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Venturers have a blast at Worlds of Fun in Area 5

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Although the weekend started out a little stormy, high winds and a heavy down pour on Friday night couldn't dampen the spirits of Venturers from throughout Area 5. Saturday morning brought sunshine and breakfast in the parking lot with the Mamba Roller Coaster in the background.

Over 200 Venturers and Advisors from eight of the 12 Councils in Area 5 and even a crew from Area 3 were given a back stage tour of some of the park's biggest roller coaster attractions. They learned about how the rides work and what all goes into making them safe as the travel through the twists, turns and even upside down. Once tours were over and the park opened up, Venturers were seen throughout the park riding the rides, trying their luck at games of chance and having a great time.

Over lunch, councils promoted their upcoming activities. Area VLA awards were presented to Sarah Griffey, Area President, and Michelle Boyer, Area VP of Administration for their service to the Area over the last year. Kim Legg from Heart of America Council was introduced as the 2012 – 2013 Area President.

At the end of the day, Venturers gathered one last time. Awards were presented to the council with the highest participation – Mid-Iowa; the largest Crew – Crew 2085 from Heart of America Council; and the Crew who traveled the furthest to attend the event – Ship 63 from Ozark Trails Council who traveled well over 200 miles to attend.

All who attended felt like the day was a success and are looking forward to getting together in 2013. The challenge is being sent out to see who will bring the largest crew or what council will have the largest group. See you all next year.

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:



Area 7 President



Grayson Wolcott is from Rainbow Council and is a resident of Frankfort, Illinois. He is 16 years old and entering his junior year at Lincoln Way North High School. After graduation, he is planning on attending Joliet Junior College

and then transferring to a University, seeking a degree in Business Administration or Entrepreneurial Studies.

Before being named the Area President, Grayson served as his Crew's founding President and Treasurer. He has gone through the Scouting program beginning with Tiger Cubs, earned his Arrow of Light in Cub Scouting, and finally earned the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scouting. He has served as his Troop's Senior Patrol Leader, Guide, and Order of the Arrow Representative. He is also involved in the Order of the Arrow as a Brotherhood member and currently serving as Lodge Treasurer. Grayson has also been a member of Rainbow Council's summer camp staff for the past three years.

Beyond his Crew and Council, Grayson has attended the 2010 National Scout Jamboree in Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia, and will be attending the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) this summer

Final Newsletter



As many of you know, this is the last newsletter of the 2011-2012 term. I have had a wonderful year as the CRV VP of Communications and have enjoyed working with Deb Keyes, the CRV Associate Advisor for Communications, along with the entire Central Region VOA. I hope you have

enjoyed reading the newsletter over the year. Please welcome Ian Ridgeway, the 2012-2013 VP of Communications. I will have the pleasure to work with him and the rest of the Central Region VOA as I start my term as CRV VP of Program on June 1st.

Thomas Spargo, Central Region VP of Communication

at Michigan State University.

Outside of Scouting, Grayson is very active in his studies, as he is enrolled in all honors and AP courses. With a GPA of 3.7, he has been listed on the Honor Roll for 3 consecutive semesters. He also participates in the JROTC, where he is currently the Drill Team Commander. He has been inducted into the JROTC Kitty Hawk National Honor Society.

Kodiak Challenge



Your crew is planning a great super activity for the summer? Why not make it a Kodiak Challenge. Kodiak is designed to be an **adventure** that pushes the boundaries of every participant—one that will encourage you to try new things that may be out of your comfort zone. It is not so much a training course as it is an experience—an experience that has its foundation in applying the leadership skills you learned in ILSC, NYLT, and/or NAYLE. It is, as is all of Scouting, an

adventure with a purpose. Help your crew grow stronger and become better leaders within your crew while you have the **adventure** of a lifetime.

With another term ending, I am looking forward to the new challenges ahead. I have enjoyed my time serving as the Central Region Vice President of Administration. I have been able to help create the Central Region Operating Procedures, create guidelines for the selection process, promote the new and changing awards, create a "traveling" notebook for my successor, and along with many other things. I look forward to the ending of this year with a transition between administration officers with the creation of a draft of goals for the year.

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



"I hope the "YOU WILL GET WET SIGN" only applies to the other riders."

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.

Last month's picture:



"Yes, OnStar? I would like to know how to get back to land. I'm in my kayak and seem to have gotten lost." ~ Sarah Griffey, 2011-2012 Area 5 President

Area 6 President



Dagny Gargas will be serving as the Central Region Area 6 President for 2012-2013. She is from Indianapolis, IN. Dagny has been an active Venturer since 2008. She has served as both secretary and president in Venturing Crew 1121, and is beginning another officer's term as Vice President of Program. She has served as President of the Crossroads of America Council VOA. Dagny is beginning her third summer working at Ransburg Scout Reservation. She has received the Venturing Leadership Award and has been through ISLC, Kodiak, and Kodiak X. She has also staffed multiple Kodiak and Kodiak X courses.



Area 1 President

Michael Moen has been the President of Crew 276, 513, and 016. He is currently finishing his term as Vice President of Communications for Northern Star Council. He has been an active part in Venturing in his Council, District and Unit. Beyond being involved in Venturing he is an active OA member serving as the Paul E. Wethern Chapter Chief. He received the Vigil Honor in 2011, and is both an Eagle Scout and a Silver Award Recipient. He has been in scouting since joining his Tiger den in first grade. Since that time Michael has worked hard to spread Scouting to everyone he can. Michael is involved in creating the Three Rivers District VOA, and expanding the Northern Star Council VOA.

As President, he hopes to continue to develop a sense of community within the Area, and the individual councils. He looks forward working with all his fellow Venturers in the Area. He wants to promote communication within the councils in the Area, and create resources for other Venturers to draw on as they explore the Venturing program. He looks forward to meeting new Venturers in the Area.

Area 3 President

Emily Mausshardt 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, and is working to complete the Venturing Gold and Silver Awards this May. 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.

Area 5 President



Kimberlea Legg is a junior at Olathe South High in Olathe, KS, and a member of Crew 2085 of Olathe in Heart of America Council. She served as Crew Historian and also as activity chair for many of the crew's activities. She is also the current Vice President of Program for

the Venturing Officer's Association in Heart of America Council. She has attended Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC) and will be an ILSC trainer in May.

As Vice President of Program, Kim worked to coordinate VOA events during the year. These events included the End of Summer Bash, the

Haunted Trails, a ski trip and the annual VOA Banquet. She has attended the Area 5 Leadership Conference in 2011 and 2012. She will be receiving the Venturing Leadership Award for Heart of America Council at their VOA Banquet. Kim has also received her Religious Bronze award.

In addition to Venturing, Kim is a member of the Girl Scouts. She is the recipient of the Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Awards and is working on her Girl Scout Gold Award. She is also active in her church, where she assists with the monthly Angelfood Ministries, Mid-America food distribution and has taught Vacation Bible School for the last three summers.

After graduation from High School, Kim plans on attending college and majoring in Genetic Counseling, with a minor in Education.

Area 1 Upcoming events:

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

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

Aug 24th-26th, Wood Badge, South Haven, MN

Aug 24th-26th, Wood Badge, Kiel Mountain, WI

President: [Jennifer Welles](#)

Advisor: [Chris Sandberg](#)

**Area 3** Upcoming events:

June 11th-16th, NYLT, Janesville, WI

June 17th-23rd, Swift Base, Knob Lick, MO

June 18th-25th, Sea Exploring Cruise, Sea Base, FL

June 23rd, Run the Rock, Janesville, WI

June 24th-30th, Swift Base, Knob Lick, MO

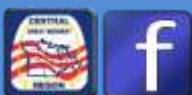
June 25th-30th, NYLT, Janesville, WI

July 1st-7th, NYLT, Knob Lick, MO

July 8th-14th, Swift Base, Knob Lick, MO

President: [Christina Vogt](#)

Advisor: [Bob Vogt](#)

**Area 5** Upcoming Events:

June 3rd-8th, NYLT, Bonner Springs, KS

June 19th-23rd, Venturing Camp, Kansas City, KS

Jul 29th – Aug 8th, Venture Quest 2012, St. Joseph, MO

Aug 18th, 2012 Xterra Triathlon, Smithville, MO

Sept 14th-16th, Powder Horn, Bonner Springs, KS

Sept 28th-30th, Powder Horn, near Wichita, KS

President: [Sarah Griffey](#)

Advisor: [Julie Dalton](#)

**Area 2**

Upcoming Events:

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

July 18th-22nd, Lake Huron High Adventure Cruise, Mackinaw-Port Huron, MI

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

Aug 24th-26th, Wood Badge, Traverse City, MI

Aug 24th-26th, Wood Badge, Lansing, MI

Sept 7th-9th, Powder Horn, Twin Lake, MI

Sept 13th-15th, Wood Badge, Metamora, MI

President: [Nick Huyser](#)

Advisor: [Jeff Gerald](#)

**Area 4**

Upcoming Events:

June 22nd-24th, Wilderness and Remote First Aid, Peninsula, 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:

June 10th-16th, NYLT-KY, Union, KY
 June 10th-16th, NYLT-COAC, Muncie, IN
 June 25th-30th, NYLT-KY, Union, KY
 July 8th-14th, Venturing Camp, Yellow Springs, OH
 July 8th-14th, NYLT-LC, Michigan City, IN
 July 15th-21st, NYLT-COAC, Muncie, IN
 July 22nd-28th, Kodiak, Norman, IN
 Sept 21st-25th, Venturing Kickback, Bloomington, IN

President: [Sarah McMurphy](#)

Advisor: [Len Roberts](#)

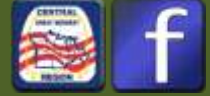
**Area 7**

Upcoming Events:

June 17th-23rd, NYLT, Rochelle, IL
 June 17th-22nd, NYLT, Woodstock, IL
 June 23rd-30th, Kodiak, Pearson, WI
 July 28th, Blackhawk Area Regatta, Rockford, IL
 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

Well everyone, this is my last President's Corner as Central Region Venturing President. Out of the many topics that I have covered in my 12 months of newsletters I feel most passionately about this one because this is what has most changed my life and defined my time in Venturing.

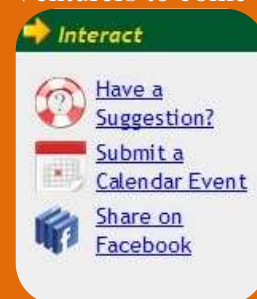


The leadership opportunities within Venturing are endless. For me, that is all how it started. I became a crew officer, and now that I look back, as my term as National Venturing President is about to begin, I realize that it wasn't so long ago. Nonetheless, it was serving as a crew officer that led to where I am now, and with that I have learned so many things along the way that no monetary value can equate to. That is the most important part of the Venturing program. Serving in any leadership capacity has value, and I think that is so crucial. The value is lifelong skills that may otherwise go untaught.

You don't have to serve as the National Venturing President to gain the value that Venturing has to offer. All you have to do is raise your hand, just once, and say, "Yes, I will be an officer." Whether you are a Crew President, Council President, Region President, or President at every level is up to you, but I encourage everyone to take that step and become the next leader...who knows where it may take you one day.

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!



April Poll Results

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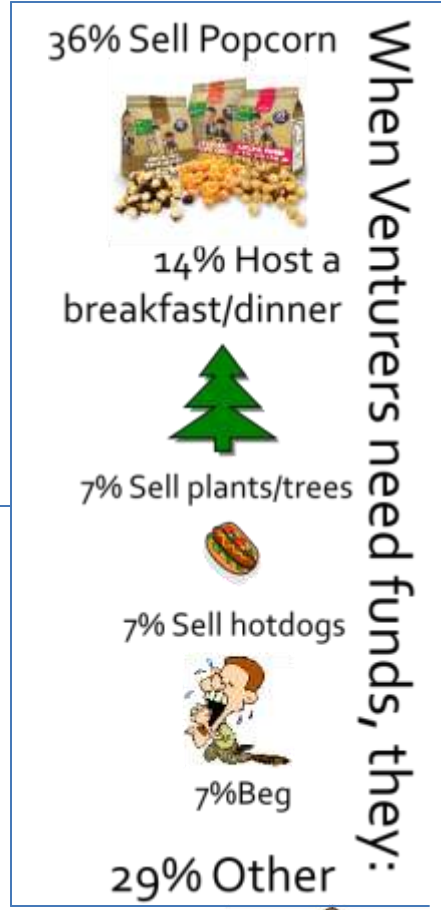
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Venturer's Scouting career started:



When Venturers need funds, they:

If given a free trip to a BSA camp, Venturers would choose:



Don't forget to go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GLQMV2N> to take next month's poll.

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.