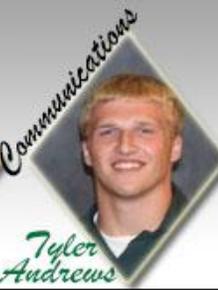
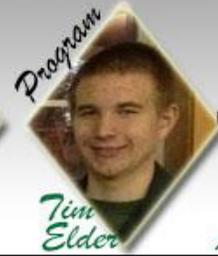


*Enjoy the Summer!
(If you don't read Calvin & Hobbes...there's a problem)*

Calvin
and
Hobbes
by WATKINSON



Central Region Venturing Area 6



*2013 Summer Volume: School's done,
Summer's fun*

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**Ah, Summer, what
power you have to
make us suffer and
like it.**

-Russell Baker

Welcome to the LAST installment of the 2012-2013 newsletters brought to you by Tyler Andrews. I hope that you have read these, or at least enjoyed the comics and the cover pages. As my tenure draws to a close, I want to leave you with several messages:

I don't know who said it, but some famous guy said something along the lines of 'I'd rather die young than grow old without a wild to be young in'. To me, that is the essence of Scouting and the essence of Venturing. No matter what your 'wild' is, go beyond the expectations and normalcy of your life and explore. We are the leaders of tomorrow, but today we must explore and discover who we really are. Invoke those feelings of adventure into other people, bring them into the Scouting movement, and let's see what kinds of incredible things we can accomplish.

This is me signing off, and handing over the reins to Mr. Brian Anderson, our 2013-2014 VP of Communications. You stay classy, Venturers of America.

Feel free to hit me up with any questions you might have! taandrew15@wabash.edu for any questions.

-Yours in Venturing,

Tyler Andrews
2012-2013 Area 6 VP of Communications

President's Corner

Hello Area 6!

As my term draws to a close, I find myself very satisfied with how much our Area has improved in the last year. We have had two very successful Area wide events in the past year, and laid some good groundwork for next year's program. I'm confident that my successor, Mandi Forsythe, will do very good work in the Area.

Although I am no longer an officer in the Area, I will continue to be involved in Venturing on the Regional level, as the Central Region Venturing Vice President of Administration. It was an honor to serve in the Area, and I thank you guys for having me.

Signing off for my term,
Dagny Gargas
2012-2013 Area 6 Venturing President.

Wait...

another President's Corner?

Hey Area 6!

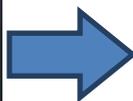
I'm Mandi. I'm a freshman at Bowling Green State University's Honors College, an am majoring in Inclusive Early Childhood Education. I've been in Venturing for three years now, and have loved every minute of it.

During my term, I would like to help to open people's eyes to the many advancement opportunities we have in the Venturing program. I learned more than I could have imagined while earning my Bronze, Gold, and Silver, and would love for everyone to have that opportunity. I look forward to serving Area 6 over the next year!

Yours in Venturing,

Mandi Forsythe

2013-2014 Area 6 Venturing President



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A letter from...Lizzie Wisman!

Hello Area 6!

Hey Venturers, It's Summer time! What do you think about when you think June/July/August? Do you think no school, summer job, flip-flops, bad tans, or the beach? If you're like me, and thousands of others, you think SUMMER CAMP! and VENTURING!

I want to take this opportunity to share with you some of my summer camp opportunities.

I had the pleasure of working at a Boy Scout camp staffing COPE and the climbing tower. Our COPE area consisted of many low rope elements used for teamwork challenges, as well as a high ropes course, which focused on personal growth. In addition, I got to splash around on waterfront night, participate in crazy skits and songs for the kids, and serve camp food 5 times a week. I spent my days outside in the woods, and my nights on starlit hikes. This job, although by far the most memorable, and meaningful, was the most demanding job I have ever held.

While working at Gerber Scout Reservation, I gained huge amounts of confidence. This confidence started as a show. However, it became far more than that. The reassurance from the staff and the boys gave me confidence to do far more than just teach a merit badge. At camp, I also learned not to allow fear to control me. I ignored my fears of heights and climbed up walls, poles, and ladders to help hundreds of boys do the same thing. I rappelled, and zip-lined forwards and backwards to prove to frightened boys (and some adults too) that it was okay. I pushed my fears of being left out, or not liked aside, and found a family. I will never let my fears keep me from something I really want.

Over the course of seven weeks of hundreds of kids each week, there were many that were scared or thought they couldn't do it. Some teams spent 45 minutes trying to figure out a, usually, 15 minute COPE challenge. In the end, these kids succeeded with more pride and self-confidence than any team that wasn't afraid or did the 15-minute challenge in 10. These kids learned to work through their problems, to communicate and use teamwork. Campers got past their fears, and gained confidence as leaders and as team members. They learned to trust each other and themselves. Being able to do this—to help these adolescents—gave me a purpose far greater than myself. I helped teach these life lessons to every camper that came through my area, and every camper helped to teach me the exact same lessons!

I share this experience not to cheer for just my camp, or even just for Boy Scout camps. I share this experience to encourage you to take your life to the next level. Seek out something you enjoy this summer—something that gives you purpose and teaches you lessons. If this is summer camp, great! If not, that's fine. Try a different summer job, day camp, volunteering, learning or teaching an instrument. Whatever you do, do something you love! Venture out, and you will reap the benefits.

Yours in Venturing,

Lizzie Wisman
2012-2013 Central Region Venturing President

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AREA 6 SUMMIT

The Area 6 Summit was a blast this year! We had about 25 Scouts show up, in addition to our VOA leaders and adults. There was a great deal of discussion about how to improve Venturing and how we can make Area 6 one of the best areas in all of Venturing, not just the Central Region. If you missed it, no worries, make sure you stay tune for the Summit next year! We each have our PowerPoint presentations saved, so if you want to use them as resources contact any of us via our email addresses. Venturers! It is important that you stay active not only within your unit but also in your district and your council! I can almost guarantee you that your district and council VOA positions have not all been taken, so I highly recommend that you apply to them! Venturing is 15 years young, and the greatest way to make it better and brighter is to fill every organizational role that we can! (Area 3 has a VOA in every single district, and it makes them huge!) We want to be the area that everyone compares to, so let's see what we can do to make it happen. Step up and see if your district or council VOA has all of its positions filled!

Message from our New National President!

Hello Area 6!

This upcoming year for Venturing will be both historic and busy. In combination with the new changes to Venturing and the repercussions from the membership standards issue, Venturing will rise to a new level. Despite being only 15 years old, Venturing continues to grow its VOAs at all levels each year, which in turn helping retain more members than the year before. Membership is something that Venturing continues to struggle with, but the National Cabinet has taken action for this to be no longer our biggest issue. At the 2012 National Meeting in May, the National Cabinet rolled out the Peer to Peer Recruitment campaign. With some being confused by the name, the materials in the packets are tools to help the members of an individual unit recruit for his or her crew. Venturing grows membership not by adults recruiting for units, but by youth inviting their friends to do something awesome.

Peer to Peer Recruitment is not the only the National Cabinet will doing next year, they will also be heavily supporting council VOAs and promoting their existence. They are the secret to Venturing membership and higher leadership opportunities. Some of the best events in Venturing are put on by councils, and I hope that someday every council has a functioning VOA that can put on a spectacular event and support the crews with any of the needs they have. Each year with the development of more VOAs, we grow a stronger and better program for the men and women of the United States. With the release of the changes to the Venturing program, we will venture into occasionally unfamiliar territory and surely many new concepts. But I am confident that these changes will not only make our program stronger, but help it to grow significantly in years to come. Letting go of what has been done in the past will always be difficult, but from time to time everything needs to evolve and be improved upon. I hope that every crew will receive the new changes with open arms and embrace the new opportunities the program can offer them.

It is an honor to be the National Venturing President who starts the initiative and roll out of these plans. If anyone has any questions, I am only an email away. Please email me with questions at NationalVenturing.President@scouting.org.

Yours in Venturing,

Annaliese Parker

2013-2014 National Venturing President

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.

