



# Central Region Area 3 Venturing Update February/March 2012



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Welcome to the Central Region Area 3 Venturing Updates! This past month has been busy in Area 3 Venturing. As most were celebrating the holidays, the Area 3 Venturing Committee was hard at work getting the Area 3 Venturing Conference all put together. I would like to thank all of the Area 3 Committee for helping to make this year's Area 3 Venturing Conference a success. Please view my report on the Area 3 Venturing Conference and a link to see the Two-Minute format.

As I begin my last few months of the Area 3 Venturing President, I now encourage others to step up for the 2012-2013 Area 3 Venturing President position or for one of the Vice-President Positions. Applications are due in 28 days, so if you know of any great youth, please encourage them to apply.



Yours in Venturing,  
**Christina Vogt**

Central Region Area 3 Venturing President

**Area 3 Web Page** on the [www.crventuring.org](http://www.crventuring.org) website is: [http://www.crventuring.org/Area\\_Pages/Area\\_3/](http://www.crventuring.org/Area_Pages/Area_3/)

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## Central Region Area 3 Venturing President and Vice President Applications are due on March 1<sup>st</sup>!



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, ate breakfast with Presidents and CEOs of Fortune 500 Companies, been offered jobs right out of school just because of the position of leadership they hold in Scouting, 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 these 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>

## Area 3 Venturing Conference Review



The Third Annual Central Region Area 3 Venturing Conference took place on January 13-14th, 2012 in Normal, Illinois. This year's conference started off on a cool Friday evening with a little bit of snow. With both an Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews Course (ILSC) and Venturing Leader Specific Training (VLST) being offered the conference started out earlier than the first two Venturing Conferences. The ILSC had 7 youth participants who are now very eager to put on the course back in their own councils. The VLST had 3 adults become trained. Saturday started out early and was filled with many different courses available. A total of 71 participants and staff were present throughout the day from 6 different states. A Kodiak Challenge Course Directors Course (CDC) along with 15 other courses was available throughout the day.



During the closing, the National Venturing President, Dan Carriveau, presented the first Area Venturing Leadership Awards in the nation to seven recipients including Dustin Readenour, the Central Region Venturing President and myself. If you would like to enjoy the Conference in a quick 2 minute format, please enjoy the time lapse that was taken:

<http://youtu.be/L5oWSDH3yaA>

Article written by Christina Vogt

## Area 3 Venturing Leadership Awards



At the Central Region Area 3 Venturing Conference, during the closing, we held a National Court of Honor to present the first Area Venturing Leadership Awards (VLA) in the nation. During the Court of Honor, Dan Carriveau, current National Venturing President, and Amanda Vogt, 2008-2009 National Venturing President, presented the first six awardees with the Area VLA. The recipients were **Dustin Readenour**, current Central Region Venturing President and 2010-2011 Area 3 Venturing President; **Christina Vogt**, current Area 3 Venturing President; **Peter Schmidt**, current Central Region Boatswain and 2010-2011 Area 3 Boatswain; **Samantha Yahl**, 2010-2011 Area 3 Vice President of Communications; **Zabrina Johnson**, current Central Region Vice President of Program and 2010-2011 Area 3 Vice President of Program; and **Sarah Mittrucker**, current Central Region Vice President of Administration and 2010-2011 Area 3 Vice President of Administration. Let's give them all a round of applause for their good work. Next year, these youth will be selecting the next Area 3 VLA recipients. More information for the next years nominations, please stay tune to the Area 3 update.



## Venturing's Place in the 2013 National Jamboree

In 2010, Boy Scouts of America celebrated their hundredth anniversary. In a year and a half, National will be back with a bigger National Jamboree to celebrate the beginning of the next hundred years of Scouting. This time, for the first time ever, Venturers can come as participants!

Along with being participants, Venturers can serve on staff (if at least 16 years old by the start of the Jamboree). This Jamboree is going to be bigger and better. Why? Because this Jamboree will be held on the new Boy Scout owned property, The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve and is going to be the fourth BSA high-adventure base. Are you ready to go big and get wild? This Jamboree is going to be focused on getting active and doing high adventure. That's what we do in Venturing. So why not join us in this once in a lifetime experience. The date for this awesome event is July 15 - 24, 2013 and spots are filling up fast so check with your local council for pricing as a participant.

For more information check the Jamboree website - <https://summit.scouting.org/en/Jamboree2013/Pages/default.aspx> -and remember the countdown is on.



## Central Region Venturing Newsletter Available

Attached to this emailed Venturing Update are the December 2011 and January 2012 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.

## 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 Ranger Award or 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!** There are currently only 8 slots available to adults. Visit our website at: <http://www.powderhornstl.org/>



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

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Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i6B6FFsdC68>

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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 to re-register. 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](mailto:venturingpresident@yahoo.com).

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## Council Standards of Venturing Excellence

The main purpose of the Area Venturing Youth Officers and 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/](http://www.crventuring.org/Other/Council_Standards_of_Venturing_Excellence/)

## 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:** Feb.4th at 5:30. Check in begins at 5:00pm.

**Where:** Booth Lodge at Camp Illinek

## 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/>

## Swift Base – Three Weeks of FUN!

Swift Base first opened the summer of 1966 at S bar F Scout Ranch. From the beginning, it was designed to be a totally different experience for high-school and college-age members. It is one of only two bases of its type in our country. And the Greater St. Louis Area Council is lucky to have it here in Area 3! S bar F Scout Ranch is 5,200 acres of woods, trails, streams, Nims Lake and fun. Our 270-acre Nims Lake serves as the focal point for water skiing, sailing, fishing, canoeing, swimming, water tubing, sun bathing, kayaking and water sliding. Our herd of horses will allow you to saddle-up and explore the wilderness trails. If heights and challenges are your thing, we offer rock climbing, rappelling and a high and low ropes course. Mountain bikes are available every day for rides that see no pavement. You may want to try your hand at firing a .22 rifle or bow and arrow. At Swift, you choose what you want to do. All meals are served in Swift Lodge, dining hall style. Your crew will camp on a campsite with your crew and leader. Tents are set up for you on wooden frames. There are five campsites that are scattered in the woods, so that the crews have shade and some privacy. Swift Base is located at S bar F in Knob Lick, Missouri. Go to the Swift Page or the Summer Camp website for more information.

There are three weeks available this summer for Venturers. All of them are specialty weeks meaning that they will focus more on certain themes for the week, but classic activities will still be available during each week.

Week 1: June 17-23, 2012 Sea Scout/Aquatics week

Week 2: June 18-June 30, 2012 Great Outdoors

Week 3: July 8-14, 2012 Mountain Man Adventure

For more information visit:

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

## 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](mailto:rlevine122@gmail.com)



## 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](mailto: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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 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. We will have the sailboats, canoes, kayaks and lots of events on shore too. Rain or



shine, night and day we have events planned and hope to see you. It will be the weekend of May 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 Region and 2012 is looking even better. The two youth leading up this effort are your TFA3 Boatswain Lucas Shapland ([lukemark774@hotmail.com](mailto:lukemark774@hotmail.com)), and your Central Region Boatswain Peter Schmidt ([smitykid4@yahoo.com](mailto: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

**Registration OPENS, early March.** First 100 that want to stay overnight, get a chance to stay in cabins. Early registration is \$30 per person. Late Registration is \$35.

<http://www.facebook.com/CentralRegionRendezvous>  
<http://www.facebook.com/area3rendezvous>  
(check out the pics from 2011!)  
<http://centralregionrendezvous.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.stbsa.org/camping/summer-camps/venturing/Pages/Venturing%20Summer%20Camp.aspx>

## NYLT for Venturers!

Now is the time to inform your eligible Venturers about the NYLT courses that are available to them this summer at S-F Scout Ranch! There will be two courses at the Ranch (July 1-7, 2012 - based at the tree houses and July 22-28, 2012 is a co-ed Pack & Paddle NYLT course). If a Venturer meets the eligibility requirements, is a good camper, and works

well with youth and adults, he/she is ready to learn and practice advanced contemporary leadership skills at NYLT! For more information and registration form, go to:  
<http://venturing.gslac.org/training/nylt> for more information about each week and registration information.

## Central Region NAYLE

Just announced - the Greater St. Louis Area Council is hosting a NAYLE course this summer! The dates are July 29 - August 3. More information on sign-ups will be coming soon from the Council. Stay tune for more information.

## Save the Date Fall Fun Rally is Coming!!

The Fall Fun Rally Advisor (Tim Yahl) and Fall Fun Rally Chair (Adam Kaul) have been hard at work getting the ground work together for the next Fall Fun Rally. In January the District Venturing Officers started to get the ball rolling on their activities at the Fall Fun Rally. The theme this year is Harry Potter! Remember, SAVE the DATE of September 28-30, 2012. More information will be coming soon on the Fall Fun Rally and in the update.

Website: [www.fallfunrally.org](http://www.fallfunrally.org)

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/FallFunRally>

## Looking for Venturing Events Happening in Your Area?

Check out the Central Region Venturing Website at: [http://crventuring.org/Activities/Events\\_Listing/](http://crventuring.org/Activities/Events_Listing/) for information on Venturing events happening in your area of the Region. Also please take the time to Upcoming Events in Task Force 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](http://www.crventuring.org/event_submission.php)

## Lindenwood University St. Charles, Missouri

Lindenwood University and the Boy Scouts of America are pleased to offer an exciting opportunity to members of the Boy Scouts of America.

**Lindenwood has awarded the Boy Scouts of America over \$250,000 in scholarships for the upcoming school year to recognize outstanding youth.** The three levels of scholarships range from \$5,000 to \$12,000 per year, or \$20,000 to \$48,000 (excluding an allotted \$2,400 earned in the work and

learn program) over a four-year period. Different scholarships depend on if you have the Eagle Scout Award, Venturing Silver Award, or Quartermaster Award. Things that they look for are service in and out of the Boy Scouts of America.

With its main campus in St. Charles, Missouri, Lindenwood is a four-year co-educational, liberal arts university. Lindenwood promotes the importance of a value-oriented culture and education for all of its students. Lindenwood houses more than 4,500 residential students and educates nearly 15,000 total students each academic year.

Lindenwood offers more than 120 undergraduate and graduate degrees and regardless of the student's intended major, the scholarships are available to them because of their service with the Boy Scouts of America. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and apply promptly around October before the year you wish to attend; applications received early will receive first consideration. For more information please contact Kristen Revis at [krevis@lindenwood.edu](mailto:krevis@lindenwood.edu) or (636) 949-4949

## 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](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](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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