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Central Region Venturing President Named New National Venturing President



Dustin Readenour, 2012-2013, National Venturing President and past Central Region and Area President.

Central Region is pleased to announce Dustin M. Readenour has been selected as the 2012 - 2013 National Venturing President. Dustin is from the Greater St. Louis Area Council and lives in Ballwin, MO. His term of office will begin on June 1, 2012. As a senior at Marquette High School in Chesterfield, MO, Dustin plans to attend Lindenwood University in Saint Charles, MO this Fall for a degree in Business Administration or Human Resources Management.

Dustin has been involved in Venturing for four years. During this time, he has served as Vice President of Administration for Crew 2783, New Horizons District Venturing President, Greater St. Louis Area Council VOA Vice President of Program, Central Region Area 3 Venturing President, and is completing his term as the Central Region Venturing President.

Dustin has earned his Outdoor Bronze Award, Venturing Gold Award, Venturing Silver Award, and Ranger Award. He began his Scouting career in Cub Scouts earning his Arrow of Light. Moving on to Boy Scouts, Dustin also attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Venturing then opened his eyes to a whole new world of

high adventuring and leadership!

As National Venturing President, Dustin is looking to create resources for Venturing Officers' Associations or VOAs to be utilized by local councils. Dustin has much enthusiasm, experience, and motivation to do a very successful job.

Without a doubt, Dustin will do an exceptional job leading the Venturing program over the next year.

Venturing Q

A new feature coming to the Central Point this month is "Venturing Q" where Venturers can weigh in on questions. This exclusive feature will only be available in the Central Point. Go check out this month's questions at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Y6L52TJ> and look for the results in next month's newsletter. If there is a question you want to hear from others, email it to vp-communications@crventuring.org.

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:





Olathe, Kansas became the hub of Area 5 Venturing activities on February 17-19. Venturing leadership from six councils had the opportunity to network and learn from each other. The Area 5 youth leadership, with the guidance of Area Advisors, presented classes to help Council VOA leadership expand their knowledge base.

During the lunch break, Brick Huffman, Area 5 Director, and Del Wilkinson, Area 5 VP-Membership, spoke about the importance of Venturing in the Scouting program within Area 5. After these comments, Dustin Readenour, Central Region Venturing President, talked about the importance of each individual youth in the

Venturing program. Then Julie Dalton, Area 5 Advisor, had the privilege to present a Regional VLA to Dustin for his leadership to the Regional Venturing community.

To end the conference, attendees invaded the Dave & Busters at the Legends shopping area for an evening of fun. Plans are underway for next year's conference, so mark your calendar for the weekend of February 15-17, 2013 to ensure you do not miss the 4th Annual Area 5 Conference.

Article contributed by Brigid Rasins, Area 5 VP of Communications.

Priorities

Most people in the Venturing Program have a long list of organizations they are involved in. Staying busy is a great thing, but it can be hard for teenagers to keep their priorities straight. We need to remember to communicate with our advisors as the school year is coming to an end. Your advisor is there to help you, so keep them in the loop with your school projects and tell them if you need to step back from some of your tasks as an officer. Remember, keeping up with school comes before your crew or officer position. That goes with family too, so keep them informed of your Scouting activities and school projects. They could have a fun idea you may have not thought of before. Keeping your priorities straight will make you less stressed and more successful in your endeavors.

Prioritizing can lead to some great experiences in Scouting.

There are so many opportunities this summer you could do with your crew or as an individual. You could go to summer camp, participate in NYLT, hiking the beautiful trails of Philmont, or test out the waters at the Summit. Your choices are limitless so stay organized and keep on top of things because these opportunities can be once in a lifetime. So don't stress out and remember to have fun.

Article contributed by Sarah Mittrucker, Central Region VP of Administration.



Caption Contest



"I wonder if this photo session can get any stranger?"

We know you can do better than this caption. Send in your caption, name, and council you are from to vp-communications@crventuring.org. If you win, your caption will be featured in next month's newsletter and on our Facebook page. Check back next month to see who wins!

Ranger Quest



Hoosier Trails Council VOA presents Ranger Quest/Spring Fling Weekend on April 13-15, 2012 in Camp Maumee – Norman, Indiana.

The Cost for the weekend is \$30 (\$35 after March 23) for Venturers and Adults. This fee includes, patch, insurance, meals and loads of fun!!

The weekend will complete many requirements for the Venturing Ranger Award while having a blast.

Registration starts at 5:00-7:15 pm on Friday and Crews can check out by 2:00 pm on Sunday. For additional information, go to http://crventuring.org/cal_popup.php?ID=846 or contact J.D. Griggs at rgis83@yahoo.com.

CRVenturing.org Highlight

This month we are highlighting the Central Region Venturing website resource page for General Scouting Links. It can all be found under the Resources tab on our site at <http://crventuring.org/Resources/Links/> or directly at

http://crventuring.org/Links/General_Scouting_Links

Included in the list are links for Activities, Northern Tier, Philmont, Sea Base, Council High Adventure Bases, Memorabilia, Scouting History, National Scouting Associations, International Scouting, Scouting Forms, Scouting Skits, Songs and Games, Scouting Publications, Scouting Graphics, Training, Scouting Stores and other general Scouting links.

If you find a link that needs to change, please let us know via email to communications-coordinator@crventuring.org. Please also contact us if you have information not listed that you would like to share via a website link.

Article contributed by Deb Keyes, CRV Associate Advisor for Communications.

Area 1 Fun Event



Last year, 65 Venturers attended the Area 1 Assemblage at the Wilderness Resort and waterpark in the Wisconsin Dells. This year, the Area 1 Assemblage will be at the Kalahari Resort and waterpark in the Wisconsin Dells. Come on May 18th-20th for a safari experience indoors with a lush waterpark featuring surfing, slides, a lazy river, and the only indoor looping waterslides on earth. The weekend includes lodging inside rooms with two queen beds, food, and access to the indoor waterpark. If water isn't your thing, Kalahari's indoor amusement park features go karts, mini golf, bowling, high ropes course, and more. For more information, contact Jenny Welles, the Area 1 President at area1president@crventuring.org.

Article contributed by Jenny Welles, Area 1 President, and Thomas Spargo, Central Region VP of Communications. Logo property of Kalahari Resorts.

Area 1 Upcoming events:



May 18th-20th, Area 1 Fun Event

June 25th-30th, Wood Badge, Houlton, WI

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

President: [Jennifer Welles](#)

Advisor: [Chris Sandberg](#)



Area 3 Upcoming events:



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

April 20th -22nd, 2012, Powder Horn, High Ridge, MO

April 27th-29th, Wood Badge, Oconomowoc, WI

April 27th-29th, Backpack Camporee, Richland Center, WI

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

President: [Christina Vogt](#)

Advisor: [Bob Vogt](#)



Area 5 Upcoming Events:



Mar 16th-18th, NRA Training, Kansas City, KS

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

Apr, 27th-29th, Wood Badge, Springfield, MO

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:

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

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

May 12th, Venturing Shooting Course, Gregory, MI

May 16th-19th, Area 2 White Water Rafting, Fayetteville, WV

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

President: [Nick Huyser](#)

Advisor: [Jeff Gerald](#)



Area 4



Upcoming Events:

Apr 20th-22nd, Venturing Green Beret, Newark, OH

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:

Mar 23rd-25th, Area 6 SS Celebration, Indianapolis, IN
 Apr 12th - 14th, Spring Icebreaker, Indiana
 Apr 20th-23rd, Wood Badge, Pleasant Lake, IN
 Apr 27th-29th, Sea Badge, Lake James Assembly, IN
 May 11th-13th, Night Owl, Cincinnati, OH
 June 10th-16th, NYLT-KY, Union, KY
 June 10th-16th, NYLT-COAC, Muncie, IN
 June 25th-30th, NYLT-KY, Union, KY

President: [Sarah McMurphy](#)

Advisor: [Carla Gargas](#)



Area 7

Upcoming Events:

June 23rd-30th, Kodiak-NEIC, Pearson, WI

Aug 17th-19th, Wood Badge, Woodstock, IL

Aug 24th-26th, Wood Badge, Morris, IL

Oct 6th, Area 7 Venturing Extravaganza, Morris, IL



President: [Aaron Beatty](#)

Advisor: [Kris Zahrobsky](#)

President's Corner

By Dustin Readenour

Over the last month, the Central Region held the last Area for the 2011-2012 term. Therefore, I find it appropriate to reflect on area conferences. This year, six of the seven areas hosted conferences. Out of these, I was fortunate enough to be able to attend five of them. These conferences ranged from a single day to an entire weekend. Some included fun activities, whereas others just focused on the information; however, no matter the format or the contents, each one was very successful.

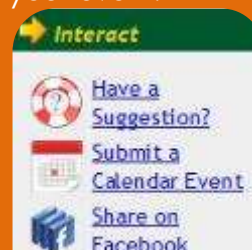


The most important thing an area can do is hold a conference. There are two main reasons that area conferences are important. First, it allows for networking within the program so Venturers from all across the area can get together to share ideas and resources. Second, the information and presentations the Area VOA puts together helps to support the local councils—and therefore units—so they can have a quality program. This, in turn, leads to a growing Venturing program.

On one final note, I would like to thank everyone for being so kind and hospitable to me throughout my travels to each area, especially the individuals who provided me with transportation between airports and the conference locations. Furthermore, I appreciate the generosity of the families who have allowed me to stay in their home for one night or an entire weekend. If it weren't for you, I would not have been able to attend these conferences. Finally, I would like to recognize Area 7 for the wonderful conference they put on this past weekend. They successfully held the largest Area Venturing Conference in the nation with 90 participants.

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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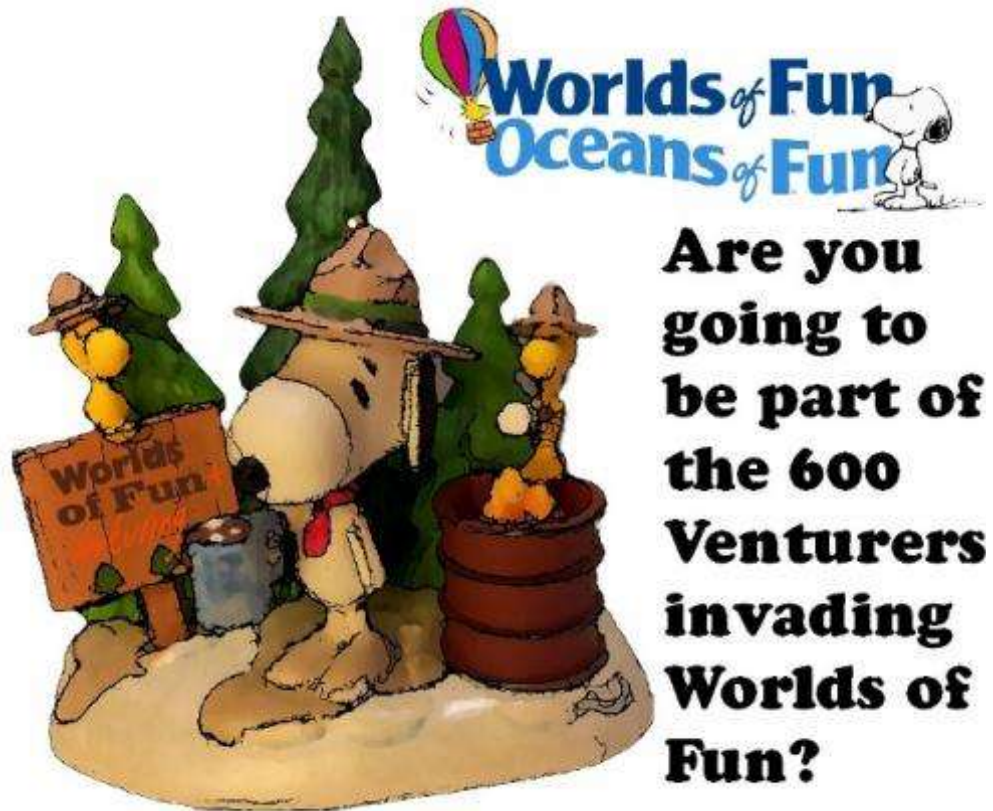
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Area 5 Fun Event



Come to the Area 5 Fun Event on April 27-28 at Worlds of Fun in Kansas City. You can camp at Oceans of Fun, see how the roller coasters at Worlds of Fun are maintained, and even become a test subject for the first roller coaster run of the day! "But how do I cook inside an amusement park?" Well, don't worry about it. All food will be provided! You may be thinking this has to cost a ton, but guess what? For only \$35, you get all that plus more! Be part of the best weekend of fun, experiences and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Online registration is located at: Area5Fun.kintera.org. Registration deadline is April 22, 2012.

*Article contributed by Brigid Rasins, Area 5 VP of Communications.
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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.