is casual (optional Class Bs) as this is meant to be an active and lively event! See **YOU** there! (Online registration will be available on Friday, September 9th!) For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Kris Zahrobsky at [Zahrobsky@aol.com](mailto:Zahrobsky@aol.com)

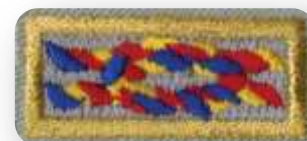


Area 7 Extravaganza  
"Fun Event"  
October 29th

## Alumni Award (continued from page 1)

...square knot and a lapel pin, which will be sold by Supply Group as restricted inventory items. Recipients of the award must show an approved application by both their council

alumni committee and the national Alumni Relations office before they purchase their square knot and/or lapel pin.



New Alumni Award Knott

## Area 4 Conference

By Blaine Lott, Area 4 President

Area 4 will be having its Program Conference on Saturday, October 1 at Ohio University- Zanesville. The cost will be \$20 for adults and \$10 for youth under the age of 21 and is open to anyone interested in Venturing. This year's conference will be packed with helpful sessions for Venturers and Sea Scouters alike. There will be some great representation from the National office. Mike Johnson, Youth Protection Director, will be attending and leading a session about the ever important program that protects the youth. Chris Wolfe, National Manager-BSA Finance Impact, will be leading a summit on financial impact. Also



attending the conference this year will be Steve McGowan, Summit Development Leader, who will give an update about The Summit: Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve and will be leading a session titled "The Summit/ Jamboree Development". This year's conference is going to be one that you don't want to miss. To register and receive more information on the Area 4 Program Conference, you can visit [www.area4scouting.org](http://www.area4scouting.org).

**Area 1** Upcoming events:

Oct 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, Smiley's Amazing Race, Rhinelander, WI

Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>, ILSC, Phillips Scout Reservation, Chippewa Valley Council, WI

Nov 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, Area 1 Conference, Bloomington, MN

President: [Jennifer Wells](#)

Advisor: [Chris Sandberg](#)

**Area 2**

Upcoming Events:

Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, Leave No Trace Workshop, Toledo, OH

Jan 28<sup>th</sup>, Area 2 Conference, Lansing MI

President: [Nick Hayser](#)

Advisor: [Jeff Gerald](#)

**Area 3** Upcoming events:

Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, Fun Fall Rally, High Ridge, MO

January 13<sup>th</sup>-14, Area 3 Conference, Normal, IL

April 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012, Powder Horn, High Ridge, MO

President: [Christina Vogt](#)

Advisor: [Bob Vogt](#)

**Area 4**

Upcoming Events:

Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, Area 4 Conference (Program Meeting), Zanesville, OH

Nov 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, Sea Badge 2011, Camp Manatoc, Peninsula

President: [Blaine Lott](#)

Advisor: [Dale Hayes](#)

**Area 5** Upcoming Events:

Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, Conference Call, Find details to call in by clicking on the Central Region logo in this box!

Feb 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, Area 5 Conference, Kansas City Area

President: [Sarah Griffey](#)

Advisor: [Julie Dalton](#)



**Area 6** Upcoming Events:

Oct 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, Extrem-O-Ree, Cincinnati, OH  
 Nov 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, Kodiak X Training, Frankton, IN  
 Nov 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, VOA Training and Advancement Weekend, Yellow Springs, OH  
 Nov 12<sup>th</sup>, Kodiak CDC, Dayton, OH  
 Apr 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, Sea Badge 2012, Lake James Assembly, IN

President: [Sarah McMurphy](#)

Advisor: [Len Roberts](#)

**President's Corner**

By Dustin Readenour

Powder Horn is one of the many opportunities available to Venturers in order to better their program. Powder Horn focuses specifically on how to put the extra “wow” into a unit, district, or council’s program. This August and September, I had the privilege of being 1 of 7 youth to participate in a Central Region Powder Horn Course. Allowing youth to participate in the course is a very new



concept. However, I find it very important that youth attend Powder Horn. It is great if the adults attend, but they don’t determine the program in Venturing. Youth determine the program, so they need to know how to have an awesome program. Powder Horn allows participants to explore a variety of activities in order for you to be able to know how to bring these things back to your unit. Every year the Central Region hosts multiple Powder Horn courses. I encourage you to visit [www.crventuring.org/training/powder\\_horn/](http://www.crventuring.org/training/powder_horn/) to see the courses being offered in the Central Region.

As always, keep on Venturing!

**Area 7**

Upcoming Events:



Oct 29<sup>th</sup>, Area 7 Extravaganza, Morris, IL, see article on page 3 for more details.

**Mar 10<sup>th</sup>, Area 7 Conference, Addison, IL**

Submit your council or area event by going to the CRV website!

President: [Aaron Beatty](#)

Advisor: [Kris Zahrobsky](#)

**Submit your Venturing event on the Central Region Website.**

Go to <http://crventuring.org> and click on the “submit a calendar event” button on the lower left side of the page. Fill out the form, and now you will be able reach thousands of Venturers to come to your event!



## Contact Us

Central Region Venturing  
President:

**Dustin Readenour**  
[president@crventuring.org](mailto:president@crventuring.org)

Central Region Venturing  
Advisor:

**Keith Gehlhausen**  
[venturing-chair@crventuring.org](mailto:venturing-chair@crventuring.org)

Central Region Venturing Vice  
President of Communications:

**Thomas Spargo**  
vp-  
[communications@crventuring.org](mailto:communications@crventuring.org)

Central Region Venturing  
Associate Advisor for  
Communications:

**Deb Keyes**  
[communications-coordinator@crventuring.org](mailto:communications-coordinator@crventuring.org)

---

Newsletter designed and  
compiled by  
Thomas Spargo

## Powder Horn Experience

*By Zabrina Johnson, CR VP of Program*

GOOD DAY VENTURING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
The Central Illinois Powder Horn started up August 19, and we started off with a bang! There was playing in the trees with a low COPE course, shooting, cooking with Don Jacobson, traveling to Paris, and taking part in an exciting Casino Royale murder mystery. (And that was just the first day!) The rest of the weekend went along in a similar manner of jam packed fun. My personal favorite was the second day of Powder Horn, water events.

The 'hot pink crew' and I started off with canoeing and kayaking. The jumping carp that have invaded the Illinois River made an appearance too. Many Participants gave a scream and shout as the fish jumped into boats and hit the paddles of our canoes. Yet the slow current made for a nice relaxing period during kayaking. Don't be fooled though. We did have quite a bit of new adventurous activities to try too.



*Zabrina Johnson  
Region VP of Program*

One activity that the hot pink crew enjoyed was wake boarding. Anyone who wanted to try got to strap on the snowboard-like board and get towed behind the boat. Our Central Region Vice President of Administration, Sarah, got out there and made wake boarding look easy.

Our second weekend was just as great! It started on September 9<sup>th</sup> and included an old Wild West experience. After spending a day around the horses, learning more about conservation, plants and animals, and navigating our way through the land, we all settled around the fire for some grub while also getting a chance to ride the steel drum bull (something you just had to see), blacksmithing and swapping stories. Dan Carriveau, the National Venturing President, spent the weekend out with us just to see the type of fun Powder Horn entails. I hope you may be able to attend this great adventure when it comes your way! Find out more by visiting the Central Region website at <http://www.crventuring.org/Training/Powder Horn/>.

### *About Our Organization...*



Venturing is a Scouting program for male and female youth ages 13-21 that lets youth experience new activities, build leadership skills, earn awards, make new friends, and of course have fun.

The Central Region is one of four regions of the Boy Scouts of America. This region includes the states of: Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and West Virginia.