



# Central Region Area 5 Venturing Monthly Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of our monthly Area 5 Venturing newsletter. Each edition will feature information that you may find useful for your council's Venturing program. We will highlight items that support the development of your Teen Leadership Councils, Roundtables, chairmanships, commissioners, professional staff, and council-wide activities. We look forward to being of service to you in Venturing.

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Area 5 Venturing President

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Area 5 Venturing Advisor

## The Councils of Central Region Area 5 Venturing

Central Region Area 5 consists of 11 Councils and 4 metro area councils throughout 4 states. The 11 Councils are:

**Illinois-** Okaw Valley Council, Trails West Council, Mississippi Valley Council

**Missouri-** Great Rivers Council, Ozark Trails Council, Pony Express Council

**Kansas-** Jayhawk Area Council, Coronado Area Council, Santa Fe Trail Council

**Nebraska-** Cornhusker Council, Overland Trails Council.

The 4 metro councils are:

**St. Louis-** Greater St. Louis Area Council

**Kansas City-** Heart of America Council

**Wichita-** Quivira Council

**Omaha-** Mid America Council

Council's addresses and websites are listed on page 4.

## The Role of the TLC in a Council

Ideally, each council should have a Teen Leadership Council (TLC) for Venturing. Other names are commonly used, such as Venturing Officers Association (VOA) and Venturing Leaders Council (VLC). The TLC is a youth run organization with elected or appointed officers. Some Councils have a Venturing Roundtable which is led by a Commissioner, but also includes youth officers from the local Crews. Both formats are intended to help develop Venturing in the council by:

- Providing a communication forum for the Venturing Crews in the Council;
- Modeling effective Crew operations;
- Providing a learning resource for scouts interested in learning about Venturing;
- Promoting Venturing activities & opportunities;
- Assisting with Venturing training; and
- Developing new Venturing programs.

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## Upcoming Area 5 Venturing Events for 2007

- January 13<sup>th</sup>: Greater St. Louis Area Council- **Downhill Ski Night**  
Contact: Ben Brennecke [bbrennecke@stlbsa.org](mailto:bbrennecke@stlbsa.org)
- January 20<sup>th</sup>: Greater St. Louis Area Council- **University of Scouting (Special Venturing Sessions)**  
Course Description: <http://www.stlbsa.org/NR/rdonlyres/619D6070-6309-4643-B90E-938C767AB1B9/0/2007UofSCourseDescriptions.pdf>  
Application: [http://www.stlbsa.org/NR/rdonlyres/1A19D26E-DBDF-4963-B510-001D3D6FE287/0/Form\\_2007UoSApplication.pdf](http://www.stlbsa.org/NR/rdonlyres/1A19D26E-DBDF-4963-B510-001D3D6FE287/0/Form_2007UoSApplication.pdf)
- July 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>: Great Rivers Council- **Week Long Venturing Camp**  
Contact: David Harris [dharris@bsaemail.org](mailto:dharris@bsaemail.org)
- June 17-23, July 8-14 and July 15-21: Greater St. Louis Area Council- **Swift Base Venturing Camps**  
For more information: <http://www.stlbsa.org/Camping/Summer+Camps/Venturing/>

Please send us your council's Venturing events & Venturing Adult Leader Trainings. We will list them on the Area 5 Venturing Calendar.

## Central Region Area 5 Venturing Goals

It is the Central Region's goal this year to provide your council with an opportunity to expand Venturing in your area. William Fisher, Area 5 Executive, and I, Amanda Vogt, feel that this goal can be obtained by promoting council interconnectedness. By this we mean that every council big or small has valuable resources in which you take much pride. This could be in the form of camping facilities, program ideas, etc. Our goal is for councils to share these resources with Venturers from councils in your nearby proximity. If you have any upcoming events please send me the information and I will put it in the next newsletter.

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Another goal that Robert Vogt, Area 5 Venturing Advisor, and I share is that youth involvement can only be promoted if you have adults that are willing and are trained to lead youth members in your council. This can be another resource for councils to share. Our goal is to create a list of adult Venture leader training dates for Area 5, so adults may go to the most convenient training program for them. If you have upcoming training please send them to me at the above email address.

## Venturer You Should Know

Every month we will feature a youth or adult in this section that we feel you should know. If you would like to nominate them please send a picture, and a short paragraph describing them and how they have impacted Venturing.

This month we are introducing the Area 5 Venturing President. She is a senior at Marquette High School in Chesterfield, MO. She is involved in National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, Renaissance, Junior Achievement, Show Choir, Chamber Choir, Symphonic Orchestra, and is the understudy for the lead in her school's production of "Guys and Dolls."

Through Venturing she has earned the Religious Bronze Award, the Outdoor Bronze Award, The Gold Award, The Silver Award, and her council's Venturing Leadership Award. She is VP of Administration for Crew 2783, and VP of Communications for the Greater St. Louis Area Council VOA.

Also she is a 13-year Girl Scout, and a recipient of the Girl Scout Gold Award.



## This Month's Q & A

**Q.** *What's my Council doing to develop a thriving and robust Venturing program?*

**A.** Each of the 11 councils and 4 metro councils in Area 5 has a unique set of skills, resources, impediments and opportunities to implementing the Venturing program. The best way to get a true picture of the Venturing program in your Council is to meet with the professional assigned to Venturing, the key volunteer leader (TLC Advisor or Council Venturing Chair) and if available, the President of the TLC.

The best way to get youth involved in Venturing and to help your Council's membership grow is to keep activities fun and new. To many youth, sit down meetings, or repetitive activities are boring for teenagers with busy lives and schedules. You need to make every activity and meeting worthwhile to the youth and pretty soon they will start being excited and involved.

Keep in mind that the Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs are well over 90 years old, whereas Venturing has only been around since 1998. The program is still evolving at all levels, and it will take some more time to get the program functioning in high gear in each of the councils. Communication is the key to the success of a Council Venturing program. You are one of the vanguards for this new program in scouting. Keep those lines of communication open and working in both directions.

## Venturing Awards and Recognition Program

Encourage your Venture Crew members to work towards the completion of one of these awards. The process of working towards the awards can help keep youth interested in Venturing.

### Advancement Awards:

A variety of awards are available to Venturers who accomplish specific advancement achievements. These awards include:

- Venturing Bronze Awards
- Venturing Ranger Award
- Venturing Gold Award
- Sea Scouting Quartermaster Award
- Venturing Silver Award
- Venturing Quest Award
- Venturing Trust Award

### Recognition Awards:

The awards that are designed to provide recognition for youth and adults include:

- Venturing Leadership Award
- Venturing Advisor Award of Merit

In future newsletters we will explain more of the processes to achieve these awards.



## The 11 Councils of Central Region Area 5 Venturing

### Illinois Councils:

#### **Okaw Valley Council**

335 West Main Street  
Belleville, IL 62220  
<http://www.okawbsa.org>

#### **Trails West Council**

1055 Harrison St.  
Wood River, IL 62095  
<http://www.twc-bsa.org>

#### **Mississippi Valley Council**

2336 Oak St.  
Quincy, IL 62301  
<http://www.mississippivalleybsa.org>

### Missouri Councils:

#### **Great Rivers Council**

1203 Fay St.  
Columbia, MO 65201  
<http://www.bsa-grc.org>

#### **Pony Express Council**

1704 Buckingham  
St. Joseph, MO 64508  
<http://www.ponyexpressbsa.org>

#### **Ozark Trails Council**

1616 S. Eastgate  
Springfield, MO 65809  
<http://www.ozarktrailsbsa.org>

### Kansas Councils:

#### **Jayhawk Area Council**

1020 Monroe  
Topeka, KS 66612  
<http://www.jayhawkcouncil.org>

#### **Coronado Area Council**

644 S. Ohio St.  
Salina, KS 67402  
<http://www.coronadoscout.org/>

Santa Fe Trail Council  
1513 E. Fulton Terrace  
Garden City, KS 67846  
<http://www.sftcbsa.org>

### Nebraska Councils:

#### **Overland Trails Council**

2808 O Flannagan  
Grand Island, NE 68803  
<http://www.overlandtrailscouncil.org>

#### **Cornhusker Council**

600 South 120th Street  
Walton, NE 68520  
<http://www.cornhuskercouncil.org>

## The 4 Metro Councils of Central Region Area 5 Venturing

### Missouri:

#### **Greater St. Louis Council**

4568 West Pine Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63018  
<http://www.stlbsa.org>

#### **Heart of America Council**

10210 Holmes Rd.  
Kansas City, MO 64131  
<http://www.hoac-bsa.org>

### Kansas:

#### **Quivira Council**

1555 S. 2nd Street  
Wichita, KS 67214  
<http://www.quivira.org>

### Nebraska:

#### **Mid America Council**

12401 West Maple Road  
Omaha, NE 68164  
<http://www.mac-bsa.org>