

CENTRAL REGION AREA 3 VENTURING MAGAZINE

Area 3 Venturing Conference Just a few days away!



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 as soon as possible to hold your spot. The cost for the 2013 Conference is \$20 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.



Area 3 Venturing Conference

class options

Some of the trainings and programs held on Saturday include:

Youth Leadership Academy:

1A: Leadership in Your Crew/Your First 3 Months as an Officer - Once you were elected, what comes next?

1B: Venturing Awards/Trail to Silver - Fine out about the awards you can earn as a Venturer, including the Silver Award.

1C: Outdoor High Adventure Ideas - Philmont, Sea Base, Northern Tier, the Summit, plan your own trip, etc.

1D: Game Time (Team Building) - Learn a handful of team building games through an hour full of game playing

1E: Venturing Jeopardy - Review the day's learning with Jeopardy! Venturing style

I Have A Dream:

2A: What is a VOA?/How Do You Start a VOA? - Venturing Officers' Associations and their purpose

2B: Crew Program Ideas - What activities can make your program go "WOW!"

2C: Marketing Your Events - How do you get youth to attend your event?

2D: Roles of the Adults, Councils, and Youth in a VOA - A youth led program, but adult advised. How does this happen successfully?

Dreams Can Come True:

3A: Active VOAs/Multi-Crew Events - The benefits of inter-crew activities

3B: Recruiting for Venturing - "If your crew is not recruiting, it is dying."

3C: Keeping Youth Active - Making Venturing stick out above other activities

3D: Scouting Trainings - ILSC, NYLT, NAYLE - more than alphabet soup

3E: Advisor's Minute - Tips and tricks to give an empowering Advisor's Minute

Professionals Academy:

4A: Venturing/Sea Scouting 101 - Learn the basics of Venturing and Sea Scouting

4B: Starting New Units/Working with Existing Units - We have a unit number, now what?

4C: Empowering Youth/VOA - How to work with youth to keep Venturing youth-led

4D: Frequently Asked Questions - Common questions and answers about Venturing and Sea Scouting



Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews or Ships



Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews/Ships

Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews/Ships (ILSC/ILSS) is a leadership training course designed to give youth the tools and knowledge they need to be successful leaders. It covers topics such as Crew/Ship organization, planning, effective communication, and servant leadership, to name just a few! Split into three modules, it can be presented in several different settings and time frames. For example, each module could be presented at a separate crew meeting, or it could be done all at once during a morning or afternoon. Don't let the term 'training' keep you from the course! While it has some lecture-like moments, it is mostly chocked full of games and activities! It is a prerequisite for National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), so sign up for a course near you today! There will be a course happening at the Area 3 Venturing Conference on January 11th.

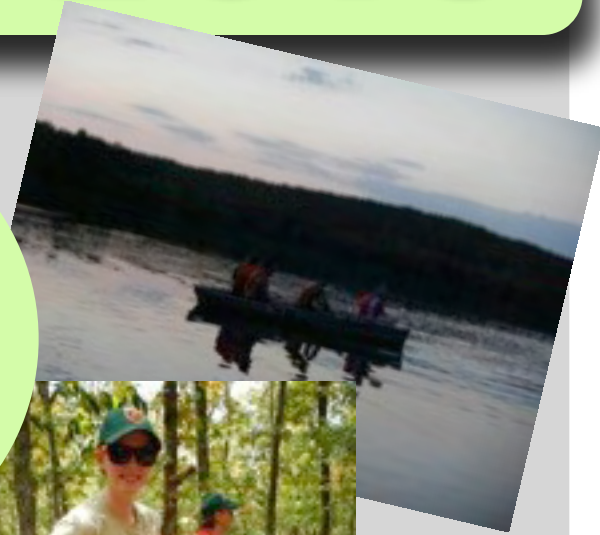


If your council has any programs they would like included in the upcoming newsletters, please contact Allison Smith, Area 3 Vice President of Communications, at countrygrl52792@aol.com.



SUMMER 2013

What
will YOU
do?



Venturing NYLT

Raise your hand if you have attended a Venturing NYLT week? If you did that is great and you might want to put your hand down before people start staring, and if you have not well here is why you should. NYLT stands for National Youth Leadership Training and is one of the best Venturing Leadership trainings out there. It consists of learning leadership skills through presentations presented by youth staff just like you. The presentations have fun games and activities combined with them to help strengthen the skills you learn. During the week, you are putting the leadership qualities you learn into action while having an awesome time. It is all set in a perfect high adventure setting. Venturing NYLT is something you cannot describe, but you have to witness. So what are you waiting for? It is time for you to raise your hand when someone asks you if you have been to NYLT. It will be held July 21-27th, 2013 at S bar F Scout Ranch near Farmington, Missouri. You can find more information at www.venturing.gslac.org. We hope to see you there this summer!



SUMMER 2013

John S. Swift Base

With snow on the ground, or at least cooler temperatures that allow us to pull out coats, mittens, and scarves, it is hard to turn our thoughts to summer plans. However, it is that time of year when it is time to sign up for summer camps! Swift Base offers three weeks of Venturing summer camp, each with a different theme. The first week is the Aquatics Extravaganza. It will bring adventures full of fly fishing, boat races, and boats so big you do not sail them – you crew them! The second week is all about Shooting Sports and STEM. If you like to shoot guns, this week is most definitely for you! It will include the opportunity to shoot guns you have likely never shot at a scout camp before! There will also be visiting scientists and engineers to give you a taste of the new Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics program. Finally, the third week will be the Great Outdoors. Have you ever gone climbing in pitch black darkness? How about creating your own shelter and finding your own food? This week is themed around climbing, rappelling, caving, and wilderness survival, may even bring the opportunities to evade some zombies! In addition to all of the activities for each themed week, Swift will still offer the typical activities, including horseback riding, water tubing, water skiing, COPE, standup paddle boarding, slacklining, and much more! In addition, all food is prepared in the dining hall, lodging is in canvas tents, and most activities are “come and go as you please.” Swift Base is at S bar F Scout Ranch near Farmington, Missouri, For more information, check out <http://venturing.gslac.org/camping/swiftbase> or <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bO5qv4E92VQ>.



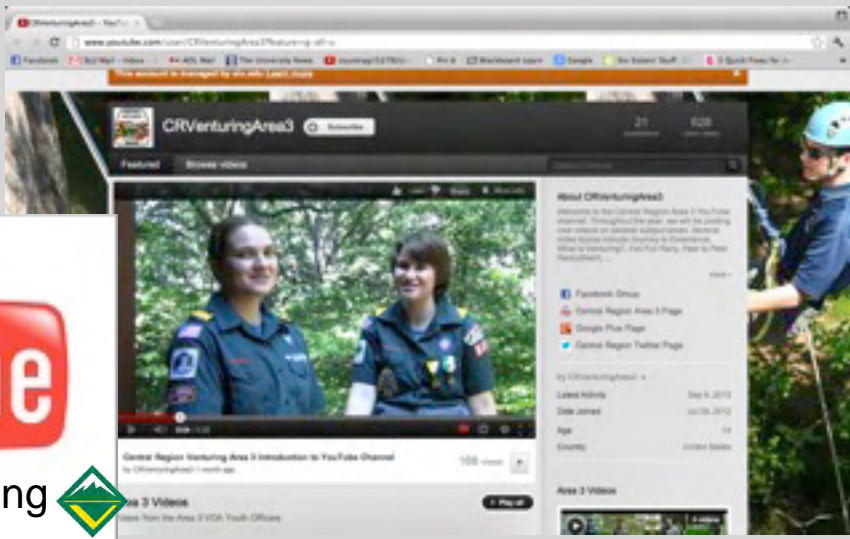
Week 1: June 16-22, 2013
Aquatics Extravaganza
Week 2: June 23-29, 2013
Shooting Sports and STEM
Week 3: July 7-13, 2013
Great Outdoors



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!?

Venturing Through Videos: It's Your Turn!

Lights, Camera, Action! Are you ready to help your council create its own custom video focused on recruitment? Now that the Central Region Area 3 Venturing Officers' Association has created several videos, it is your turn to star in one! Each council has the opportunity to create their own video to be entered into a contest. All submission must be received by April 30, 2013 to qualify. The winning council will be announced soon after!

1. Each council may only submit one video.
2. The video must be a recruitment video.
3. It must be at least one minute in length, but no more than five minutes.
4. Pictures, videos, drawings, etc. are all encouraged as long as they come from your council. (They must also be legal and Scout appropriate!)
5. Youth and adults are encouraged to debut in the video. However, overall, there should be more youth than adults, as the program is youth led.
6. Please reference www.beascout.org to help prospective Scouts find a unit close to them.
7. Videos must be uploaded to the Central Region Area 3 Facebook group and the Venturing, BSA group no later than April 30, 2013.

Check out <http://www.crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=621> for more information!



ADVANCEMENT OF THE MONTH



Religious Life Bronze

Required Requirements: 9 out of 11

Estimated time: 3 months

Though it takes a while to complete the Religious Bronze, there are a few things that you could do (or start to do) to complete it this month, or in the month to come.

This month you could:

Diversity!

~ Learn about cultural diversity, and then make a presentation. (This satisfies Requirement 2a and 2b)

Cultural Differences!

~ Bring a culturally different guest to a crew meeting, and have a cultural discussion, and then participate in one of these discussions that isn't yours. (This satisfies Requirements 2c and 2d. You can do either 2a and 2b or 2c and 2d)

Service!

~ Plan and lead a service project.

~ Examples include Habitat for Humanity, community cleanup, nursing home/nursery project.

~ This satisfies Requirement 3a.

Volunteering!

~ This requires a total of three months, but it's never too soon to start!

~ Volunteer for a nonprofit organization, or a church or synagogue.

~ Keep a journal of your findings and share experiences.

~ These things satisfy Requirements 4a and 4b.

Retreat!

~ Go on a religious retreat or trek lasting 2 or more days. (This satisfies requirement 5)

Youth Leadership!

~ Serve as president, leader, or officer of your Sunday school class or youth group. (This satisfies Requirement 7)

Ethics!

~ Participate in 2 ethical controversies.

~ Facilitate 2 ethical controversies.

~ Lead an ethics forum for a youth group.

~ These satisfy Requirements 9a, 9b, and 9c.

Teach!

~ Serve as a Sunday School teacher or assistant for 3 months OR Volunteer for a children's activity or Vacation Bible School. (This satisfies requirement 10)

Meet!

~ Meet with your church/synagogue minister/rabbi/leader and find out what they do, and what is the most important part of their job. (This satisfies requirement 11)

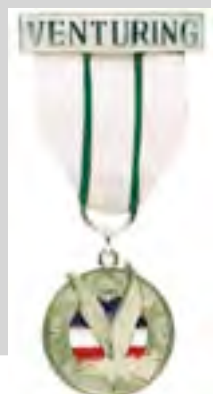
As always, these things are subject to change at the discretion of your advisor.

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

Area 3 Wisconsin Ski Trip

The Central Region Area 3 Sea Scouts are going on a Ski Trip and you are invited to attend! It will be held on President's Day Weekend February 15 - 18, 2013, so we will have 2 full days of Skiing, take part in an indoor water park and pizza party, and have a Bunk House Camping Party.

We will be traveling from St. Louis, Missouri up to Wausau, Wisconsin on a 55 Passenger Charter Bus. We will be stopping along I-55 and I-39 to Pick-up/Drop-Off passengers if you do not wish to travel to St. Louis. Estimated All Inclusive Cost is \$240-\$300. More information is in the flier that can be found on the Area 3 page at www.crventuring.org.

The event is hosted by Central Region Area 3 and all are welcome to attend. Please register by February 1st, 2013. All questions and registration can be directed to Mark Shapland at mark.shapland@milliman.com or (636) 346-3391.



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.

How to Grow and
Sustain Venturing
Conference at Sea Base
January 13-18, 2013

2013 Jamboree
July 15-24, 2013
At the Summit

St. Louis University
of Scouting
January 26, 2013

Sea Scout
Wisconsin Ski Trip
February 15-18,
2013



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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/>

W.D. Boyce Council - Peoria, IL

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

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