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Venturing Oath:

As a Venturer, I promise to do my duty to God and to help strengthen America. To help others, and to seek truth, fairness, and adventure in our world.

Follow us on:



Please welcome Christina Vogt as the 2013-2014 Central Region Venturing President. Christina is from the Greater St. Louis Area Council (GSLAC) and lives in Ballwin, MO. Her term of office will begin on June 1, 2013. Christina will be attending Lindenwood University in the fall majoring in Business Administration.

Christina has served as the Central Region Venturing Vice President of Administration, Area 3 Venturing President, GSLAC VOA President, GSLAC Vice President of Administration, President and Vice President of Finance for Venturing Crew 2783, and New Horizons District Venturing President. She has earned the Outdoor, Religious Life, Arts & Hobbies, and Sports Bronze Awards; the Venturing Gold, Silver, TRUST, and Ranger Awards. She has completed all 4 levels of the P.R.A.Y. Religious Emblem Award Program. She is also currently working on her Girl Scout Gold Award. She has completed VLSC, ILSC, Kodiak, Kodiak X, Powder Horn, and NYLT. Christina served as a staff member for many of these leadership courses as well, including serving as a crew guide for the Venturing Pack and Paddle NYLT course for two summers.

Christina is a recipient of the Council and Area Venturing Leadership Awards. In the fall of 2011 she was inducted into Scouting's National Youth Leadership Society becoming only the 35th Scout in the nation to be inducted into the society since its founding in 2009. Christina served as a co-trek leader for her Crew's trek to Philmont when she was 14, and is attending Philmont once again this summer. She helped staff the centennial Scout Quest 100 in St. Louis, and the National Venturing Event in 2010. She was selected to sing the National Anthem at the opening of the BSA National Meetings in Orlando, FL in 2012.

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In high school, Christina is involved in the Show Choir, is a cellist in the school orchestra, served as the goalie for the soccer team, serves as a mentor for middle school students, and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Christina's goals for this year include helping all of the Area VOAs develop their Venturing training programs, creating an annual Central Region Venturing Event, promoting cooperation between the Area VOAs to share resources and knowledge, and further developing training and program resources within the Central Region.

2013-2014 National Venturing President Selected

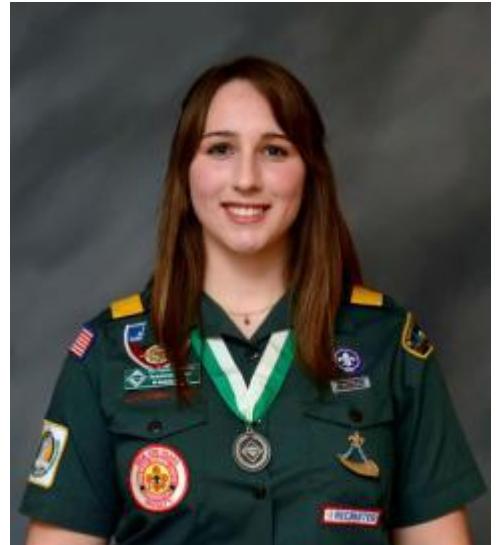
Congratulations to the NEW 2013 -2014 National Venturing President Annaliese Parker! Annaliese is from the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council, at the heart of Silicon Valley in California. She served as the Western Region Venturing president, Venturing Vice President of Communications for the Western Region, and Area 3 Venturing President in prior terms. She now attends Drexel University, where she is studying electrical engineering.

She began Venturing before age 14, with a 55-mile backpacking trip through Kings Canyon to the top of Mount Whitney in Southern California, the highest point in the contiguous United States. She knew from then on that Venturing was for her. Since that first outing she has enjoyed river rafting, more backpacking, camping, all-night service projects, and even meetings. (Her crew held meetings at a local IHOP restaurant, and they were a blast.) Northern Tier in 2010 was a crew highlight event for Annaliese: 115 miles of paddling and portages in Minnesota and Ontario at all hours of the day and night, and constant sightings of bald eagles and beavers.

From there, she branched out and started working at the council level as a Venturing Officers' Association organizer and trainer. She has been a staff member at National Youth Leadership Training several times (her council piloted the integration of Venturing into NYLT) and at the first Venturing NAYLE course.

Outside of Scouting, Annaliese likes to play lacrosse and soccer and be in the outdoors. Through participation in the National Charity League and other organizations, she has received the highest-level Presidential Service Award each year since 2009. She takes biannual camping trips to Yosemite National Park and rock climbs during the summer there. Annaliese introduced her crew to slacklining years before it was popularized by an appearance in the Superbowl, and they now regularly present it at local Scouting events.

Her mission is to build strong and lasting VOAs that, with support from areas, regions and the National Venturing Cabinet, will provide exceptional programs, recruit effectively, and increase the strength and number of their local crews.



The Central Point Caption Contest



Last month's picture:



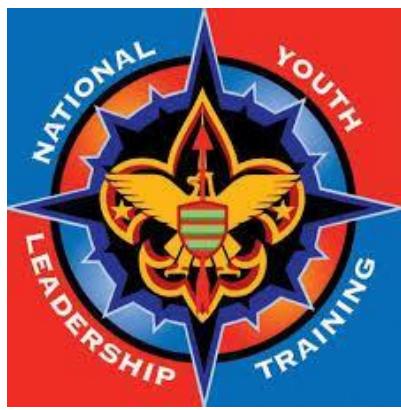
"I knew we should've taken that left turn at Albuquerque."

We know you can do better than this caption. Send in your caption, name, and council you are from to vp-communications@crventuring.org. If you win, your caption will be featured in next month's newsletter and on our Facebook page. Check back next month to see who wins.

"Venturing gives you plenty of opportunities to climb to the top."

National Youth Leadership Training

By Christina Vogt



How many of you have attended a Venturing NYLT week before? If you have, that's great! NYLT stands for National Youth Leadership Training. It is one of the best Leadership trainings currently available for Venturers. The course is comprised of presentations and games to help teach leadership skills. It is staffed by youth just like you. The amazing thing about these presentations is that the activities and games are combined with them, so you're having an intense amount of fun while you learn! During the week, you will put the skills you learn into action while having an awesome time. What are you waiting for? Go sign up for NYLT today!

If you are an NYLT Course Director or Council Professional, please submit your course information to the Central Region Venturing online calendar via http://www.crventuring.org/event_submission.php

Area 1 Upcoming events:

May 3rd-5th, Area 1 Fun Even, Kiel, WI
 May 24th-26th, Spring Shindig, South Haven, MN
 July 14th-20th, KODIAK Challenge, Phillips Scout Reservation, WI



President: [Michael Moen](#)
 Advisor: [Chris Sandberg](#)

**Area 3** Upcoming events:

April 6, Camp Drake Bike Rodeo, Fairmont, IL
 April 6, Camp Drake Shoot'n Recruit'n, Fairmont, IL
 May 17th-19th, Area 3 Sea Scout Rendezvous
 June 14th-16th, Venturing SummerBlast, Fairmount, IL
 September 27th-29th, 2013, Fall Fun Rally, High Ridge, MO

Also, check out Area 3's YouTube page!
<http://www.youtube.com/user/CRVenturingArea3>

President: [Emily Maushardt](#)
 Advisor: [Bob Vogt](#)

**Area 5** Upcoming Events:

May 27th-June 1st, NYLT, Sedan, KS
 July 28th-August 2nd, 2013, Venture Quest 2013, St. Joseph, KS



President: [Kim Legg](#)
 Advisor: [Julie Dalton](#)

**Area 2** Upcoming Events:

June 15th-18th, Area 2 White Water Rafting Trip, Lansing, MI
 August 23rd-25th, Wood Badge, Twin Lake, MI



President: [Jasmine Dittel](#)
 Advisor: [Jeff Geralds](#)

**Area 4** Upcoming Events:

No Upcoming Events



To submit an event, please go to:
Crventuring.org

President:
 Advisor:



Area 6 Upcoming Events:

April 5th-7th, Ranger Quest, Norman, IN
 April 19th-21st, Spring Ice Breaker, Howe, IN
 May 4th, Area 6 Venturing Summit



President: [Dagny Gargas](#)
 Advisor: [Carla Gargas](#)

**Venturers of the Round Table**

By Michael Moen

Area 1 is hosting its spring fun event May 3rd-5th at Camp Rokilio in Kiel, WI. The event is medieval themed, complete with lodging at an authentic castle! Events will include noodle jousting, a coronation and ball, and a craft session where we can make tunics and crowns. We hope everyone is able to attend this event, and get to know Venturers and officers from Area 1 and throughout the Central Region.

**Central Region Venturing SPLASH**

Did you miss registering for the Region Fun event , the SPLASH, April 12-14? Contact Joe Harrington at joe@hbscomputers.com to see if space is available.

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Upcoming Events:

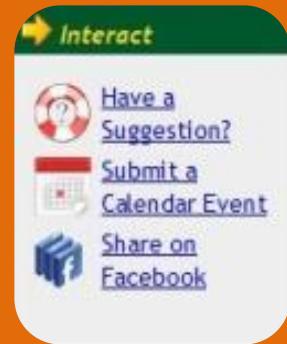
April 20th, Rock River Regatta, Loves Park, IL
 April 26th-28th, U.S. Grant Pilgrimage, Galena, IL
 May 11th, Area 7 Venturing Conference
 May 11th, NYLT New Venturing Orientation Day, Trevor, WI.
 June 16th-21st, NYLT, Woodstock, IL
 June 16th-22nd, NYLT, Rochelle, IL
 July 28th-Aug 3rd, Venturing Summer Camp, Morris, IL



President: [Grayson Wolcott](#)
 Advisor: [Kris Zahrobsky](#)

**Submit your Venturing event on the Central Region Website.**

Go to <http://crventuring.org> and click on the “submit a calendar event” button on the lower left side of the page. Fill out the form, and now you will be able reach thousands of Venturers to come to your event!



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About Our Organization...



Venturing is a Scouting program for male and female youth ages 13-21 that lets youth experience new activities, build leadership skills, earn awards, make new friends, and of course have fun.

The Central Region is one of four regions of the Boy Scouts of America. This region includes the states of: Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and West Virginia.



By Elizabeth Wisman

Hello Again Central Region Venturers!

I hope you are all finding this weird winter-spring transition to be the perfect time for Venturing! If you're like me, you're also finding it the perfect time to watch "Are You Tougher Than A Boy Scout?" What do you think?

If I'm being honest, which I am, I was a little disappointed by the first episode. I thought the challenges were not all that exciting and were too Boy Scout/Merit Badge focused; there was not enough focus on

being Prepared For Life. However, I stuck with it to find the second episode much improved! The challenges were more exciting and applicable to life outside of Scouts. I've even made a mental note to check both my car and my pack for the "Ten Essentials". What I, as I think many people, appreciated most was the Scouting Spirit this episode showed from both the Scouts and adults.

If you read my earlier article about the Scouting Spirit, you know how important it is to me. In my opinion, that spirit is what makes and defines Scouting as so much more than another extracurricular. Although my favorite line from the show in episode 2 had to be from Paul upon seeing the Cub Scouts approaching: "They're getting smaller!" (who hasn't thought that at one time or another?), I really appreciated the spirit in this one: "Lee owned up to his mistake," Michael said. "If I was his kid, I'd be proud of him."

Then again at the conclusion Paul, the final contestant, said "These guys are Eagles, and they're the best ones in the country, and they certainly proved it today. You showed your true colors starting out with 'Big South' with him trying to help me with the shooting. I got to the tower; you guys were cheering me on. You showed yourself true Scouts."

Even as the adults were being let go, they wished each other luck and were disappointed only in their own efforts rather than other members of the team. There was real emotion shown in this episode—emotion that supports the power of Scouting and its spirit. It is great to think that there are thousands of families inviting that spirit into their homes each week. What about you? What did you think of the show (you can always e-mail me, or post on our Central Region Facebook Page!) I for sure will be tuning in for next week's episode, while waiting for what we all wait for: Are You Tougher Than a Venturer?