



Central Region Area 2 Venturing

March 2007



In 2006 the Venturing programs in the following councils experienced membership growth, an increased number of Crews & Ships, and/or had an active VOA (TLC, EVOA, or VLA) working in the council: **Anthony Wayne Area, Blue Water, Buffalo Trace, Chief Okemos, Clinton Valley, Detroit Area, Gerald R. Ford, Great Sauk Trail, Lake Huron Area, and Scenic Trails**. The Advisors, youth officers and the council professionals are to be congratulated for all of their commitment and enthusiasm for developing their Venturing programs last year.

Sara Fobare

Area 2 President

Jeff Gerald

Area 2 Chairman

What is a VOA?

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

What is the purpose 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 tools to build the council's Venturing program.

What are some examples for VOA activities?

Examples of activities put on by VOA's range from organizing council-wide Venturing activities, supporting training, promoting recognition opportunities, assisting new units, and conducting award programs.

Who make up the VOA Key Three?

The key three consist of the professional in charge of Venturing in your council, the volunteer advisor for your council's Venturing program, and the council VOA President.

Who has voting rights at VOA meetings?

This depends on what you set up in your council bylaws. However, since the VOA is youth-run, typically only the youth will have a vote. Generally the president can only vote to break a tie. The adults however can have the right to subject an item to review if the voted on item is against policy or not realistic.

(Article courtesy of Amanda Vogt, Area 5 President)

News from the Field

What's happening in your council ?

The **Lake Huron Area Council TLC** is starting-up. There are many enthusiastic Venturers and Advisors in LHAC who are sure to be successful. They are hosting a **VLSC** later this month.

The **Detroit Area Council VOA** has elected **Sean King** as its new President. He succeeds **Katherine Maxim** who ably served Venturing in that position for two years. Katherine is this year's Area 2 Assemblage Chair.

The **Detroit Area Council VOA** is planning for their annual **Venturing Day** event & awards luncheon in May.

The **Crossroads of America Council** has got their Venturing Summer Camp gearing up for this summer.

The **Chief Okemos Council** has selected **Curtis Probst** to be its key volunteer contact for Venturing. We look forward to working with him.

The **Gerald R. Ford Council VOA** is proud to announce that **Chauntel Bennet** has been elected to be the new VOA President. Many thanks go to **Briana Peterman** for her outstanding term as president in 2006-07.

The **Buffalo Trace** and **Crossroads of America** councils have selected **Aaron Vikemyr** and **Carolyn Small**, **respectively**, to be key professional contacts for Venturing in their councils. Welcome aboard!

Send us a note to share stories about your successful council and/or collaborative events. If something looks interesting to you, be sure to get more details from the host council web sites.

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Activities in the Area Scheduled for 2007

Powder Horn, May 18-20 & June 1-3, Detroit Area Council, D-A Scout Ranch

Area 2 Assemblage, June 20-24, Detroit Area Council, D-A Scout Ranch

Kodiak, June 24-29, Great Sauk Trail Council, ACE Adventure Center, WV

Venturing Camp, July 22-25, Crossroads of America Council, Camp Krietenstein

Makahiki, August 11-13, Anthony Wayne Area Council, Warsaw, IN

Powder Horn, August 24-26 & Sept. 14-16, Lake Huron Area Council, Camp Rotary

Area 2 White Water Rafting Trip, June 16-19, Lake Huron Area Council



Be sure to post your activity notices on the Central Region Venturing Yahoo Groups site and Central Region Venturing web page at <http://www.crventuring.org>.

This Month's Q & A

Q. What are some other ways to supplement Venturing Training?

These videos are available to support training in the following areas:

Briefing the Organizing Committee (AV-03V012)

Moments in Common (AV-03V005)

New Crew Fast Start (AV-03V013)

Selling & Supporting Venturing (AV-03DVD20)

Selling Venturing to the Head of an Organization (AV-03V011)

Youth Protection Guidelines: Training for Adult Venturing Leaders (AV-03V014)

Youth Protection: Personal Safety Awareness (AV-09V027)

Venturing Adult Leader Fast Start (AV-0321CD)

The Venturing Experience (AV-631)

Venturing New Adult Leader Fast Start Orientation (AV-0321CD)

Venturing Professional Orientation (AV-03V015)

Venturing for Scoutmasters (AV-03V016)

Venturing at Religious Youth Groups (AV-03V017)

Sea Scouts: Chart a Course for Life (AV-03V018)

Selling and Supporting Venturing (AV-03DVD20)

Hangin' Out: Venturing Youth Recruiting (AV-03V019)



Area 2 Officer Applications

Applications are now being accepted for the position of **Area 2 Venturing President** for the 2007-2008 term of office. **The deadline for submitting all materials is May 1, 2007.** You can get the application from the Central Region Venturing web site. You can find last year's application and job description on the web page and use it for reference. The terms of office are June 1, 2007 thru May 31, 2008. We might also introduce the positions of **Area 2 VP for Indiana** and **Area 2 VP for Michigan**. More discussion on that will be done at the **Area 2 Assemblage** in June.



Training Advisors & Officers

The on-line training modules for Venturing are:

Venturing Crew Orientation

<http://olc.scouting.org/info/vco.html>

Venturing Advisor Fast Start

<http://olc.scouting.org/info/vfs.html>

Planning & Conducting a Safe Scout Outing

<http://www.scouting.org/boyscouts/supplemental/18-628/index.html>