



Central Region Area 5 Venturing Monthly Newsletter

Welcome to the January 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.

Amanda Vogt

Area 5 Venturing President

Bob Vogt

Area 5 Venturing Advisor

The Councils of Central Region Area 5 Venturing

Central Region Area 5 consists of 15 Councils throughout 4 states. They are: Okaw Valley Council, Trails West Council, Mississippi Valley Council, Great Rivers Council, Ozark Trails Council, Pony Express Council, Jayhawk Area Council, Coronado Area Council, Santa Fe Trail Council, Cornhusker Council, Overland Trails Council, Greater St. Louis Area Council, Heart of America Council, Quivira Council, and Mid America Council. Council's addresses and websites are listed on page 4.

Scout Sunday

The Boy Scouts of America celebrate annually in the month of February the Anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scout program by Lord Baden Powell in England. Scout Sunday was added to the scout celebration around the middle 1940's.

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Scout Sunday Continued

Scouting's anniversary is celebrated in February. Scout Sunday is always the Sunday preceding the 8th, unless the 8th is a Sunday, in which case the 8th would be Scout Sunday. The Saturday following February 8th is Scout Sabbath.

Scout Sunday tradition was started to make people in church aware of Scouting, and to allow Scouts to live out parts of what is pledged each week.

The Scout Law says that a "Scout is Reverent" and the Scouts of all ages promise to do their "Duty to God". These values strengthen youth character in their family, community and faith.

I encourage you to promote Scout Sunday throughout your council amongst Venturing Crews. More information on how to run a Scout Sunday and other resources about this event can be found on line.

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Upcoming Area 5 Venturing Events for 2007

- January 13th: Greater St. Louis Area Council- **Downhill Ski Night**
Contact: Ben Brennecke bbrennecke@stlbsa.org
- January 20th: 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_2007UoSAApplication.pdf
- July 1st-7th: Great Rivers Council- **Week Long Venturing Camp**
Contact: David Harris 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.

This Month's Q & A

Q. Are there any specific Area 5 Venturing events or meetings coming up?

A. The only Area 5 Events that are coming up are the different summer camps listed above. However Greater St. Louis Area Council has opened up all of their council events all of Area 5 Venturers. If your council is interested in putting on an Area 5 Event or opening events to other Area 5 Venturers please contact me. I would be more than willing to help you in your promotion of the event.

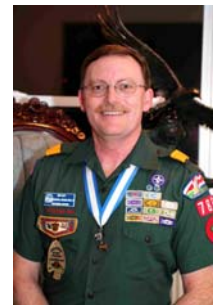
Q. Does Area 5 have a youth committee to support your office of President?

A. Area 5 has the wonderful privilege of having an Area 5 President in Training, Cindy Wilson, who will take over my position next year. Unfortunately there is no committee to support the Area 5 President, however I would love to create an email list of all Council Presidents in order to share ideas and events with each other. Another goal of mine would be to eventually have this group put on an Area 5 event during the next few years.

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Advisor 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 Advisor. Bob Vogt is the advisor for Crew 2783 in the Greater St. Louis Area Council. He was a founder of this unit (originally Post 2783) 26 years ago.

In his 43 years in Scouting, as a youth and adult, he has earned the Eagle Scout Award, and been selected for The District Award of Merit, The Adult Venturing Leadership Award, and The Silver Beaver Award. He has planned and participated in over 20 super activities across the country.

Besides scouting he is involved in his community festival planning committee, his church, and has staffed a summer church camp for over 31 years.

If you have any questions related to advisors or adult trainings please feel free to contact him.

This Month's Q & A Continued

Q. Are you able to visit councils in the area for special events?

A. The Area 5 Presidency position does not come with a budget which limits the amount of travel I can do. Also since I am a high school senior I cannot miss to many school days. However I would love to meet with different councils. I would like to find out if there is some weekend that several councils near each other may have activities or meeting going where I could visit more than one council at a time. If your council has a Venturing activity, please let me know the date and time, and I will see if I can be there.

Consulting Tip of The Month

Each month we will give you helpful contact information for Venturing Activities.

This month's contacts focus on outdoor wildlife contacts within each state.

Illinois Department of Natural Resources:
<http://dnr.state.il.us/>

Missouri Department of Conservation:
<http://www.mdc.mo.gov/>

Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks:
<http://www.kdwp.state.ks.us/>

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission:
<http://www.ngpc.state.ne.us/>

Venturing Awards and Recognition Program

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

Venturing Bronze Awards

In Venturing there are 5 Bronze Awards:

- Arts and Hobbies
- Outdoor
- Religious Life
- Sea Scout
- Sports

Each Bronze Award has its own set of requirements. These requirements can be found in The Venturing Handbook. As a Venturer you may earn all five Bronze Awards. However as a requirement for the Venturing Gold Award you must have completed at least one.

Bronze awards do not require a board of review when you are finished with the requirements. Instead as you work towards completion the Venturer must get the signature of approval from their advisor or a specialty consultant.

In future newsletters we will explain more of the processes to achieve other Venturing Awards.



The 15 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>

Greater St. Louis Area 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 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>

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

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