

CENTRAL REGION AREA 3 VENTURING MAGAZINE



What can
you do?

2012 Summer Events

Looking for something to do this summer? Here are a few solutions for you!

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90 miles south of St. Louis in Knob Lick, Missouri there is a little patch of heaven called S bar F Scout Ranch. At S bar F, there is a camp called Swift Base that is dedicated to bringing

adventure to Venturers and older Boy Scouts through a fun and exciting

summer camp program. **Swift Base Summer Camp** is centered around having fun for both the youth and the adults. There are many activities for everyone to participate in from rock climbing and rappelling to horse back riding to sailing. There were three weeks of Venturing summer camp this summer centered around three different themes. The first week was centered around water and water sports. It included sailing, standup paddle-boarding, kayaking, canoeing, and more. This week was also a good week for Sea Scouts to come and enjoy a nice week at camp centered around their skills. The second week's theme was about sports and other fun outdoor activities and games. The third week had a theme that exhibited the mountain man different talents and trades from a century ago like black powder rifles and flint-striking to start fires. It was an amazing week-long trip back through time.

Now
the choice:
Training? or fun?
Why not have
both?

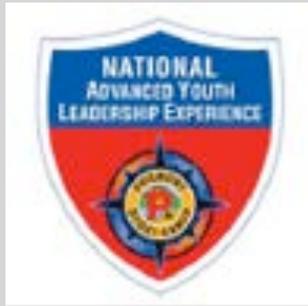
Along with the themes each week presents, there were many activities that continued throughout each week like the rock climbing, ropes courses, and sailing, among others. Please go to www.venturing.gslac.org for more information or like Swift Base on Facebook to get updates throughout the year and get more information for next year.

Another great opportunity for high adventure camping as well as learning how to be a better leader is **National Youth Leadership Training**. National Youth Leadership Training, or NYLT, is a week long training designed to teach youth what it takes to be a better leader. Not only can the skills one learns in NYLT be used to be a better in their crew, but can also be used in their day to day life. There were two weeks of NYLT this summer, one based out of treehouses with day hikes and canoe trips and the second was a pack and paddle style week



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camping and hiking in the backwoods of S bar F Scout Ranch. The treehouse week was a little less strenuous, but still the same program and high adventure. The first week was July 1st-7th and the second week is July 22nd-28th. Spots are still available for the second week. Please go to www.venturing.gslac.org for more information and for next year.



National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience, or NAYLE, is the next opportunity to sharpen your leadership skills. The program is designed to build upon the skills the participants learned in NYLT, so that course must be taken first. NAYLE allows participants to take their leadership, first aid, search and rescue skills, among others, and apply them to real life experiences through out the week. Therefore, NAYLE is more an experience than a training. In the past, NAYLE has only been available at Philmont, but as of last summer, S bar F Scout Ranch is the host of the Central Region course of NAYLE. It is the same program, just closer to home. 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. Please go to www.venturing.gslac.org or www.stlbsa.org for more information.

The **Back to School Bash**, hosted by the Abraham Lincoln Council, is on August 17th - 19th, 2012 at Camp Bunn in Hettick, Illinois. The event begins Friday night and ends Sunday morning. It is fun camporee style camping with a cookout by the staff on Saturday night. Some of the events include shooting sports, a climbing tower, water sports, swimming, row boats, cardboard boats races, canoe tug of war, paddle-less canoe races, star gazing, and much, much more. You should also bring your own dutch oven to assist in making desserts Saturday evening. If you have any questions please contact Alicia Benning, VEOA Council President at hermionebob96@yahoo.com, Bob Schmidt, VEOA Advisor at blsmitty1@yahoo.com. Matt O'Brien, District Executive at matobrie@bsamail.org.

If any council has any programs they would like included in the upcoming newsletters, please contact Allison Smith Area 3 Vice President of Communications at countrygrl52792@aol.com.



2013 JAMBOREE



Do you want to spend 10 days whitewater rafting, zip lining, patch trading, gun shooting, skateboarding, and much more with 50,000 friends?! Then the 2013 National Jamboree is for you! For the first time, Venturers will be allowed to participate in the jamboree both as participants, and as staff. The jamboree will be held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia, as the grand opening for the new high adventure base. It will consist of a 10 day adventure from July 15 – July 24, 2013. At the jamboree, participants will be able to shoot several types of guns, including pistols, rifles, and shotguns. They will be able to zip line across one of the longest zip lines in North America, consisting of over 3,000 feet of zipping adventure. And you can mountain bike through parts of the 27 miles of trail. There will also be many exhibits, stadium shows with entertainment, SCUBA, technology quest, and much, much more. For more information on this life changing adventure, visit the website: <https://summit.scouting.org/en/Jamboree2013/Pages/default.aspx>. You can also go to www.summitblog.org to get more information, read stories about what is going on at the summit and for the Jamboree, and hear about more opportunities available at the summit. There is a Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/TheBechtelSummit>. And more importantly, there is a promotional video on the website that you can use to present to your councils and crews to tell them about Jambo2013.



Fall Fun Rally

The Area 3 Event

LET THE ADVENTURE BEGIN
BEAUMONT SCOUT RESERVATION
SEPTEMBER 28-30, 2012

This fall the Greater St. Louis Area Council is hosting another amazing event, the 39th annual Fall Fun Rally at Beaumont Scout Reservation. Since 1974 the Fall Fun Rally has been held at Beaumont Scout Reservation and has been one of the largest gatherings of Venturers, Sea Scouts, and Explorers across the nation. In 2010 the Fall Fun Rally was the national event for Venturing, Sea Scouts, and Exploring to celebrate the centennial of Boy Scouts and had 1348 scouts from twenty-two states and over fifty different councils across the country.

This year, the Fall Fun Rally will be another great event; however, even though it is not national in name anymore, it is still national in scope. Venturers, Sea Scouts, and Explorers across the country are invited to come participate in the 2012 39th annual Fall Fun Rally. The theme for this year's Fall Fun Rally is Harry Potter and will bring much fun for Harry Potter fans and novices alike. It will be a weekend of fun and excitement for all Venturing Crews, Explorer Posts, Sea Scout Ships, Older Boy Scouts, youth groups, and adults. You may choose to sleep in tents for the weekend or participate only on Saturday as a day event. This a great event for those new to Venturing to be able to experience what Venturing has to offer. It will be a great action-packed adventure that includes astronomy, blind navigation course, bottle rockets, climbing tower, dunking booth, fencing, "hippogriff riding", mud cave, night hike, an owlery, potions making, pumpkin catapulting, slip-n-sliding, squeeze box, tricycle jousting, Venturing idol, and much, much more. You really do not want to miss out on this exciting event.

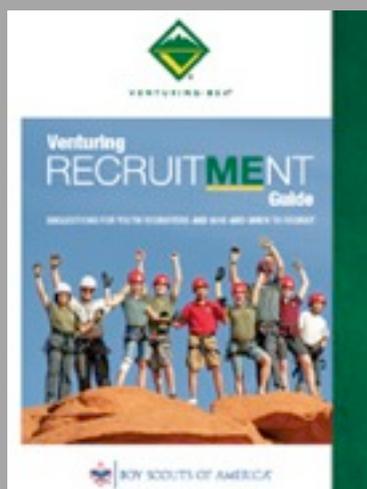


To get more information or to register online, please go to www.fallfunrally.org. Early registration is August 3rd! The cost is \$14 if paid by August 3rd, and \$19 if you want a meal ticket.

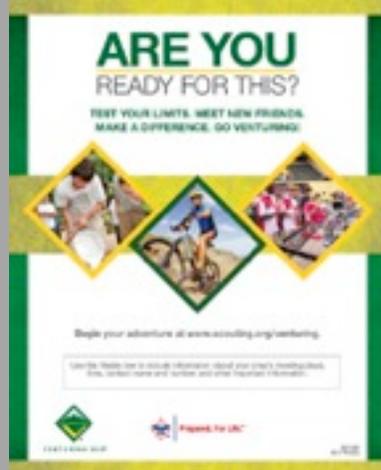


PEER TO PEER RECRUITMENT

Venturing Recruiting Toolbox



Last year's National Cabinet has created a guide to help councils, crews, and Venturers market Venturing to youth everywhere. The tools are designed to help youth recruit other youth specifically. The toolbox contains flyers, posters, open house guides, or anything a crew might need to introduce Venturing to their friends and schoolmates. The guide gives suggestions got youth recruiters about who, when, and where to recruit as well as what will work best for the situation. The toolbox online has templates of posters and flyers and crews can fill in and use for promotion of their crew and events. The templates can be downloaded, typed in, then printed for any event or just to advertise when and where your crew meets. Please go to www.scouting.org/venturing and check it out, and here: <http://scouting.org/filestore/venturing/pdf/523-506.pdf> is the link for the recruitment guide.



ADVANCEMENT OF THE MONTH



Arts and Hobbies Bronze Award

The Arts and Hobbies Bronze generally takes about 3 months to complete, but here's a few things you can do this month to complete a requirement or two!

Required Requirements: 9 out of 12
Estimated Time: 90 days, or 3 months

You can:

Go golfing! That's right! Touring a golf course, talking to a manager about how it runs, and playing 9 holes of golf completes requirement 5.

Talk about sports hobbies! Many people are athletically oriented, and requirement 7 is to a, have a discussion about the benefits of choosing a lifelong sports hobby, such as jogging or biking. The rest of the requirement is (b) have an adult that is not active in your crew join in.

Advertise! As simple as this requirement sounds, it is three simple steps long. Step (a) is to create an advertising plan and design the advertising plan layout for a product that you are familiar with. Step (b) is to make a tabletop display highlighting your advertising plan, and step c is to show off your display. This completes requirement two.

Attend a theater performance! First, learn about the backstage support, and then with your knowledge, attend a theater production and critique their set design, decoration, and costuming. This completes requirement three.

Visit a hobby store near you! Talking to the manager about the most popular hobby relative to the purchased items and the type and age of people who participate in different hobbies. Also, take some free brochures back to your crew meeting where you can talk about it. This completes requirement 8.

Hobby meet! If you don't know what a hobby meet is, it is a place where people get together to show off their hobbies to other people who want to do the same thing. Organizing one for a group of people such as a crew, troop, or youth group completes requirement 10.

Have a Photography Contest! If you organize a photography contest for a group of individuals such as a crew, troop, or other youth group, or any other group, you complete requirement 10, as long as you have prizes, judges, and an awards system.

What is stealth advancement?

Stealth advancement is completing requirements without even knowing.

Advisors and presidents, how can you help your crew to achieve stealth advancement?

- Incorporate requirements with activities
- Allow youth to plan events
- After events, sit down and look at the requirements you have completed.



SEA SCOUTS

Central Region Rendezvous A Centennial Celebration



Over 100 Sea Scouts and Venturers gathered in Springfield, Illinois on Lake Springfield to Celebrate the Sea Scout

Centennial from May 18-20, 2012. They gathered to participate in over 30 competitions, activities, a dance, training, and time to gather with Sea Scouts from around the nation. Scouts partook in numerous activities like Card Board Canoe Races, Canoe Tug of War, Leaky Bucket Brigade, Hypothermia Challenge, Volleyball Tournament, Triathlon, Titanic Rescue, a Luau and so much more! Land lover or water enthusiast alike will find tons of activities and competitions to enjoy. Even inexperienced scouts learned to canoe, kayak, sail, and row. Participants even took part in BoatUS's World Record breaking attempt for the most life jackets worn on the same day. Scouts from 2

Regions, 6 Areas, and 13 states attended this year's Rendezvous. Also in attendance was the National Sea Scout Director Keith Christopher, Central Region Commodore Mac McNeal, Central Region Boatswain Peter Schmidt, as well as many others. For more photos or information visit our website at crrendezvous.org.



What a better way to celebrate the centennial than getting trained?

Seabadge CR-IX will be held November 2-4, 2012 at Camp Illinek on Lake Springfield. All participants must be pre-approved by their home council (Scout Executive or designee) to take part in Seabadge. Contact will be made with your home council to re-confirm their approval. It is all online, and sign up early as spots are limited. Cost is \$154, and please contact Bill Hamilton at (314) 283-1704 or whami9@aol.com if you have any questions, or to sign up.



CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE!
Area 3 Conference
January 11th-12th, 2013
This is a great place to get your trainings and to educate yourself about how to make your council better.

Fall Fun Rally
September 28-30, 2012
At Beaumont Scout Reservation

2013 Jamboree
July 15-24, 2013
At the Summit

Back to School Bash
August 17-19, 2012
At Camp Bunn

Sea Badge
November 2-4, 2012
At Camp Illinek



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If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, you may contact your Area 3 officers through these emails:

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RESOURCES

Just for you

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CRV.Area3/>

Websites: www.scouting.org; http://www.crventuring.org/Area_Pages/Area_3/; www.area3crv.org

Lincoln Trails Council – Dectaur, IL <http://www.lincolntrailsCouncil.org/>

Prairielands Council – Champaign, IL

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

Winnebago Council – Waterloo, IA

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

Abraham Lincoln Council – Springfield, IL

http://www.alincolnbsa.org/council_index.htm

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>

Mississippi Valley Council – Quincy, IL

<http://www.mississippivalleybsa.org/Youth/ContinueAdventure/Venturing>

Northeast Iowa Council – Dubuque, IA

<http://scoutsiowa.com/>

*Remember the three pillars of Venturing:
Leadership - Service - Adventure*