



## Central Region Area 5 Venturing Monthly Newsletter

Welcome to the March 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.

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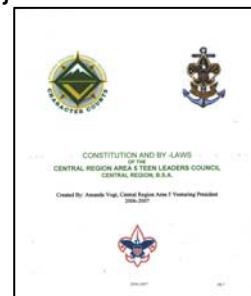
### The Councils of Central Region Area 5 Venturing

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.



### Announcing New Central Region Area 5 Venturing Bylaws

The Central Region is proud to announce the approval of the New Area 5 Venturing Bylaws. These Bylaws are available on the [National Venturing Yahoo Group](#) and the [Central Region Venturing Yahoo Group](#) sites, and I hope to soon have them on the [Central Region Venturing](#) website, and the [National Venturing Youth Cabinet](#) website. Feel free to view them at any of these locations, and then pass them on to any Venturing contact you have. These will hopefully serve as a good resource in Venturing not just within Area 5 but throughout the Nation.



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## Upcoming Area 5 Venturing Events for 2007

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/>

July 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>:

Great Rivers Council- **Week Long Venturing Camp**

Contact: David Harris [dharris@bsamail.org](mailto:dharris@bsamail.org)

July 6<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>

Quivira Council- **Kodiak-Packard High Adventure Base**

Contact: Julie Dalton [buffalogal1@cox.net](mailto:buffalogal1@cox.net)

July 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

Greater St. Louis Area Council- Kodiak

Contact: Rick McIlvoy [rmcilvoy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rmcilvoy@sbcglobal.net)

September 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

Greater St. Louis Area Council- **Fall Fun Rally**

Contact: Ben Brennecke [bbrennecke@stlbsa.org](mailto:bbrennecke@stlbsa.org)

Please send us your council's Venturing events & Venturing Adult Leader Trainings. We will list them on the Area 5 Venturing Calendar.

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### This Month's Q & A

#### ***What is a VOA?***

VOA stands for Venturing Officer's Association. This is a group of youth officers at District, Council, Regional, or National level. This group also can be known as the Teen Leaders Council (TLC).

#### ***What is the purpose and importance of a VOA?***

VOA's help council Venturing advisors and professionals to get the perspective of the youth in the council. It allows the youth to develop leadership skills, and gives council professionals a resource to build the council's Venturing program.

#### ***What are the different officer positions in a VOA?***

VOA's generally consist of four or five office positions depending on how Venturing is set up in your council. The typical four positions are President, Vice President of administration, Vice President of Program, and Vice President of Communication (Secretary). The optional office depends on if the VOA has control of a budget to work with, if so then you could have a Vice President of Finance (Treasurer).

More information about VOA's can be found on the [National Venturing Youth Cabinet](#) website.

### Quality VOA Recognition Award

This is a new idea I got from the North Eastern Region Area 4 Venturing Bylaws. I would like to create a recognition program for councils within Area 5 that have an outstanding VOA. However I would like to get your ideas on what the requirements for this award should be. If you have any suggestions please let me know.

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### Venturer You Should Know

Every month we will feature a Venturer or Advisor of the month. If you would like to submit an outstanding youth or adult involved in Venturing please send us a short bio on them.

**This month our Venturer of the Month is Jacquelyn Ruiz.**

She is a junior at Gibault Catholic High School in Waterloo Illinois. She has been in the Venturing program for two years and served as both Secretary and President for both Okaw Valley Council VOA and St. James Crew 622 in Millstadt IL. She has earned the Outdoor Bronze, Gold, Silver, Pope Pius XII, and the Venturing Leadership Award. Outside of Venturing she participates in numerous BSA events with her and younger brother. Aside from Scouting her life is filled with her family and art.

## Consulting Tip of The Month

This month's consulting tips features the links to many helpful Venturing Website with useful links and information.

National Venturing Cabinet:

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

National Venturing Site:

<http://www.scouting.org/venturing/>

Central Region:

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

Western Region:

<http://www.wrventuring-bsa.org/>

Southern Region:

<http://srventuring-bsa.org/newsite/>

Northeast Region:

<http://www.venturenortheast.com/vccfeed.php>



## 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 Silver Award

The Venturing Silver Award is available to all youth Venturing members of the Boy Scouts of America. The purpose of the Venturing Silver Award is to:

- Provide a pathway for personal development.
- Encourage Venturers to learn, grow, and serve.
- Recognize the high level of achievement of Venturers who acquire Venturing skills.
- Identify trained and highly motivated Venturers who will be a training, leadership, and program resource for other Venturers, Scouts, organizations, and the community.
- Help define Venturing.

These are requirements that all Venturing Silver Award candidates must complete:

- Earn one Venturing Bronze Award.
- Earn the Venturing Gold Award, which includes knowing and living the Venturing Oath, service, personal development, and 12 months' tenure.
- Be proficient in emergency preparedness, including earning Standard First Aid and CPR certification, and knowing and using BSA Safe Swim Defense.
- Demonstrate leadership, including successfully completing the Venturing Leadership Skills Course.
- Participate in the Ethics in Action program, including Ethical Controversies activities and an Ethics Forum.
- Show a crew review committee you have met the requirements for the Venturing Silver Award.

## 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 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>