

CENTRAL REGION AREA 3 VENTURING MAGAZINE



2012 Fall Events



Let the Adventure Begin!

FALL 2012

Fall Fun Rally 2012 The Area 3 Event



Let the Adventure Begin, Venturing Style

The Central Region Area 3 Venturing Event, Fall Fun Rally, is being held at Beaumont Scout Reservation outside of St. Louis, Missouri on September 28th - 30th. This year's theme is Harry Potter and it looks like it is going to be an amazing and fun adventure. Beaumont is being flipped into a magical world. Bring your friends and your wands to join in on many new magical Venturing activities.

Not a Harry Potter fan? That is alright. If you are not the biggest fan of Harry Potter, or do not know the difference between a Hippogriff and Hufflepuff you will still really enjoy Fall Fun Rally. Many of the annual Fall Fun Rally events will still be occurring, but just with a new magical Harry Potter twist. Some of the events include astronomy, a blind navigation course, soda bottle rockets, climbing tower, a dunking booth, fencing, "hippogriff riding", mud cave, a night hike, an owlery, potions making, pumpkin catapulting, slip-n-sliding, a squeeze box, tricycle jousting, venturing idol, and much, much more.

Join over 1,100 Venturing friends and the Greater St. Louis Area Council VOA and attend Fall Fun Rally 2012. It is not too late to sign up! There has been a slight increase in price, and if you register after September 21st you may not get a Fall Fun Rally t-shirt, but you can still join in on an entire weekend of fun. You can go to www.fallfunrally.org for more information and like the Fall Fun Rally page on Facebook to get updates. The Fall Fun Rally Facebook page lets you know about some of the events occurring at Fall Fun Rally as well as has reminders about registration. So hurry and register online for the 39th annual Fall Fun Rally!



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Powder Horn Course Directors Conference

The Central Region Powder Horn Course Directors Conference is 6:00 pm Friday October 5th to 9:00 pm Saturday October 6th at the Super 8 Inn in Bonner Springs, Kansas. This conference is for anyone interesting in learning more about how to plan a Powder Horn Course. Future course directors, assistant course directors, staff advisors and other staff members make up a majority of the participants. This conference is **REQUIRED** for the course director, staff advisor, and the assistant course director assigned as the back-up course director within two of the course start. Councils considering holding a course in 2014, even 2015, are strongly encouraged to send the anticipated course director and several others to the 2012 conference. The information you gain from this conference will provide a strong foundation as you plan for your course. You need to be approved by the hosting region and have attended or will attend a Powder Horn in able to attend this conference.

The Powder Horn Course Director Conference will be comprised of an experienced staff of past and current Powder Horn course directors. The curriculum will cover a wide range of Powder Horn topics, including: course standards and guidelines ~ course format ~ council and national approval process ~ budgeting ~ staff selection and development ~ participant recruiting ~ logistics planning ~ program planning and instruction ~ newsletters ~ resource and give away items ~ living history ~ teen participation ~ web site and e-mail resources ~ and more! There will also be time set aside for answering questions about how to run a successful course. The Powder Horn syllabus has also been updated, so this conference is a great place to come and learn about those changes.

The course will cost \$59.00. The charge covers meals, Powder Horn Staff Guide, and all conference materials; however, it does not include lodging. The Super 8 Inn has discounted rooms available for \$67.12 per night, with double queen beds regularly at \$85.00. There are also other options nearby. You can also save by doubling up with a fellow scouter. Please reserve your room soon as there are only a limited number of rooms available at this price.

If you have any questions, please contact the Conference Director, Roger Mantony, at rogerlman@aol.com or Staff Advisor, Ronald Timmons, at ronald.timmons@scouting.org or (972) 580-2417.



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Area 3 Program Conference

The **Area 3 Program Conference** is for all Scouting Programs and is happening this November 10th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The conference is about “Attracting and Retaining Youth with Outstanding Programs”. It will be held at the Heartland Community College in Normal, Illinois. The cost will be \$15.00 per person with lunch included, and you can pay at the door. However, reservations should be made by email to aranjr@mchsi.com no later than November 3rd. In your reservation you should include your name, Scouting Position, your home council and your breakout session choices. All local council Scouters and professionals who are involved with camping, program, training, or unit service are encouraged to attend. The appropriate attire for the day is the field uniform. This second annual conference is a great source of information on the changes that are taking place in the Boy Scouts of America. You can network with other Scouters from the eleven councils in the Area as well as spreading the news about your local successes. Area 3 Scouters will be leading the sessions, and we also invite you to bring flyers, handouts, exhibits, and more to share throughout the day from your home council. Please visit our conference webpage at www.area3scouting.org for more details and directions.

Some of the sessions offered include:

~ Commissioner Service ~ Cope and Climbing ~ Powder Horn ~ STEM ~ Training Strategies ~ Cub Scout Camping ~ Master Trainer and the Training Program ~ Shooting Sports, the NRA and the BSA ~ World Jamboree and National Jamboree ~ Camp Assessment: Resident Camps and Cub Day Camps ~ Communicating with Youth ~ NYLT and NAYLE ~ Sea Scouts ~ Building Council Alumni Programs ~ Venturing ~ Wood Badge ~ and Youth Advancement Programs ~

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



Area 3 Venturing Conference

It is the goal of the Area 3 Venturing Officer Association to have trained leaders, youth with leadership experience, a great program, successful membership growth and retention, and more. The annual Area 3 Venturing Conference is the place to come and help us make this possible. It will be happening January 11th-12th, 2013. The majority of the conference will take place on Saturday the 12th with a few training courses occurring on Friday night. Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews will take place on Friday night for any youth wishing to attend and learn how to become a better leader. Adult Basic Trainings and Venturing Leadership Specific Training will also take place on Friday night for the adults in attendance. These courses will begin at 5:30pm and will end around 10:00pm. If you wish to stay overnight, participants will be able to sleep at the church. Check-in will begin on January 11th at 5:30pm and again at 7:45am on January 12th. The conference is hosted by Area 3 and is not a specific council event. It is held at Calvary United Methodist Church in Normal, Illinois. You need to register by January 1st, 2013 to hold your spot. The cost for the 2013 Conference will be \$18 until January 1, 2013 and \$20 following that date up until the conference date. The charge will cover all materials and conference costs. Lunch will also be provided. Please email the Area 3 President, Emily Mausshardt, at emausshardt@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions. To register and to view the flyer, please go to the Area 3 website at www.area3crv.org.

Some of the trainings and programs held on Saturday include:

Youth Leadership Academy:

~ Leadership in Your Crew/Your First 3 Months as an Officer ~ Venturing Awards/Trail to Silver ~ Outdoor High Adventure Ideas ~ Game Time (Team Building) ~ Venturing Jeopardy ~

I Have A Dream:

~ What is a VOA?/How Do You Start a VOA? ~ Crew Program Ideas ~ Marketing Your Events ~ Roles of the Adults, Councils, and Youth in a VOA ~

Dreams Can Come True:

~ Active VOAs/Multi-Crew Events ~ Recruiting for Venturing ~ Keeping Youth Active ~ Scouting Trainings ~ Advisor's Minute ~

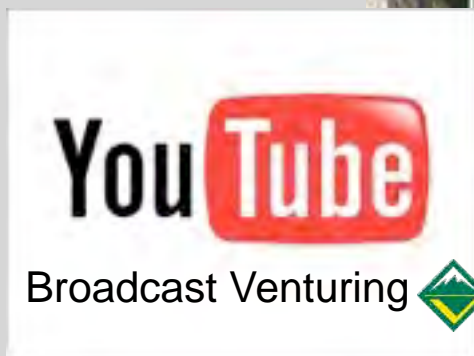
Professionals Academy:

~ Venturing/Sea Scouting ~ Starting New Units/Working with Existing Units ~ Empowering Youth/VOA ~ Frequently Asked Questions ~



Venturing through Videos

As the Central Region Area 3 Venturing Officers' Association began communicating, it was decided that youth may obtain more information through a video, than through reading a newsletter article. Coming up with a vision of what this project would entail, we began making a list of all of the different video topics we would want to film throughout the year. And thus the project began! Throughout the year, we will be filming quite a few videos on topics such as Journey to Excellence, training opportunities, awards and recognition, High Adventure bases, and VOAs. Our hope is that youth will enjoy watching videos to gather information, in addition to reading Venturing publications. If you have an idea of a video topic you would like to see filmed, please don't hesitate to contact us! Please subscribe to our YouTube channel for the latest videos: <http://www.youtube.com/user/CRVenturingArea3?feature=g-all-u>.





Want to be a Winner!?

Have you ever wanted to star in an important film? How about help produce one? Here is your chance! Each council in Central Region Area 3 has the opportunity to film and submit one video by December 31, 2012. The video must serve as a custom recruitment video and feature mainly Venturers from your council. In addition, there are several rules (as outlined below). The winning council will be announced at the Area 3 Venturing Conference.

1. The video must be a recruitment video.
2. It should be at least one minute, but no more than five minutes.
3. Both youth and adults are encouraged to debut in the video, but there must be more youth than adults.
4. The video should reference www.beascout.org.
5. Each council may only submit one video, though you may film as many videos as you would like!
6. The videos should be uploaded to the Central Region Area 3 Facebook page no later than midnight on December 31, 2012.



ADVANCEMENT OF THE MONTH



Outdoor Bronze Award

Award: Outdoor Bronze

Required Requirements: 6 out of 26

Estimated Time: 90 days or 3 months

The Outdoor Bronze usually takes about three months to complete, and the requirements are much more difficult and time consuming than those of the Arts and Hobbies Bronze, but here's a list of some things you can do this month to complete a requirement or three! And of course, once you get the Outdoor Bronze, you're half way to your ranger award!

Backpacking!

- Develop a personal exercise plan, and keep a daily diary of doing the exercises. Keep track of this for three months afterwards, and you're good to go!
- Learn about the proper handling and packing of a backpack, as well as group gear and personal gear.
- Lots of people like clothes! Learn about backpacking clothes, then demonstrate three uses for a poncho.
- Health and safety is important, so take time to learn about trail health considerations and hydration.

First Aid!

- Complete a standard first aid course or above, and you've got that covered!

Classes at School!

- It's the time of year where you've already started school, and also that time of year where you're going to start looking forward to winter break very soon. But in the mean time, if you're taking an elective communications class, you've got one core requirement done, just during school!

Be Prepared!

- If you don't already have this requirement filled, maybe you should think of doing this anyways. Discuss potential disasters and emergency preparedness in your family and come up with a family emergency plan. Also, build a family emergency kit and make a display or presentation to a group of youth on what you have learned.

Leave No Trace!

- Learn the principles of Leave No Trace and be able to recite and explain them (from memory). Usually, taking the full trainer course helps to, but it isn't required.

Project COPE!

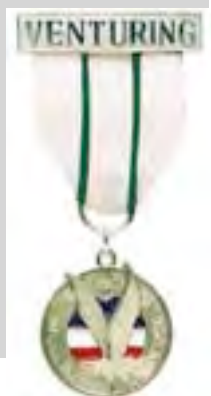
- COPE stands for Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience, and from experience, it's lots of fun. Usually it's one weekend, and the requirement is that you complete a course with both low and high initiatives.

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 Sea Badge



Seabadge is the official advanced Sea Scout training program for adult leaders. It is intended to assist leaders at all ship leadership levels to understand the larger role of Sea Scouting within Boy Scouts of America. Participants will learn leadership and management techniques that can improve the quality of their ships and ultimately council Sea Scouting programs. The goal is to apply these methods to expand Sea Scouting for a greater number of youths.

The next Central Region Seabadge training Conference is scheduled for Friday through Sunday, November 2-4, 2012 at Camp Illinek on Lake Springfield IL. The Seabadge participants will be selected from nominations recommended by their local council. A participant must be a registered Sea Scout leader in an active Sea Scout Ship or council officer who is nominated and is or will be working with Sea Scout Ships. The following conditions must be met before the conference:

1. Completed Adult Leader Specific Training and/or Adult Leader Sea Scout Specific Training and have completed Sea Scout Adult Leaders Basic Training (SSALBT) (if not available, Area Commodore's approval with application).
2. Have actively served in a registered position in Sea Scouting for at least one continuous year, and
3. Be nominated for participation by their local council.

The course fee is \$154. Formal application and payment will be done via the Abraham Lincoln Website.

http://alicolnbsa.org/council_index.htm

Items which are ordered for participants may take up to two months for order preparation and shipping. Individuals waiting until the last minute may not receive materials in time.

This course can have only 30 participants, and due to the high demand and the limited number participant openings your immediate attention is requested. The \$154 fee includes all meals. It also includes billeting at the Scout Camp, but we only have space for 20 students to sleep at the camp. Students after that will have to either stay at a local hotel or camp on the site. Those spots will be first come first served so register early. Also, if for personal or medical reasons you need to stay in a hotel, then please let us know and we will open that bunk up to someone else. Please copy and share this with all Sea Scout professionals and Venturing professionals for their interest and support. Note that we need a minimum of 15 reservations to be able to run our course. Early applicants are needed to get this done.



CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE!

Area 3 Venturing
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

Area 3 Program
Conference
November 10, 2012

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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For more complete Area 3 Committee contact information please visit the Area 3 page at http://www.crventuring.org/Area_Pages/Area_3/

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/>

W.D. Boyce Council - Peoria, IL

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

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