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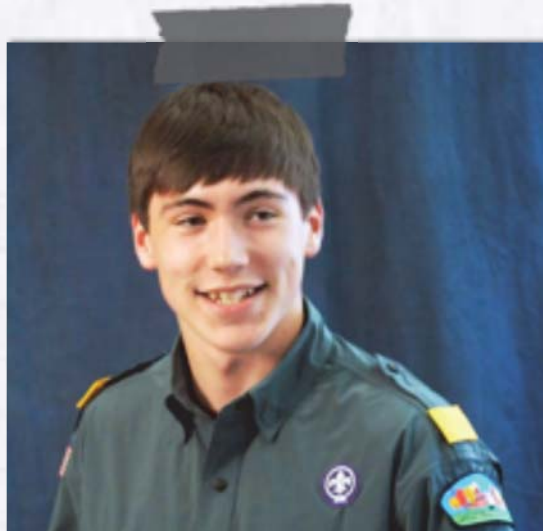
CENTRAL REGION/AREA 4/OHIO AND WEST VIRGINIA

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## Welcome to Area 4!

My name is Henry Gunther and I will be serving as your Area 4 President. The Area 4 officers and myself really want to make Venturing a fun and well organized program. To do that, we have set two big goals with wide-ranging implications. First, we wish to establish strong Operating Procedures. The Area 4 Venturing Officers Association (VOA), as some of you know, was not active last year. Because of this, our new VOA has to set the precedent for future officers. Creating strong Operating Procedures is a perfect way of doing that. We will be setting the guidelines for officers after us and making their job a little easier from the start. The second big goal we have is to include councils in our Area VOA and support those councils however we can. We really want to be in good communication with all the venturers in our Area so we can get representation and input from all the Venturing Crews. The best way of doing that is being in good contact with Council VOAs. We really want to encourage Council Presidents to join our VOA meetings (more information on participating in these meetings will be coming soon). Our Vice President of communications, Hampton Zobrist, is on top of things, as you can see in this newsletter, so I have high hopes for our relationships with all the councils in the future. Aside from big goals, we plan to have some great Area events and promote venturing all throughout Area 4. If I may ask one HUGE thing of you reading this letter, it is to go out and recruit. Not a full campaign (although that would be awesome), just talk to some friends who you think would like Venturing. You are the best recruiters. Venturing is an amazing and unique program. Why not let some people in on the fun?



## President: Henry Gunther

Henry is a 17 year old Venturer from Crew 2001 in the Great Trail Council in Akron, Ohio. He has been a Boy Scout for 7 years and a Venturer for 4. His scouting career has taken him all over. He has camped over 200 nights, gone white water rafting down the New River, backpacked 72 miles through Philmont Scout Ranch, spent the weekend in a tent through freezing temperatures, and in 2011 helped build trails with the Order of the Arrow during the week long conservation project in Mount Hope West Virginia: SummitCorps. His outdoor experiences don't end with scouting. He is a member of Walsh Jesuit High School's Outdoors club through which he does even more backpacking and some rock climbing.

Henry has held many positions including Crew President and Senior Patrol Leader for Troop One. He has completed and served on the staff of a council led Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC), on E.D.G.E. training, and was a Venturing Crew guide for Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills where he also instructed in first

Aid. He is National Youth Leadership trained and Wilderness and Remote First Aid certified and has served as an instructor in that course. He is currently working on completing the requirements for Eagle Scout, having already completed his project.

A member of the class of 2014 at Walsh Jesuit high School, Henry runs Track and Field and is an active member of the high school's social justice programs. He has participated in service on Monday nights designed to help the homeless in Akron through sharing a meal and making friendly connections. He is going on a service trip to Immokalee, Florida this June and was selected as a leader for Walsh Jesuit's Kairos religious 4th day retreat. He is also a member of the National Honor Society.

Henry's goal as Area 4 president is to establish a productive and efficient VOA that will promote venturing to Councils and Crews throughout Area 4 leading to increased membership and participation.

## SPOTLIGHT



**Name:** Olivia Slater

**Age:** 17

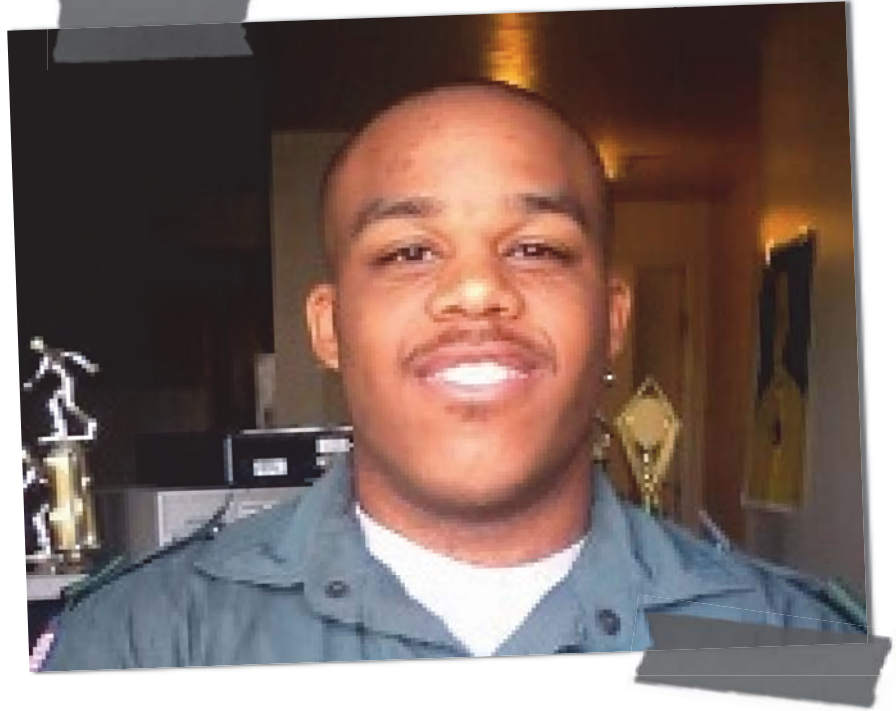
**Crew:** 3477

**Council:** Buckskin

**Hobbies:** Robotics, Cross Country, Reading

**Favorite Venturing memory:** When our robotics team/crew made it to the World Championship. Such an eye opening experience!

## VP-Administration: JV Hooks



Jevan is a 20 year old Venturer from Crew 289 in Greater WEstern Reserve Council in Wickliffe, Ohio. He has been a Venturer for 3 years and was a Boy Scout for 3 years. His Scouting career has been a huge adventure for him. He has served on camp staff and worked with Greater Cleveland Council as a Program Aide, Cubmaster, and Unit Commissioner. For JV, Venturing has brought adventure, opportunities and an opportunity to serve.

A 2011 graduate of Euclid High School (Euclid, OH), Jevan is currently studying Criminal Justice and will be entering the police academy in September 2013. While attending high school, he was active in Key Club and Audio Visual Club. He participated in NJROTC completing the program as a Cadet Lt. Commander with a lot of leadership traits and training under his belt. He is currently a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. He plays Semi-Pro Rugby and Semi-Pro Soccer in Cleveland, for a travel team and home teams. He loves sports and the outdoors.

He is working on his Gold award, Outdoor Bronze, and Ranger award in his crew. He currently holds the Bronze award in sports. He has range leadership skills and much more. Jevan serves as the current Secretary and Webmaster for Venturing Crew 289.

As an Area VP of Admin, his goal is to broaden the horizon for Venturing such as recruiting new members and gaining the popularity of Venturing back into the world through the Councils in his Area.



### Advisor: Duane Zobrist

Howdeee Area 4 Venturing. I am excited to be working with this committed and enthusiastic Area VOA. Henry, JV, Hampton and Virginia have been working hard to revitalize our area venturing programs.

Watch for upcoming details on our area conference and area fun day. Venturing is about serving the council's needs by helping strengthen their VOAs.

If there is anything we can do to help you strengthen Venturing in your council, please let us know.

## NATIONAL JAMBOREE

Scouts

40,000

Activities

70

Days

10

Virginia began with Scouts the summer before her freshman year of high school when she and her twin sister began Venturing Crew 1893 chartered by St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Charleston, WV. She was elected treasurer of her crew at the first meeting and has held that position ever since. As a member of the Venturing Crew, Virginia has participated in many of the activities the crew has done such as zip lining, camping, and community service projects. She recently visited the Summit Bechtel Reserve for the dedication of the Console Energy Bridge.

Outside of Scouting, Virginia likes to participate in her school theatre as a member of the tech crew. In addition to theatre, she

## VP-PROGRAM: VIRGINIA MCGHEE



enjoys math and science; her favorite subject is Chemistry.

Virginia's goals as Vice President of Program are to

plan an Area 4 VOA white water rafting trip, a conservation project, and a VOA training meeting.

## SUMMIT BECHTEL RESERVE: NATIONAL JAMBOREE



Imagine 50,000 Scouts, Venturers, volunteers, and staff from all over the country, all gathered together for one big celebration of Scouting. Held once every four years, the national jamboree is a chance to camp out with friends, meet new friends, try high-adventure activities, learn new skills, and enjoy the outdoors. Over 10 days, there are exhibits, stadium shows with entertainment, opportunities to work on merit badges — there's something for everybody.

[www.summit.scouting.org](http://www.summit.scouting.org)

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### Who is going to the Jamboree?

As staff	30%
As a participant	30%
Not going	40%

# VP-Communications: Hampton Zobrist

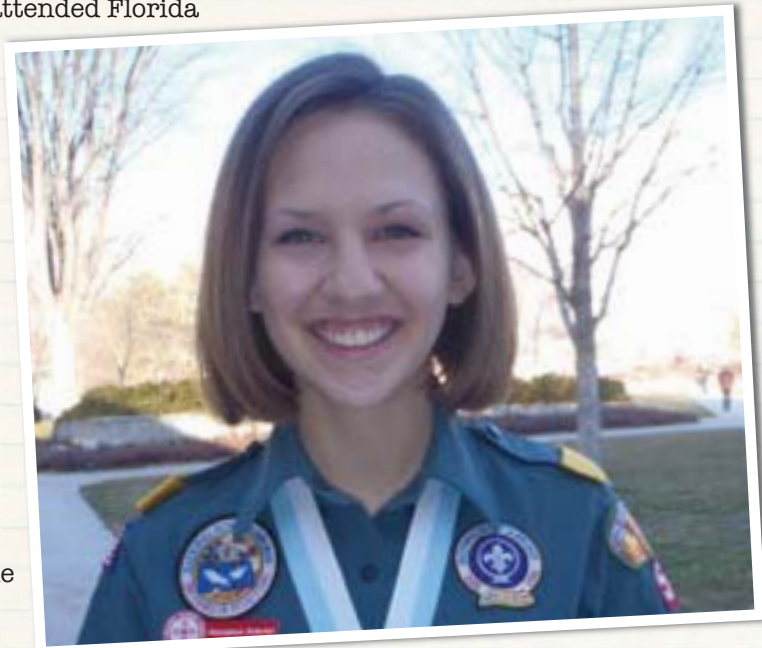
Hampton joined Venturing as an excite 16 year-old anxious to be involved with Scouting. For her first Venturing event, Hampton attended the 2010 National Jamboree as Technology Quest staff. This exciting new experience launched her into a world previously unknown.

One year later, Hampton had already started her own robotics-focused crew with several friends and Boy Scouts. As a crew, they have been launched onto the national robotics stage by winning a national award for their spirit and enthusiasm at the yearly National FIRST competition. Hampton has also individually earned her Bronze, Gold, and Silver awards, is completing her Ranger award, and has been awarded the council VLA. She has completed both Powder Horn and Woodbadge training.

For the past three years, Hampton has been asked to be on staff for the Philmont NAYLE, serving in the positions of crew guide, crew advisor, and assistant senior crew leader. This past

winter, she attended Florida Sea Base spending a week diving in the beautiful Florida Keys.

Aside from Scouting, Hampton enjoys doing anything outdoors. She is an avid snowboarder and SCUBA diver. With three younger brothers, all involved with Scouting, Hampton is always helping with Scout events in her area. Born and raised a West Virginian, Hampton is attending Brigham Young University studying Electrical Engineering. She is still very involved with Venturing Crew 3477 (West Virginia) and Crew 51 (Utah).



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 4: Independence Day
- July 11: Cheer up the Lonely Day
- July 13: Embrace Your Geekness Day
- July 15-25: National Jamboree @ Bechtel Summit
- July 15: Cow Appreciation Day
- July 24: Cousins Day

## COMING NEXT MONTH!

- High adventure activities in your area!
- The 2013 Jamboree Review
- Venturing Spotlight

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