



Central Region Area 3 Venturing Update December 2011 / January 2012



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Welcome to the Central Region Area 3 Venturing Update! We have an opportunity for you to grow in your Venturing knowledge coming up soon. Our Area 3 Venturing Conference is just 30 days away. Another large Venturing event will be held this coming spring in our Area. More of the details are in this Area 3 Venturing Update. This year we are striving to help promote the success of the Venturing program at all levels by sharing resources and opportunities within this program with everyone we can. In order to do that we ask you to share your experiences with us and to help spread this Update and future ones to all of your own contacts in the Scouting program as a whole, not just to your Venturing friends and neighbors.



Yours in Venturing,S

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Central Region Area 3 Venturing President

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Scouting the Paths To Success



For Crews, Districts,
Councils, and Beyond

Are you missing out on the best Venturing Resource Conference in your Area?
Register NOW for 3rd Annual Area 3 Venturing Conference
January 14, 2012 in Normal, IL

It is now time to complete the attached registration form to attend the 2012 Area 3 Venturing Conference. Last year, the Area 3 Venturing Conference was the highest attended Area level Venturing conference in the nation.

This year there will be 4 treks running during the conference. The 1st trek is designed to provide a new Crew or an existing Crew with the knowledge of how to **make a Crew successful**. The 2nd trek will be on how to **make your district and council Venturing**

program a success. The 3rd trek for those that have a success unit, district or council program going and **want to step it up one more level.** And the 4th trek will be a Course Director Conference on the new **Kodiak Challenge training.** In addition on Friday evening, January 13th, there will be offered 2 training courses: **Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC); and Adult Venturing Leaders Specific Training.**

The conference is designed to provide your crew, district and council with the building blocks for the success of your Venturing program. This one-day conference is designed to help you get Venturing **“Out of the Box and Over the Top”**. Whether you are just starting to grow your crew or Venturing Officer Association structure or you are already on the path to success and you just want to learn more information about how others have succeeded, then this conference is for you. This conference is for professional Scouters, Venturing adult leaders and

Venturing youth leaders ready to take the next step up in Venturing.

This conference is for the 11 councils in Area 3 of the Central Region, but others from around the nation are certainly welcomed. Let's make 2012 all the more memorable for the youth in Venturing by giving them the opportunity to grow in leadership skills, and have a great time doing it.

Here are just some of the things the conference will be covering:

- How to build a successful Crew
- Recruitment (how to find the right youth to lead your crew or your council's Venturing Officer Association)
- Venturing Officer Association Job Descriptions and Bylaws
- How to hold successful multi-crew events
- 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 crew and council work
- A Venturing roundtable and much more

Conference Details: The cost for all of this knowledge is just \$15 if you reserve your seat by January 1st, 2012. It will be \$20 after that date and at the door. Cost includes continental breakfast, lunch and all supplies. There is an additional cost of \$10 for the Friday night ILSC and Venturing Leaders Specific Training. The Kodiak Challenge CDC has an additional cost of \$15 for 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. Friday evening details are in the attached forms.

The Conference Staff: Our Area 3 Venturing President, Christina Vogt, and her Area 3 Officers will be spearheading the conference's staff. Past Area 3 Venturing Presidents that have gone on to serve at Regional and National levels in Venturing will be on the staff. Current and past National and Regional Venturing Presidents are on the staff. The Area 3 Venturing Committee is on the staff to support the youth officers in their presentations.

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

Check out the Central Region Area 3 Website for full course session descriptions, and for the Conference Registration. Registrations are already coming in, so register quickly so you don't miss out on this opportunity!

Conference Brochure: <http://www.crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=2&id=13>

Conference Sessions: <http://crventuring.org/document.php?ID=738&NUM=1>

Registration Form: <http://crventuring.org/document.php?ID=738&NUM=2>

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 or Rick McIlvoy on the Kodiak Challenge at 636-394-5728 or rmcilveroy@sbcglobal.net



2011 Area 3 Venturing Conference Participants & Staff

Central Region Venturing Newsletter Available

Attached to this emailed Venturing Update are the October & November 2011 issues of the Central Region Venturing Newsletter designed and written by Dustin Readenour, the Central Region Venturing President and Thomas Spargo, the CR VP of Communications. 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.

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 us 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 the Central Region Area 3 Vice President of Communications, Rachel Levine at rlevine122@gmail.com.

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 Crew or a 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.

2012 Greater St. Louis Area Powder Horn

When: Weekend #1: April 20 – 22, 2012
Weekend #2: May 4 – 6, 2012

Where: Weekend #1: Beaumont Scout Reservation, High Ridge, MO.
Weekend #2: Swift Base, S-F Scout Ranch, Knob Lick, MO

The 2012 Greater St. Louis Area Powder Horn 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. **SPOTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR OUT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS!** However, the course only has a few spots left. Visit our website at: <http://www.powderhornstl.org/>

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

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Recruitment Corner

Many Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are working towards the top award in their program during high school, namely the Eagle Scout Rank or the Girl Scout Gold Award. They are busy working on it, but may not be as interested in working with the younger youth in their units, or their units may be losing too many youth at re-registration time. A suggestion for recruiting Venturers is to target these youth and keep them involved in Scouting by either dual registering them into the Crew, or for Girl Scouts keeping them registered in Girl Scouting but also get them involved in your Crew. This can help boost their enthusiasm to finish working towards their goals while allowing them to have fun with an active unit that is their own age.

If you would like to share your unit's ideas send them to us at venturingpresident@yahoo.com.

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Council Standards of Venturing Excellence

The main purpose of the Area Venturing Youth Officers and Area Committee members is to promote council success and to offer resources to councils and local crews. In order to do that, we need you to take a few minutes and help us out. The Council Standards of Venturing Excellence is an award designed to be a checklist of best practices for councils to have successful Venturing programs. We need each council to take a few minutes and fill out this form and submit it. Even if you don't qualify for the award this year, it will give us suggestions of ways to help your council best during this next year.

Link for the form:

http://www.crventuring.org/Other/Council_Standards_of_Venturing_Excellence/

Winterfest- Southern Region

The largest Exploring/Venturing event in the nation happens every year in Gatlinburg, TN the first weekend in February. This event has a typical attendance of over 3,000 participants and has been happening for almost 30 years. Check out their website for all of the event information for the 2012 event happening on February 3rd-5th, 2012.

<http://www.bsawinterfest.org/>

Abraham Lincoln Council Venturing and Exploring Recognition Dinner

Hosted by the Abraham Lincoln Council Venturing and Exploring Officers Association and the Abraham Lincoln Council Venturing and Exploring Committee

Who: All Explorers, Venturers, and Sea Scouts are invited to attend along with their leaders, families and friends.

What: The night will include dinner, council elections, award presentations, new officer installations, and a guest speaker.

When: February 4th at 5:30. Check in will begin at 5:00 PM.

Where: Booth Lodge at Camp Illinek

Staying Connected In Area 3

By Rachel Levine

As VP of Communications for Area 3 it is my job to make sure that everyone is kept informed of what is going on in Venturing within Area 3. That means I need contact information that includes a name, position, phone number, and email address from each council's VOA Advisor, VOA President, and the professional Staff Venturing Advisor. Also anyone else in Venturing that needs to stay informed, including youth and adults. Please send this info to Rachel Levine via Facebook message or email to rlevine122@gmail.com



Sea Scouting Newsletter



Check out these great events that Venturers are also invited to attend attached to this newsletter. **Mark your calendar now to attend the**

Central Region's 100th Anniversary Sea Scouting Rendezvous in May 2012 being held right here in Area 3. This promises to be the "Fall Fun Rally on Water". Your Area 3 Venturing Officers will be assisting in the planning and running of this Area 3 event.

Sea Scouting Rendezvous (The Fall Fun Rally on Water)

Don't miss the 2nd Annual Task Force Area 3 Rendezvous. This year it is going to be a Central Region Centennial of Sea Scouting event. As those of you who were there this past May already know it is a "Fall Fun Rally on Water".

Open to both Venturers and Sea Scouts, we will have the sailboats, canoes, kayaks and lots of events on shore too. Rain or shine, night and day, we have events planned.

Hope to see you there. It will be the weekend of May 18th - 20th. It is on the banks of

Lake Springfield at Abraham Lincoln Councils Sailing Center in Springfield, IL. You can come for a day or camp with us for the whole weekend.



Last year, this was the largest Sea Scout themed event in our entire Central Region and 2012 is looking even better. The two youth heading up this effort are your TFA3 Boatswain Lucas Shapland (lukemark774@hotmail.com), and your Central Region Boatswain Peter Schmidt (smitykid4@yahoo.com). If you would like to help run an event, help design the logo, or just want to ask questions, please shoot them an e-mail. Plus for more info, we have a few of places to go on the web. Hope to see you and your unit there. Help us wrap up our first 100 years and kick start us into our second century

<http://www.facebook.com/CentralRegionRendezvous>
<http://www.facebook.com/area3rendezvousn>
(check out the pics from 2011!)
<http://centalregionrendezvous.webs.com/>

Sea Scouting/Aquatics Week At Swift Base In 2012

Please register early for the Swift Sea Scout/Aquatics Week at Swift Base in southern Missouri. Last year this great summer camp week filled up before Christmas. Everyone had a great time last year and it expect it to fill up real quick again this year. It is great time with a lot of sailing and aquatic activities, but it also includes all the other activities as Swift like rock climbing, rappelling, horseback riding, shooting, archery and other stuff that even land lubbers like.

For more information on Swift High Adventure Base:
<http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/summer-camps/venturing/Pages/Venturing%20Summer%20Camp.aspx>

Looking for Venturing Events Happening in Your Area?

Check out the Central Region Venturing Website at: http://crventuring.org/Activities/Events_Listing/ for information on Venturing events happening in your area of the Region. Also please take the time to check out upcoming events in Area 3. Promote your own events through the event submission form so that others can be made aware of your events as well: http://www.crventuring.org/event_submission.php

Do you know a youth member who would make a great Area or Regional Officer? Send them the link for the application form and encourage them to apply!

Every year the Venturing program selects new youth to serve as officers beyond the council level. These youth have an opportunity to truly impact the Venturing program across the nation. Whether they are selected to serve as an Area Vice President or as the National Venturing President these youth are marked for a lifetime of opportunities. Past Area Venturing Presidents have had the opportunity to meet with CEOs of companies and local Scout professionals to impact the value these adults place on the youth's leadership skills within the local councils. Past Regional Venturing Presidents have spent their weekends traveling around the region visiting with youth and adults and really changing the way the Venturing program is run by writing new training programs and helping to decide things on how Scouting is run as a whole. Past National Venturing Presidents have visited with the President of the United States. They have shared breakfast with Presidents and CEOs of Fortune 500 Companies and have been offered jobs right out of school just because of the position of leadership they hold in Scouting. They traveled internationally to different Scouting events around the globe to represent the United States, and met hundreds of inspirational youth currently in this program.

Submitting an application for a leadership position is the first step in changing your life and impacting the lives of your peers around you. Each Venturer has the capacity in them to make a difference in the world. Take a moment and encourage those youth in the right direction. To a place where their voice is heard, where they can impact other's lives for the better.

Application: <http://scouting.org/filestore/venturing/pdf/2011-2012VenturingPresidentNominationForm.pdf>

2012 Glacier's Edge Council Tri-Wizard Klondike Event

The Glacier's Edge Council is hosting a tri-wizard themed Klondike derby in February. Check out this link for all of the information for the event: <http://glaciersedge.org/2011/10/2012-tri-wizard-klondike-derby-brought-to-you-by-glacier%e2%80%99s-edge-council/>

Introducing the New Three Harbors Council

The Three Harbors Council was formed from a merger of Southeast Wisconsin Council and Milwaukee County Council in September 2011. Check out their new website (still under construction) and all of the cool events coming up in that council at: <http://www.threeharborsscouting.org/>

Venturing Ski Night

The Greater St. Louis Area Council is hosting a Venturing Ski Night at Hidden Valley Ski Resort on January 7th & 8th. This is an overnight skiing adventure for Venturers starting on the evening of the 7th and going until the early hours of the morning on the 8th. Check out the flier for the event at: <http://www.stlbsa.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/BSA%20Site%20Resources/Districts/Venturing/Resources/2012%20Ski%20Night%20Registration%20Form.pdf> Ski ya'll there!

Venturing Leadership Award

Do you know of a youth who has shown outstanding leadership to the Venturing Program and in their community? Have they been recognized with the Venturing Leadership Award yet? Well they should be. Please make the effort to recognize the youth who help the Venturing program succeed at the Council (Crew and District included), Area, Regional, and National level with the Venturing Leadership Award this year. Here are the steps for recognizing these deserving youth:

1. Form a selection committee in your council and ask other units to submit their nominations by a certain date
2. Figure out how many of the awards your council is allowed to present each year (2 for the first 50 crews in the council, 1 per additional fraction of 25)
3. Discuss which nominees are most deserving of the award and make your selection
4. Create a Council Venturing Recognition Event or present them at your Council's Annual Dinner.

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 1,100 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>

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>

Three Harbors Venturing Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/52890419845/>

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.

The Central Region Area 3 Councils

The Milwaukee County Council and the Southeast Wisconsin Council have merged as of October 1, 2011 to form the new Three Harbor Council. The council web sites remain under the old council names for now.

Abraham Lincoln Council – Springfield, IL

http://www.alincolnbsa.org/council_index.htm

Glacier's Edge Council – Madison, WI

<http://www.glaciersedge.org/venturing>

Greater St. Louis Area Council – St. Louis, MO

<http://venturing.gslac.org/>

Hawkeye Area Council – Cedar Rapids, IA

<http://www.hawkeyebsa.org/scouts/venturing/>

Illowa Council – Davenport, IA

<http://www.illowabsa.org/>

Lewis & Clark Council – Belleville, IL

<http://lewisandclarkbsa.org/Youth/ContinueAdventure/Venturing>

Milwaukee County Council – Milwaukee, WI

<http://www.milwaukeeboyscouts.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=33553&orgkey=2371>

Mississippi Valley Council – Quincy, IL

<http://www.mississippivalleybsa.org/Youth/ContinueAdventure/Venturing>

Northeast Iowa Council – Dubuque, IA

<http://scoutsiova.com/>

Potawatomi Area Council – Waukesha, WI

<http://www.pacbsa.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=38471&orgkey=2402>

Southeast Wisconsin Council – Racine, WI

<http://www.sewisbsa.com/>

W.D. Boyce Council – Peoria, IL

http://www.wdboyce.org/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=18

Past editions of the Central Region Area 3 Venturing Update

If you are interested in reading older copies of the Central Region Area 3 Venturing Update, they can be found on the Central Region Venturing Website at: <http://www.crventuring.org/Home/Newsletters/>. These newsletters contain all sorts of announcements and information for Venturing events happening across the region, and many national updates and announcements.

Your CR Area 3 Venturing Committee



Christina Vogt, our Area 3 Venturing President wants to see active Venturing Officer Associations (VOA) in each council. The CR Area 3 Venturing Committee will support her in this endeavor. Christina will continue to develop the Area 3 Area level VOA from amongst the council's VOA Presidents and Area Vice-Presidents.

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