

# The Central Point



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## Elizabeth Wisman, 2012-2013 Central Region President



*Elizabeth Wisman, 2012-2013, Central Region Venturing President Area 2 President.*

Please welcome Elizabeth Wisman as the 2012 - 2013 Central Region Venturing President. Lizzie is from President Gerald R. Ford Field Service Council and lives in Nunica, MI. Her term of office will begin on June 1, 2012. Currently a freshman at the University of Michigan, Lizzie is pursuing a degree in biomedical engineering. In her free time, she enjoys golf, reading, and baking. Lizzie was also a Girl Scout for thirteen years.

Lizzie has been involved in Venturing for four years. During this time, she has served as president of her crew, council VOA president, Area 2 VP of Administration, and Area 2 President. Lizzie has completed VLSC, Kodiak, Kodiak X and NYLT. She is a recipient of the Sports Bronze, Venturing Gold and Venturing Silver Awards. Lizzie has been awarded the Venturing Leadership Award from her Council, Area and Region for outstanding leadership to the Venturing program.

As Central Region Venturing President, Lizzie hopes to increase communication and promote

membership growth throughout the region. She has a passion for the Venturing program that she hopes to be able to share with each of you!

## Central Region Vice Presidents

The new Central Region Vice Presidents this year are Ian Ridgeway, Christina Vogt, and Thomas Spargo. Their terms will begin on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

VP of Communications - Ian is from Dan Beard Council and lives in Tipp City, Ohio. Currently a sophomore at Shawnee State University, Ian is pursuing a degree in Sociology. [Continue reading on page 3](#)

VP of Administration – Christina is from Greater St. Louis Area Council and lives in Ballwin, MO. She is currently Junior at Marquette High School in Chesterfield, MO. [Continue reading on page 4](#)

VP of Program – Thomas is from Northern Star Council in the Twin Cities Area. He is a high school senior completing college credits at Normandale Community College. [Continue reading on page 4](#)

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:



## Central Region Sea Scout Rendezvous



The 2nd annual rendezvous is three jam packed days of fun. On the weekend of May 18–20, 2012, Sea Scouts and Venturers from around the region will converge on Lake Springfield, Illinois, to compete in games, activities, challenges, great food, and much more! Friday will be a time to relax, meet new friends, partake in activities, and celebrate. Saturday will be packed with over 40 different activities to compete in or enjoy. We will have games, training, competitions, a Bridge of Honor, and to wrap it up, a Ball with a Luau theme! Sunday will be a day for Scouts to tour the Nationally Recognized Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and head home! What a weekend. Some of the activities are fun while others are educational. Some examples include: Card Board Canoe Races, Canoe Tug of War, Leaky Bucket Brigade, Hypothermia Challenge, Volleyball Tournament, Triathlon, Titanic Rescue, a Luau, and more! Land Lover or water enthusiasts will find tons of activities and competitions to enjoy. This is not an event your Ship or Crew will want to miss. We are also planning a very unique way for Central Region to Celebrate the Centennial, so be with us to launch Sea Scouting into the second century. Every week we are adding more and more to the event so check out [www.crrendezvous.org](http://www.crrendezvous.org) to keep up. To register your unit, simply visit [www.crrendezvous.org/registration](http://www.crrendezvous.org/registration).

Article contributed by Peter Schmidt, Central Region Boatswain.

## Becoming a Better Leader



Now that you have all your priorities straight, you are ready to go on exciting adventures and be a leader within your crew and council, but you don't know if you have everything you need to be a good leader. One great chance for you to have an adventure and become a stronger leader is National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), but if you have already taken this course and want something else, check out National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience which is at Philmont Scout

Ranch or in the Central Region this summer. I will be on staff at Philmont during the sixth NAYLE and spots are still available so sign up ASAP

For more information about the Central Region NAYLE check out:

[http://www.crventuring.org/cal\\_popup.php?ID=849](http://www.crventuring.org/cal_popup.php?ID=849)

Philmont NAYLE check out:

<http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/PTC/YouthPrograms/NAYLE.aspx>

For NYLT available near you check out:

<http://www.crventuring.org/Training/OtherTrainings/>

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



*"Hey Mom, I'm having an awesome time kayaking!"*

We know you can do better than this caption. Send in your caption, name, and council you are from to [vp-communications@crventuring.org](mailto: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.

### CRVenturing.org Highlight

This month we are highlighting the Central Region Venturing website resource pages for Training. It can all be found under the Training tab on our site at [http://crventuring.org/Training/Training\\_Overview/](http://crventuring.org/Training/Training_Overview/). Included under the tab are pages for ILSC, Kodiak, Powder Horn, Seabadge, SEAL, VLST, Woodbadge, Youth Protection and Other Trainings. Within each of these pages are descriptions of those training courses as well as calendars for upcoming sessions within the region. You may add training sessions offered at your council via our Submit a Calendar feature at [http://www.crventuring.org/event\\_submission.php](http://www.crventuring.org/event_submission.php)

If you find a link that needs to change, please let us know via email to [communications-coordinator@crventuring.org](mailto: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.*

Last month's picture:



*"Venturers are allowed to use a much larger range of artillery than Boy Scouts: i.e. pistols, rifle, and finger guns." – Kaia B. from Three Fires Council – Area 7.*

### Ian Ridgeway



Ian has been involved in Venturing for five years. During this time, he has served as Vice President of Program twice for Crew 742, President of Crew 742, a Council VOA member-at-large, and he is currently completing his term as the Central Region Area 6 Venturing Vice President of Communications. Ian has completed VLSC, ILSC, NYLT, and NAYLE. He has been on his Council's NYLT Staff since 2007, serving on seven courses. He has also served on NAYLE Staff since 2010, and was most recently the Senior Crew Leader for the 2011 Central Region NAYLE course. In 2012, he will continue working with the Central Region NAYLE course.

Ian has earned his Outdoor Bronze Award, Venturing Gold Award, Venturing Silver Award, and Ranger Award. He has been in Scouting for thirteen years. He is a Vigil honor member of the Order of the Arrow, and is an Eagle Scout.

As Central Region Venturing Vice President of Communications, Ian hopes to improve upon existing communications in the Region. He also hopes to assist the Area VOAs in opening communications channels with Council VOAs. Ian looks forward to an amazing year for Central Region Venturing.



## Christina Vogt

Christina is finishing her term as Central Region Area 3 Venturing President, and is also the GSLAC Venturing Officer Association's Vice President of Administration. She has served as President of Venturing Crew 2783, and New Horizons District Venturing President. She has earned the Outdoor, Religious Life, and Sports Bronze Award; the Venturing Gold, Silver, and Ranger Award. She has completed all 4 levels of the P.R.A.Y. Religious Emblem Award Program. She is also currently working on her Girl Scout Gold Award. She has completed VLSC, ILSC, Kodiak, Kodiak X, and NYLT. Christina is a recipient of the Council and Area Venturing Leadership Awards. This past fall she was inducted into Scouting's National Youth Leadership Society becoming only the 35th Scout in the nation to be inducted into the society since its founding in 2009.

Christina served as a co-trek leader for her Crew's trek to Philmont when she was 14. She helped staffed the centennial Scout Quest 100 in St. Louis, and the National Venturing Event in 2010. She

has been selected to sing the National Anthem at the opening of the BSA National Meetings in Orlando, FL in late May.

Christina is finishing her junior year at Marquette High School in Chesterfield, MO. In high school, she is involved in the Show Choir, is a cellist in the school orchestra, served as the goalie for the soccer team, serves as a mentor for middle school students, and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Christina's goals for this year include helping all of the Area VOAs develop their Operating Procedures to further develop the VOA structure within the Central Region at the area level. She also plans to help councils by developing a resource packet of helpful hints, training materials, and other resources designed to help VOA's flourish.



## Thomas Spargo



Thomas enjoys playing guitar and piano, and is a private guitar teacher. He has lots of experience in planning events. As Area 1 President, he planned the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Area Conference and Assemblage in Bloomington, home of the

the Wisconsin Dells respectively. Outside of Scouting, he is also on the board of the Nordic Heritage Club and helps plan an annual Nordic Music Festival. This fall, Thomas will go to college and is planning on majoring in General Business and Entrepreneurship. Thomas has been in the Scouting program since a

Cub Scout. He is also a Brotherhood member of Order of the Arrow, and is an Eagle Scout.

In Venturing, Thomas has served as Crew 750 President, Northern Star Council Venturing President, Area 1 Vice President of Program, Area 1 President, and is finishing his term as CRV Vice President of Communications. He has earned the Arts and Hobbies Bronze, Venturing Gold Award, and has been awarded the Council and Region Venturing Leadership Award as well as the Northern Star Council Envision Award.

Thomas would like to support the Area's programs and events by maintaining regular communication. In the Region, he would like to continue and improve upon the planning conference, and to investigate and lead the first Central Region Fun event. Thomas is excited to meet new people and get new experiences from his upcoming term.

**Area 1** Upcoming events:



### May 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, Area 1 Fun Event

June 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, Wood Badge, Houlton, WI

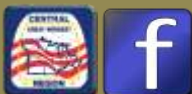
Aug 1st-5<sup>th</sup>, Powder Horn, St. Paul, MN

President: [Jennifer Welles](#)

Advisor: [Chris Sandberg](#)



**Area 3** Upcoming events:



April 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012, Powder Horn, High Ridge, MO

April 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, Wood Badge, Oconomowoc, WI

April 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, Backpack Camporee, Richland Center, WI

May 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, CR Rendezvous, Springfield, IL

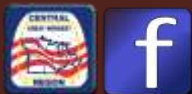
June 11<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, NYLT, Janesville, WI

President: [Christina Vogt](#)

Advisor: [Bob Vogt](#)



**Area 5** Upcoming Events:



### Apr 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. Area 5 Fun Event, Kansas City, KS

Apr, 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, Wood Badge, Springfield, MO

May 26<sup>th</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup>, NYLT, near Wichita

Jul 29<sup>th</sup> – Aug 8<sup>th</sup>, Venture Quest 2012, St. Joseph, MO

President: [Sarah Griffey](#)

Advisor: [Julie Dalton](#)



**Area 2**

Upcoming Events:

### May 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, Area 2 Venturing Encampment, Clare, MI

May 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, Leave No Trace Trainer Course, Toledo, OH

May 12<sup>th</sup>, Venturing Shooting Course, Gregory, MI

June 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, Area 2 White Water Rafting, Fayetteville, WV

July 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, Lake Huron High Adventure Cruise, Mackinaw-Port Huron, MI

July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, MI International Camporee, Lupton, MI

President: [Nick Hayser](#)

Advisor: [Jeff Gerald](#)



**Area 4**

Upcoming Events:



Apr 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, Venturing Green Beret, Newark, OH

Aug 10<sup>th</sup>, Wood Badge, Ray, OH

Aug 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, Sea Scout Rendezvous, Delaware, OH

Aug 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, Wood Badge, Kensington, OH

Aug 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, Powder Horn, Peninsula, OH

President: [Blaine Lott](#)

Advisor: [Ms. Ann Rose](#)



## Area 6 Upcoming Events:



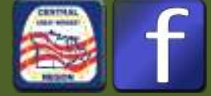
Apr 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, Wood Badge, Pleasant Lake, IN  
 Apr 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, Sea Badge, Lake James Assembly, IN  
 May 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, Night Owl, Cincinnati, OH  
 June 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, NYLT-KY, Union, KY  
 June 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, NYLT-COAC, Muncie, IN  
 June 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, NYLT-KY, Union, KY

President: [Sarah McMurphy](#)  
 Advisor: [Len Roberts](#)



## Area 7

Upcoming Events:



June 16<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, NYLT, Rochelle, IL  
 June 23<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, Kodiak, Pearson, WI  
 Aug 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, Wood Badge, Woodstock, IL  
 Aug 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, Wood Badge, Morris, IL  
 Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, Area 7 Venturing Extravaganza, Morris, IL

President: [Aaron Beatty](#)  
 Advisor: [Kris Zahrobsky](#)



## President's Corner

By Dustin Readenour

Communication is such an important part of society as a whole, and even more so the Venturing program. Without communication we cannot: promote Venturing as a whole, let others know about our activities, and, as a result, grow the Venturing program.

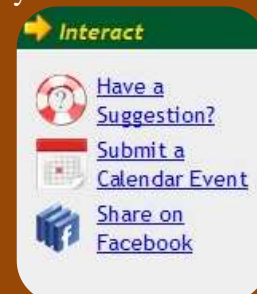
Social media can be a huge tool in communication. It provides a free environment for you to create an event, post about it, share it, and even have questions about it. This is the way you can make the most out of a zero dollar-marketing budget, which we so frequently operate under; however, it is important we realize the dangers of social media. Remember RSVP-ing for an event on Facebook doesn't actually count as a real RSVP. Also remember that text on the Internet is just that; you must be clear and concise in your message so that it isn't misconstrued.

Communication through social media can be ever so helpful if utilized correctly or can be very dangerous with missteps, so make sure you carefully plan out your social media marketing before actually taking it to the Internet.



## 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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About Our Organization...



March Poll Results

What was the first Venturing Bronze you earned?



35% Outdoors  
30% Religious  
30% Adult  
5% Other

Venturers like Rock  
Climbing and Hiking.



In addition to Venturing, I'm in:

70% Boy Scouts



20% Girl Scouts



10% Venturing is all I need:

Don't forget to go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/H25SHSD> to take next month's poll.

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.