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# Area 7 Newsletter

## Area 7 Upcoming Events

Date	Program	Location
Sept 9-11 & Sept 30-Oct 2	Powder Horn	Rhinelander, WI
Sept 9-10	Stealth & Evasion	Wilmot, WI (Northeast Illinois)
Sept 16-18	Powder Horn Course Directors' Conference	Clare, MI
Sept 23-25	Fall Fun Rally	St. Louis, MO (Greater St. Louis Area)
October 29	Area 7 Fun Event	Rainbow Scout Reservation, Morris, IL
March 10, 2012	Area 7 Conference	Chicago Indoor Racing, Addison, IL

## Welcome from President, Aaron Beatty

Hello everyone! My name is Aaron Beatty and I am the new Area 7 President. Very soon, my team of three Vice Presidents and myself will be giving a ton of attention to our Area Venturing program.

I am currently going into my sophomore year in an accelerated Computer Networking program at Robert Morris University – Orland Park Campus. Now this is still a scouting program so let's talk about my Scouting background. It all started in second grade when I became a Wolf, working my way up and before I knew it I was a Boy Scout. Days went by, and at the age of sixteen I obtained the rank of Eagle Scout. Now at the age of nine-

teen, I have shifted from being heavily active in Boy Scouts, to being heavily active in Venturing. Two years ago my parents and my mentors started a Venturing Crew where I was to be the founding President. I held the position with honor for two years but it was time for a new President to take the Crew to new heights, and I know she will.

Allow me to briefly introduce my cabinet officers, Aileen Dalton, the past Area 7 President and current Area 7 Vice President of Program. Aileen did an amazing job running the Area, and I am very glad to welcome her back to my team this year. We have great ideas for events coming very soon. Terres Gacek has been in my Cabinet for the past two years, going on three years

now. She was my Crew's first Vice President of Activities, holding the position for two years. She did an awesome job there, and I can't wait for her to take Administration for Area 7 and shine. Lastly, Connor Parker, the Communications master mind. I am very glad to have such a strong Communication's officer on my Cabinet. Of course, we wouldn't be able to do any of this without having dedicated and caring Advisor's behind each of us!

My team is working very hard and rapidly to get this year going strong. Be on the lookout for events, updates, and seeing us at some of your Council Events. We can't wait to meet all you!

Lead Your Path,

Aaron Beatty

### Special points of interest:

- *Welcome to Our New Area 7 Venturing Committee! (see page 2)*
- *Area 7 Extravaganza—Saturday, October 29, 2011 (see page 4)*
- *MARK YOUR CALENDAR—Second Annual Area 7 Venturing Conference—Saturday, March 10th from 9:30 a.m.—4 p.m.*

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# People to Know

Key 3	Leadership
President: Aaron Beatty	Associate Advisor—Administration: Dave Blankenship
Chair / Advisor: Kris Zahrobsky	Associate Advisor—Communications : Tamara Christensen
Director: Richard Fisher	Associate Advisor—Program: Nathan Christensen
	Associate Advisor: Bob Dalton
	Commodore: Laura Whiteside
	Powder Horn Coordinator: Mike Condon

## Introducing Your 2011-2012 Area 7 Youth Venturing Leadership Team!



In the role of **Vice-President of Administration**, we are proud to announce the selection of Terres Gacek. Terres is from Calumet Council and is a resident of Oak Forest, Illinois. She is 19 years old and will be a sophomore at Western Illinois University. She is seeking to major in emergency management.

In the Venturing program, Terres has served as her Crew's President and has attended and staffed NYLT. She is currently working on the requirements for

her Silver Award. She credits the Venturing program with helping her become the woman she is today.

In the role of **Vice-President of Communication**, we are proud to announce the selection of Connor Parker. Connor is from Three Fires Council and is a resident of Aurora, Illinois. He is 18 years old and will be a senior at Oswego East High School. He is currently enrolled in all honors classes and is a member of the high honor roll. After high school, he plans to attend college at Angelo State University or several other choices in the states of Texas



and Oklahoma, where he was raised and the majority of his family still lives.

In the Venturing program, Connor has served as his Crew's Founding President. He is currently working on his Bronze and Gold awards and is taking the lead role in helping his Council to establish their Venturing Officers' Association.



In the role of **Vice-President of Program**, we are proud to announce and welcome back the selection of Aileen Dalton. Aileen served as the 2010-2011 Area 7 Venturing President and we are honored that she has accepted to return to us for this upcoming term!

Aileen is from Blackhawk Area Council and is a resident of Cary, Illinois. She is 18 years old and will be an incoming freshman at Brigham Young University. She is seeking a degree in Biology.

ogy.

Besides serving as our Area's Venturing President, Aileen has earned her Silver Award. She has participated in treks at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico, and Sylvania Wilderness Area in Michigan. In 2010, she staffed the Conversation Area at the National Scout Jamboree, in Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia.

# Area 7 ROCKS!



## First Ever Area 7 Conference—HUGE Success!

In March, Area 7 had its first ever area conference. With all Area 7 Councils represented and 68 participants—it was awesome! In the beginning there were some Icebreaker games so people could get to know each other and more than just the people at their own tables. One of the favorite ice breakers was Ah-So-Ko, a huge hit from a previous Powder Horn course.

After that, there were a couple of seminars on different aspects of Venturing and some of the things that Venturing offers. One session was about the new Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve which the new BSA High Adventure

base. It stuck out because it offers so many wonderful opportunities to Venturers. Other information was provided on Communications, the importance of having a VOA and on the key elements of having a successful Council / District and Unit level Venturing program.

When the seminars ended, there was a nice lunch then the fun continued with CyberSport. CyberSport is bumper cars mixed with basketball, lacrosse, hockey and an extra dose of fun. Everyone had the chance to play- youth and adults alike. While people were waiting for their next round they were getting to know the other Venturers from other crews and

councils. The conference created many friendships and helped to build the Area and set the stage for the next year.

All of the current officers attended the conference and it motivated them to want to stay together and to help build the Area even more. They got to know each other and realized that they wanted to be a part of Venturing at a higher level than just their Crew or Council and this conference gave them that opportunity.

***Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 10, 2012 for next year's conference!***

## SPOTLIGHT ON: Three Fires Council

Three Fires Council is on the path to grow their Venturing program. Over the past year, they have had three Council forums. The first was put on by the Council and after that adults and youth volunteered to help organize the rest. During the February Forum, the Ranger award was presented to Amy Grant. At the April forum she was presented with her Gold and Silver Awards. Three Fires is working on creating a VOA



Crew 42 and Crew 100. On the trip they went to Wahoo Ziplines, the largest zipline in North America and went whitewater rafting at Latimer High Adventure Reservation. They had a wonderful time and even ziplined upside down!

To sum it up, Three Fires Council is active in Venturing and becoming stronger by the month. Way to go, Three Fires!

*If you'd like your Crew or Council to be highlighted in a future newsletter, please contact Connor Parker, Area 7 Venturing VP of Communications at [guywith15names@aol.com](mailto:guywith15names@aol.com).*



which will hopefully happen within the next year.

These forums have not only been a way to show off the personal awards that people can achieve, they also promote inter-crew relations. This July, Crew 242 from the Maramech Hill District, planned a trip to Tennessee and opened it up to other crews. They were joined by





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***First Ever Area 7 Extravaganza - Saturday, October 29th!!***

*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 October 10th. On October 11th, the price will increase to \$35 per person. Registration includes: High Cope, Teambuilding, Climbing Tower, Saturday Lunch, Saturday dinner, Shooting Sports, Dutch Oven Appetizer & Dessert Cookoff, Frisbee Golf, demos from the International Dutch Oven Society, optional camping for Friday and Saturday night and much, much MORE! Registration will close on Monday, October 24th at Midnight. To register, go to [www.neic.org/Area7extravaganza](http://www.neic.org/Area7extravaganza).*

*This is your chance to meet people such as Area 7 youth officers, meet Dustin Readenour, Central Regions Venturing President, Dan Carriveau, National Venturing President, 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!*

*For more information or if you have any questions, please contact:  
[Area7Venturing@gmail.com](mailto:Area7Venturing@gmail.com).*

**SAVE THE DATE—2012 Area 7  
Conference!**

We will be returning to the Chicago Area Indoor Racing facility in Addison, IL for our second annual Area 7 Conference on Saturday, March 10th from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The conference will include a tiered approach that will allow you to learn the basics or dig into some of the more challenging topics.

Be on the lookout for more information—coming soon!



*Learn from the best and play with the rest!*

**Rainbow Scout Reservation  
2600 Winterbottom Rd., Morris, IL**

