



Central Region Area 3 Venturing Update May/June 2012



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Welcome to the Central Region Area 3 Venturing Update! Since the last update, the Area 3 Committee has been busy getting the new Area Officers selected for the 2012-2013 year. I would like to congratulate Emily Mausshardt on being selected as the 2012-2013 Central Region Area 3 Venturing President. She will do an excellent job along with her Vice Presidents. I wish them all the best of luck on their new positions. I myself am not going away; however, I was recently selected to serve as the 2012-2013 Central Region Venturing Vice President of Administration. All of us new officers will be gathering together in Evansville, Indiana at the end of June to help plan for the next year. I also would like to congratulate two of Area 3's previous officers, Dustin Readenour and Sarah Mittrucker, as they were selected to serve as the National Venturing President and the National Venturing Vice President. Area 3 is doing great as we now have officers at the National and Regional levels. Now as this is my last Area 3 Update, I would like to thank everyone involved in Area 3 Venturing for helping to make Venturing a success. In my last month as the Area 3 Venturing President, I will complete the first Greater St. Louis Area Powder Horn Course, travel to the Sea Scout Rendezvous in Springfield, IL, and travel to Orlando, Florida to sing the National Anthem at the opening of the BSA National Meetings. Thank you again to everyone in Area 3, this past year was a blast.



Yours in Venturing,
Christina Vogt
Central Region Area 3 Venturing President

Area 3 Web Page on the www.crventuring.org website is: http://www.crventuring.org/Area_Pages/Area_3/

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Announcing the 2012-2013 Area 3 Venturing Officers

President~ Emily Mausshardt



The Central Region Area 3 Venturing Committee is proud to announce the 2012-2013 Central Region Area 3 Venturing President is Emily Mausshardt. Emily has been an active member of Venturing Crew 627 from Holy Infant Parish in Ellisville, Missouri for the past 3 years.

During that time, she has served as the Vice President

of Communication and President of the crew, as well as the Ranger Award Presentation Coordinator for New Horizons District, part of the Greater St. Louis Area Council. She currently serves as the New Horizons District VOA President. Emily has earned the Religious Life Bronze Award, Pope Pius XII Award, Venturing Gold and the highest Venturing award, the Silver Award. She was awarded the Council Venturing Leadership Award this past June and has completed VLSC, Kodiak, and Kodiak X.

Emily served as the co-chair for the 2012 St. Louis After Dark Mobile Lock-In and helped staff the ILSC course held at University of Scouting in January 2012. In 2010, she attended Philmont Scout Ranch, serving as the Chaplain's Aide for the trek. She has attended Winterfest in Gatlinburg, Tennessee for the past 2 years.

Emily is a junior at Visitation Academy in St. Louis. She is very active in the technical side of the school's theatre program. She plays handbells, sings in the Concert Choir, and is still an active member of Girl Scouts. Emily plans to study education with an emphasis on mathematics and special



education in college.

Emily's goals for her term as the Central Region Area 3 President include an increase in membership and involvement, promotion of leadership training, such as ILSC, and adding a "hands on" portion to classes at the Area 3 Venturing Conference in 2013. She would also like to encourage multi-crew events.

VP of Administration~ Devan Terry



The Central Region Area 3 Venturing Committee is proud to announce the 2012-2013 Central Region Area 3 Venturing Vice President of Administration is Devan Terry. Devan is from Crew 119, in Erie, Iowa, part of the Illowa Council. She is an Honor Roll student at Erie High School.

In the past two years, she has served in many leadership roles, including Vice President of Communications for both the crew and district, as well as currently serving as the Saukenuk District VOA President. She also assists Pack 119 as a Den Chief for the Webelos den. Devan has completed VLSC, Kodiak, and Kodiak X. She has also completed NYLT, as the only female in the course.

Devan helped teach the Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews Course at the most recent Illowa Council University of Scouting. She has helped promote a Venturing Klondike and tubing night at the local ski area, as well as a Ranger Weekend, assisting youth in the advancement activities. She is working on completing her Outdoor Bronze Award.

During her term as Central Region Area 3 Vice President of Administration, Devan would like to promote council-to-council communication. She would also like to work towards an increase in Venturers in Area 3.

VP of Program~ Rachel Bisch



The Central Region Area 3 Venturing Committee is proud to announce the 2012-2013 Central Region Area 3 Venturing Vice President of Program is Rachel Bisch. Rachel has been a Venturer for 3 years, as part of Crew 685 in Kirkwood, Missouri. As part of the Greater St. Louis Area Council,

Rachel serves as the Council VOA President. She has also served as the New Horizons District VOA Vice President of Program, as well as Crew Webmaster and Program Coordinator. Rachel has completed the Venturing Leadership Skills Course and has earned the Religious Life Bronze Award, the Arts and Hobbies Bronze Award, and the Pope Pius XII Award.

Rachel was the youth chair for the first St. Louis After Dark Mobile Lock-in, organizing the event from start to finish. At the 2012 Greater St. Louis Area Council University of Scouting, she helped teach the Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews course. She has served as staff for both the 2012 Area 3 Venturing Conference and the 2011 Fall Fun Rally in St. Louis. She has completed a Philmont trek, serving as the cook for the majority of the time.

Rachel is a junior at Kirkwood High School and is part of the National Honor Society. She was a part of Student Council freshman year and served as a class officer during her sophomore year. Through school, Rachel is a part of A Capella, Kirkwood's top auditioned choir. She also plans to sing as part of Kaleidoscope, jazz choir, in the upcoming year.

As Central Region Area 3 Vice President of Program, Rachel hopes to encourage communication, as well as attendance at Area 3 events, such as the Area 3 Conference. She would like to take advantage of web opportunities and to get more youth in the Area to go out of their council to attend events.

VP of Communication~ Allison Smith



The Central Region Area 3 Venturing Committee is proud to announce the 2012-2013 Central Region Area 3 Venturing Vice President of Communication is Allison Smith. Allison has been a part of Venturing for five years as part of Crew 2921, in the Greater St. Louis Area Council. During that time, she has served as the Crew Vice President of Communication, North Star District VOA President and Vice President of Administration, and Greater St. Louis Area Council VOA Vice President of Communication. She has completed Kodiak, received the Council Venturing Leadership Award, and the Outstanding Service Award, given to one youth and one adult in the council each year.

Over the past year and a half, Allison helped plan, promote, and staff the first Venturing National Youth Leadership Training in the council. She will be returning to staff a second week this summer. With the help of several others, she promoted communication and helped to start five new District VOAs.

Allison is currently a sophomore at Saint Louis University, studying to be an Occupational Therapist. She has travelled to London to study abroad at St. Regent's College for the spring 2012 semester. She is a part of the Alpha Phi Omega co-ed service fraternity and plays the clarinet in the mass choir at Saint Louis University's College Church.

During her term as Central Region Area 3 Vice President of Communication, Allison aims to increase communication throughout the Area and promote Venturing activities and advancement. She would like to expand Venturing throughout the Area using a hands-on approach.

Congratulations to Past Area 3 Venturing Officers

National Venturing President~ Dustin Readenour



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. He is currently a senior at

Marquette High School in Chesterfield, MO, and is attending Lindenwood University in Saint Charles, MO, in Fall 2012 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.

National Venturing VP~ Sarah Mittrucker



Please welcome Sarah P. Mittrucker as the 2012-2013 National Venturing Vice President. Sarah is from the Greater St. Louis Area Council and lives in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Her term of office will begin on June 1, 2012. A senior at Notre Dame Regional High School in Cape Girardeau,

she is attending Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri, in the fall of 2012. She will pursue a double major in business administration and nonprofit administration. Sarah was also awarded the Boy Scout of the Year Scholarship for Lindenwood University. For more information on the Lindenwood Scholarship's, check out page 8.

Sarah has been involved in Venturing for four years. During this time, she has served as Vice President of Administration for Crew 4011, founding member and President of Crew 4216, President of the newly formed Shawnee District Venturing Officers' Association, and Central Region Area 3 Vice President of Administration. She is completing her term as the Central Region Venturing Vice President of Administration.

Sarah has earned the Religious Life, Arts and Hobbies, Sports, and Outdoor Venturing Bronze awards; the Venturing Gold Award; the Venturing Silver Award; and the Pope Pius XII Award. She has completed ILSC, VLSC, and Kodiak. She began her Scouting career as a Brownie Girl Scout, eventually earning her Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold awards. Sarah has been honored with the Council and Area Venturing Leadership awards. Moving on to more high-adventure and leadership roles in Venturing, Sarah has traveled to Philmont and, last summer, the world jamboree.

As National Venturing Vice President, Sarah hopes to encourage and help councils earn the Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award. She also plans to promote the region operating procedures. Without a doubt, Sarah will be a great asset to the National President in helping him achieve his goals.

Central Region Venturing VP of Administration~ Christina Vogt



Serving as the 2012-2013 Central Region Venturing Vice President of Administration is Christina Vogt. This past year, she served as the 2011-2012 Central Region Area 3 Venturing President. Christina is the Past President of Greater St. Louis

Area Council's (GSLAC) Venturing Crew 2783 sponsored by Salem in Ballwin United Methodist Church. She also currently serves as the GSLAC Venturing Officer

Association's Vice President of Administration. She previously served as the GSLAC New Horizons District Venturing President. She has earned the Venturing Outdoor Bronze, Religious and Community Life Bronze Award, Sports Bronze Award, the Venturing Gold Award, the Venturing Silver Award, Trust Award, and Venturing 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 the VLSC Course, the ILSC Course, the Kodiak Course, the Kodiak X Course, NYLT, and Powder Horn.

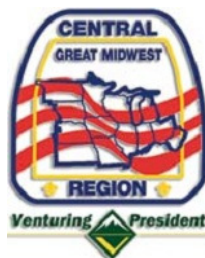
Christina is a recipient of the Council and Area Venturing Leadership Awards. This past fall she was inducted into Scouting's National Youth Leadership Society becoming only the 35th Scout in the nation to be inducted into the society since its founding in 2009.

Christina served as a co-trek leader for her Crew's trek to Philmont when she was 14. She attended the 2009 National BSA Meetings. She helped staffed the centennial Scout Quest 100 in St. Louis, and the National Venturing Event in 2010. She was the co-chair for the St. Louis Venturing Ski Night and helped to staff the Fall Fun Rally once again this past year. She is chair for the GSLAC Venturing Celebration Dinner in June 2012. She will

be staffing GSLAC Venturing's NYLT course this summer. 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, and serves as a mentor for middle school students. She is a member of the National Honor Society. She is serving as the Manager for the Junior Varsity Men's Soccer Team and the Girls' Team. She is actively involved with helping to plan and run a local 3-day city festival each year.

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.



Central Region Venturing Newsletter Available

The Venturing Update for March and April 2012 issue of the Central Region Venturing is available below:

March Newsletter is at the following link:

<http://www.crv venturing.org/document2.php?s=1&id=581>

April Newsletter is at the following link:

<http://www.crv venturing.org/document2.php?s=1&id=586>

The newsletter is designed and written by Dustin Readonour, 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.

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.

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.

Looking for Venturing Events Happening in Your Area?

Check out the Central Region Venturing Website at: 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

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>

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 100th 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.

The Newsletter can be found:
<http://crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=587>

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 18th -20th. 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), and your Central Region Boatswain Peter Schmidt (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/area3rendezvousn>
(check out the pics from 2011!)
<http://centralregionrendezvous.webs.com/>

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.



N.A.Y.L.E.

The N.A.Y.L.E. program is an advanced version of National Youth Leadership Training (N.Y.L.T.) designed to provide you with a backcountry-based wilderness encounter that applies and internalizes the skills learned at your Council-level National Youth Leadership Training Course, and motivates you to follow a life of servant leadership by helping others succeed, based on Scouting's values.

The Central Region 2012 N.A.Y.L.E. Course is being held at S bar F Scout Ranch, 90 minutes south of St. Louis, MO, July 29 – August 3. Cost is \$355.



For more information:

<http://www.stlbsa.org/training/Pages/nayle.aspx>

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.

At this event you will meet fellow Venturers and Advisors from all around the country as they come to enjoy the Greater St. Louis Area's facilities. This is an event where you will be able to set up camp with your Crew in large camporee style fields and then participate in many, many different activities. There are usually over 100 different events and activities to keep you busy all weekend, for instance: military and police demonstrations, slacklining, medieval combat with padded weapons, and a mountain man rendezvous. This year since the Fall Fun Rally has a Harry Potter theme there will also be a Quidditch tournament, and a horcrux scavenger hunt. In addition to the events and activities that the Crews put on, there also all of the facilities that Beaumont has to offer, such as Mud Cave, the climbing tower, shooting sports, and horses. On Saturday night after the closing show come back to the Emerson Center where you will rock the house at the Yule Ball. More information will be coming soon on the Fall Fun Rally and in the update.

Website: www.fallfunrally.org

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



Illowa Council Venturing Campout

July 18 – 21, 2012 at Camp Loud Thunder, Venturers from far and wide are asked to join us for the 1st Annual Venturing Camp. You'll be surrounded by other Scouts your age in a beautiful outdoor setting. You'll sleep in tents, and eat most meals in the camp dining hall. For those of you who are working on the Ranger Award program, you'll have the chance to work on the Shooting Sports, Watercraft, or Project COPE electives and multiple Core Requirements.

Other elements of this campout will include some Leave No Trace training, ample open boating, open swimming, open shooting, team sports, Geocaching, and team building time. Saturday will include a special out of camp adventure pertaining to your chosen elective.

Bring your fellow Venturers, invite your friends to join Venturing and come to camp. Cost is \$125 before June 15 and after June 15 it is \$150. For more information:
<http://illowabsa.org/Camping/Venturing%20Summer%20Campout>

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.

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.

Greater St. Louis Area Council Powder Horn 2012

The first Powder Horn course in the Greater St. Louis Area Council was a success! The participants of the course were able to experience many high adventure activities right in the Greater St. Louis Area from Shooting Sports, Caving, Horseback Riding, Sailing, Kayaking, Mountain Biking, Rappelling and Climbing, and much more. The participants came from Oklahoma, Kansas, Illinois, and Missouri to the course. Powder Horn is a great course to help show the participant what they can get their units to do, so they can keep the youth involved in the program. As the participants in the course understood, they want to make their program say "WOW!"



Million Dollar Scholarship

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 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>

Please welcome are new Councils affected June 1st

Lincoln Trails Venturing Facebook Group

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/55168864010/>

Prairielands Venturing Facebook Group

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/55303044593/>

Winnebago Venturing Facebook Group

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/61890416839/>

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

Affected June 1st, Area 3 will be changing again. We will lose three councils, and gain three new councils.

The three Wisconsin Councils (Three Harbors, Potawatomi, and Glaciers Edge) are all moving to Area 7. We wish them continued success, and you are always welcomed to the Area 3 Conference.

Please welcome our new Councils affected June 1st

Lincoln Trails Council – Dectaur, IL

<http://www.lincolntrailsCouncil.org/>

Prairielands Council – Champaign, IL

<http://www.prairielandsbsa.org/>

Winnebago Council – Waterloo, IA

<http://www.winnebagoobsa.org/>

Abraham Lincoln Council – Springfield, IL

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://scoutsIowa.com/>

Potawatomi Area Council – Waukesha, WI

<http://www.pacbsa.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=38471&orgkey=2402>

Southeast Wisconsin Council – Racine, WI

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W.D. Boyce Council – Peoria, IL

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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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