

The Central Point



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Calling New Officers!

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2012-2013 Officers

Will you be one of them?
Apply Now!

With the start of the new year, the terms for our current Regional and Area VOA's are starting to wrap up. Have you started thinking of what you want to do this year in Venturing? The possibilities are endless, so keep your mind open. In the next few months, the selection process for each VOA will take place. Have you considered applying for a position? This is a wonderful opportunity to grow as a leader and network with other Venturers. The submissions are due by **February 1, 2012** for National Venturing President and Vice President, **February 15, 2012** for Region Venturing President and Vice-President positions, and **March 1, 2012** for Area Venturing President and Vice-President positions. For more information check out:

<http://www.crv venturing.org/Home/Fulltext/s=1&id=85>

and the application at:

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

Hints for a successful application

- Be detailed and specific - make it look neat and organized
- State a clear vision of what you believe you can accomplish as a youth officer. Have goals that you feel would strengthen the Venturing program
- Get help from others. Adults and other youth would be willing to help edit grammar and have comments of how to improve your application

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, professional staff, and the Central Region Venturing Areas. We look forward to being of service to you in Venturing.

Follow us on:



Area 7 Conference

As March rolls around, Area 7 is preparing for our annual Area 7 Venturing Conference! Taking place once again at Chicago Indoor Racing in Addison, IL, be prepared for networking, informative sessions, teambuilding, games, great food, CyberSport (like Whirlyball), and much, much more!

This year, the Area 7 VOA chose the theme, "Staying Connected for a Stronger Program." Topics, sessions, and games will be centered on one of the greatest parts of the Venturing program: bringing groups of people together for a common goal!

This conference is suitable for both first-year Venturing participants and the experienced veteran. We want every Venturing Crew to have all their questions answered and understand the world of Venturing outside of them. And for those newer to program who might find planning a trek to Mt. Kilimanjaro or the Sangre de Cristo mountains a little intimidating, the resources at our conference can help you locate the pieces to put together the puzzle. Remember, our program is about exploring, finding adventure, having fun, and making your mark!



Worried about sitting in a classroom all day? Concerned that you may not have enough time to network? The Area 7 Conference is customizable to everyone's needs. If you are a youth member who would like more time to play CyberSport, games, and network, there is an option for you! If you are an adult who wants to share ideas and gather information from other Advisors in the Area, there is an option for you. If you want a balance of fun, education, and networking, we have that to offer as well!

We hope you can join us on Saturday, March 17th, for the 2012 Central Region Area 7 Venturing Conference; it's going to be a blast!

Early bird cost is: \$30 and includes all supplies, full catered lunch, beverages, and 2-1/2 hours of CyberSport court time!

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/events/141608215938968>

and

<http://www.crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=2&id=18>

Article contributed by:

Aileen Dalton, Area 7 VP of Program and Kris Zahrobsky, Area 7 Advisor.

Editor's Note:

The Area 7 conference participation fee is \$30 and will include lunch and program materials. The event will go from 10 am- 4pm. To learn more, visit the Area 7 page on the CRV website, or contact Kris Zahrobsky at Zahrobsky@aol.com.

CRVenturing.org Highlight

This month we are highlighting the Central Region Venturing website resource page for Scholarships.

It can be found under the Resources tab at the Scholarships and Grants link or directly at

<http://crventuring.org/Resources/Scholarships And Grants/>

Included in the list are links for college and activity scholarships.

Some are due in February or March., so apply now!

If you find a link that needs to change, please let us know via email to communications-coordinator@crventuring.org.

Please contact us if you have information not listed that you would like to share via a website link.



CR Venturers Travel to Panama



The BSA contingent. Left to right: Jeff Zantek, Kaitlyn Amidon, Ashleigh Kolski, Daylin Smith, Josh Barnes, Laura Larsen and Sam

Former Northern Star Council Venturing President Laura Larsen and Gerber Scout Camp C.O.P.E. instructor Ashleigh Kolski participated in the XIX Central American Moot on Jan. 3 – 8 as part of a national contingent to the event. The group was made up of seven participants and three accompanying Scouters representing Washington, Minnesota, Michigan, Texas and South Carolina.

A Moot is a multi-day gathering, akin to a Jamboree, for older Scouts from multiple countries that features activities to promote cross-cultural understanding and the Scouting spirit. During the course of the event, participants experienced Panama through a variety of activities such as a mini Amazing Race in historical Panama City and visits to local museums. As well, they spent a day doing volunteer work including helping with a village clean-up day in a Panamanian farming community.

Laura is currently studying Graphic Design at the University of Wisconsin–Stout. Ashleigh is a student at Central Michigan University.

Article contributed by Laura Larson.

Writing Articles

The Central Point is always looking for new and exciting content to put into each month's newsletter. All articles are written for and by Venturers, which means we want you to write articles. If you don't write often, it can be hard to start. To help get you started, I'm going to give you some tips to make sure you know how to provide insightful and detailed articles for everyone to enjoy.

Choose something interesting to write about that you and others would enjoy reading.

Write your article carefully to ensure you are communicating your message effectively.

Always proof-read your articles before you send it. Who that which? These three words, in most cases, are not needed. Ex. Bad: That person who caught the ball at the baseball game, which was lucky. Good: The lucky person caught a ball at the baseball game.

Capitalize Scouting words. Scouting, Venturing, Central Region, and Area need to be capitalized if they are in reference to Scouting. E.g. The Venturing camp had Venturers from Areas 1-7 in the Central Region.

If you find an article you think would be interesting for the Central Point, but you didn't write it, you need to include the original source in your submission. Plagiarism is not acceptable and the Central Point does not take liability for plagiarized article submissions. If you summarize another person's article, you still need to include the source of where you found it.

Decide if you are going to write in past,...

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Area 5 Conference

The Area 5 Venturing Leadership Conference will take place February 18 - 19, 2012 at Prince of Peace Church in Olathe, Kansas. We will be offering different sessions designed to promote leadership in crews and councils.

The sessions are designed for the crew level, councils just starting a VOA and councils with an active VOA. The sessions will begin and end simultaneously, so

participants are able take multiple sessions about different subjects throughout the day. During the day we will also have a Venturing Roundtable with all the participants, and other whole-group sessions.

It is highly encouraged for any individual in Area 5 who would like to improve their leadership skills to attend!

Article contributed by Brigid Rasins, Area 5 VP for Communications



Area 1 Upcoming events:

Feb 4th, Winter Amidships, Fon Du Lac, WI

Feb 17th – 18th – Buck Hill All-Nighter, Burnsville, MN

Mar 2nd-3rd, Winter Venturing Event, Rhienlander, WI

Aug 1st-5th, Powder Horn, St. Paul, MN

President: [Jennifer Wells](#)

Advisor: [Chris Sandberg](#)

**Area 3** Upcoming events:

Feb 11th, Venturing Ski Night, Wildwood, MO

Mar 24th. St. Louis After Dark Lock-in, St. Louis, MO

April 20th -22nd, Powder Horn, High Ridge, MO

May 18th-20th, CR Rendezvous, Springfield, IL

President: [Christina Vogt](#)

Advisor: [Bob Vogt](#)

**Area 5** Upcoming Events:

Feb 17th-19th, Area 5 Conference, Kansas City

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Apr 27th-28th. Area 5 Fun Event, Kansas City, KS

May 26th – June 2nd, NYLT, near Wichita

Jul 29th – Aug 8th, Venture Quest 2012, St. Joseph, MO

President: [Sarah Griffey](#)

Advisor: [Julie Dalton](#)

**Area 2**

Upcoming Events:

Jan 28th, Area 2 Conference, Lansing MI

Feb 11th – 17th, Kodiak CDC, Grand Rapids, MI

Feb 17th-19th, Area 2 Venturing Kickback Weekend, Twin Lake, MI

May 4th-6th, Area 2 Venturing Encampment, Clare, MI

May 4th – 6th, Leave No Trace Trainer Course, Toledo, OH

July 22nd – 29th, MI International Camporee, Lupton, MI

President: [Nick Hayser](#)

Advisor: [Jeff Gerald](#)

**Area 4**

Upcoming Events:

Aug 10th, Wood Badge, Ray, OH

Aug 17th-19th, Sea Scout Rendezvous, Delaware, OH

Aug 24th – 26th, Wood Badge, Kensington, OH

Aug 25th – 26th, Powder Horn, Peninsula, OH

President: [Blaine Lott](#)

Advisor: [Ms. Ann Rose](#)



Area 6 Upcoming Events:Apr 12th – 14th, Spring Icebreaker, IndianaApr 27th-29th, Sea Badge 2012, Lake James Assembly, INJun 10th-16th, NYLT, Dan Beard Council, Union, KYJun 10th – 16th, NYLT, Crossroads of American, Muncie, INPresident: [Sarah McMurphy](#)Advisor: [Len Roberts](#)**Area 7**

Upcoming Events:

Feb 2nd-5th, Venturing Blast, Oregon, ILFeb 19th, Arctic Blast, Wilmot, IL**Mar 10th, Area 7 Conference, Addison, IL**Aug 17th-19th, Wood Badge, Woodstock, ILAug 24th-26th, Wood Badge, Morris, ILOct 6th, Area 7 Venturing Extravaganza, Morris, ILPresident: [Aaron Beatty](#)Advisor: [Kris Zahrobsky](#)**President's Corner**

By Dustin Readenour

It is hard to believe that my term as Central Region Venturing President is almost over. It has been a great year so far, and I continue to look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead; however, it is that time where I must start thinking about passing off the torch to the next Regional Venturing President before too long so that the excellence within the Central Region may continue seamlessly.



Not only must this transition take place at the Regional level, but at the Area and National levels as well. Ever since the creation of the Vice President positions at every level, we have had more and more positions to fill with talented, driven youth dedicated to the Venturing program. This means we need more youth to take the next step and apply for these positions. Each position is a great opportunity to make your impact on Venturing. I encourage you to apply for an Area or Region position so we can continue to develop the Venturing program to its full potential. You meet so many people and have so many new doors that open you should take full advantage of the leadership opportunities Venturing offers. The applications for Regional positions are due to the National Office by February 15 and March 1 for Area positions. Please take the time to consider taking the next step. The application is waiting for you at <http://scouting.org/venturing>.

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!



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Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Deadline



The Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award submission deadline is around the corner. Councils need to start looking at the application and their membership numbers from last year to see if they are eligible for the award. This is the last year that the CSVE will remain only a Central Region recognition. The value of recognizing excellence in training, programming, and communication has led this mark of distinction to become a National-level award beginning next year.

Your regional Venturing officers request that all councils complete the application form for this award, even if

you do not meet all of the criteria. Identifying high-need areas will assist your council in identifying its own path toward further success. Even if you are not eligible, remind your council to fill out the form and send it to your Area Venturing Vice President of Administration. This will help us work to improve the Venturing program and strengthen councils. See the application form at <http://www.crventuring.org/Home/FuIltext/s=1&id=129>

The deadline for council submission is **February 15 2012**.

Article contributed by Sarah Mittrucker, CRV VP for Administration.

Writing Articles (continued from page 3)

...present, or future tense, and first or third person point of view. Doing this will make your job easier, as well as my job as an editor.

By following these steps, you will be able to spread your knowledge across the region, and inspire others. If you have questions before submitting an article, please contact myself, Thomas Spargo, at vp-communications@crventuring.org.

If you don't follow these tips, articles risk not being published if there are too many problems, and you will need to fix them in order to have it included in a newsletter.

*Article contributed by
Thomas Spargo, CRV VP for
Communication.*

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.