



Central Region Area 3 Venturing Newsletter

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Crew Officer Orientation, ILSC, & VLST

Area 3 will be offering an Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC), Venturing Leader Specific Training (VLST), and Crew Officer's Orientation on March 8, 2014. ILSC is a basic leadership course designed to give youth the skills they need to become successful leaders in their crews. It covers topics ranging from crew organization and planning to effective communication and servant leadership. Fun activities and games keep participants engaged and interested in learning the various methods for becoming a better leader.

All scouts of Venturing age (14-21) are

welcome to attend.

A youth can come without adult leadership if necessary, because adult leadership will be provided by Area 3.

This is also a chance to meet and hang out with your Area 3 officers in a fun setting!!



RECAP:

When:
March 8, 2014
10am-4pm

Where:
St. Louis, MO
(Near Manchester Road and 141)

Register by:
March 5, 2014.

Get the registration form by clicking [HERE](#) or visiting http://www.crventuring.org/Area_Pages/Area_3/

Cost:
\$10 includes lunch and materials

Questions?
Contact Lizzie Schneider, Area 3 Venturing President, or Amanda Vogt, Area 3 Associate Advisor of Program



Upcoming Calendar of Events for Area 3

February 15th: CVSE petition due

February 15th: Application for Region President/VPs due

February 18th: The New Venturing Part 1– Unit Level Changes Webinar

March 1st: Applications for Area President/VPs due

March 8th: Crew Officer's Orientation and ILSC

March 18th: The New Venturing Part 2– Council through National Changes Webinar

April 25-27th: Powder Horn in GSLAC

May 16-18th: Central Region Rendezvous



The Lost Venturee

Once upon a time, there was a council wide Venturee planned for the Kingdom of WD Boyce. The Venturee was to be the social event of the year where Venturers and Explorers would gather to make merriment and lay games of chance. But! The Evil Director of the event would not tell anybody where it was held. She would give them only one clue and they would have to use a modern gadget called a GPS to locate a total of six clues in order to make it to the Venturee. This Road Rally style event will take place of April 12, 2014. More information can be found at the following website: www.wdboyce.org or by calling Russ Glass at 309-657-8841. Will you be able to find it?



Powder Horn Course

The Greater St. Louis Area Council Powder Horn Course is happening April 25th-27th and May 9th-11th, 2014. The Powder Horn course is designed to help a crew by exposing older Scouts, Venturers, and adult leaders to safely conducted outdoor/high-adventure activities of a fun and challenging nature. The course provides an introduction to the resources needed to successfully lead youth through a program of outdoor adventure and is based upon giving participants an exposure to some outdoor/high-adventure activities.

Get your registration forms in fast to reserve your spot! Space is limited.
<http://www.powderhornstl.org/>

Got An Event?

Does your Council have an event they'd like to promote? Area 3 can help! Email Maddy Kangas at mkangas2@illinois.edu with information about your event or upload submissions to the Central Region calendar at http://www.crventuring.org/event_submission.php

Venturers love attending events to meet new friends and enjoy activities that are out of the box and over the top. Use your imagination for creative events this year to recruit new members and retain your existing members.

2014 Central Region Rendezvous



Start gathering your swimsuits and sunscreen because the 2014 Central Region Rendezvous will be upon us before we know it! This event will be on **May 16-18th, 2014**, the weekend before Memorial Day. Located at Camp Illinek on **Lake Springfield in Springfield Illinois (only 90 minutes from the Arch)**, the Rendezvous is for any scout: Sea Scout, Venturer, or Boy Scout at least 14 years or older. Like the Greater St. Louis Area Council Fall Fun Rally, the Rendezvous is a fun-filled weekend that will have over 30 events including **sailing, boating triathlons, cardboard canoe races, swamped canoe races, and much more fun**. For the cardboard canoe races, you'll get to construct your best boat out of cardboard and duct tape and then race it in the water against the other teams before it sinks! For more information about this great weekend, go to: <http://www.alincolnbsa.org> or: <https://sites.google.com/site/crseascoutrendezvous/> Also check out this video about the Rendezvous on YouTube and look us up on Facebook! <http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=1U4vWTgD4yU> It is going to be great!!



Area 3 Venturing Conference

WERE YOU THERE?



Nearly 100 Venturers and leaders attended the Central Region Area 3 Venturing Conference on January 10-11 in Normal, IL. Four different training treks were offered with nearly 20 sessions presented in the new Venturing, outdoor adventure, Venturing Officers Associations, marketing & recruiting, Sea Scouting, and much more! Participants enjoyed activities from cooking to teambuilding games and the opportunity to connect with Venturers from across the nation. At the conference, youth leaders Lizzie Schneider, Louis Sinn, Katie Bruton, and Maddy Kangas were presented the Area Venturing Leadership Award.

To see a time lapse of the conference, check out
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HSVWScbwD40&feature=youtu.be>



Becoming an Area Officer

Have you ever wanted to see what lies in store beyond your council? Would you like to grow in your leadership skills? Maybe you just want to wear some fancy gold epaulettes! If you are interested in becoming an Area, Region, or National officer, keep on reading! The possible positions are President, Vice-President of Administration, Vice-President of Program, and Vice-President of Communications. As an officer beyond council, you are able to see the vast scope of Venturing throughout the nation. Area officers work with all the councils within their jurisdiction to host larger events and promote Venturing

throughout the Area. Regional officers work with all the areas in their jurisdiction. For example, Central Region Area 3 encompasses eleven councils across three states. The Region level works with all areas within its region, and the Central Region has seven areas. The National level of course encompasses the entire United States.

It is possible for you to apply for positions at any of these levels. In order to apply, you must submit the Venturing President and Vice President Nomination Form, located at <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/venturing/pdf/>

[VTPresidentNomination-Form.pdf](#). Included in the application is a Biography section where you can tell the selection committee all about yourself and what you have done. By Feb. 15, 2014, applications for Region Venturing President and Vice President positions are due. Finally, March 1, 2014, is the deadline to submit your application for Area Venturing president and vice president positions. Being an Area, Region, or National officer is truly a rewarding experience and is a lot of fun. If you love Venturing and all it has to offer, I strongly encourage you to apply!

-Alex Johar



Area 3 Venturing President's Corner



In 2014, Venturers have a lot to look forward to. At this point in the year, it is time for crews to continue planning out their calendars. Having a sound foundation for your summer is important to a successful and exciting program. Whether your crew plans to go bowling, participate in shooting sports, or experience a high adventure trip, you should find yourself getting out there, getting involved, and having fun! If you're looking for somewhere to set up a campout or activity, you can check the Where To Go Venturing section of www.crventuring.org for information on locations all over the nation.

If your crew is struggling or doesn't have enough people, don't be afraid to work with other crews throughout the year. Multi-crew events can be both fun and rewarding for all involved. District and council events can provide activities that may be overseen at the crew level. Having the chance to work with others and expand your horizons. Don't miss out on opportunities available to you; there are plenty throughout the area. You can check the Central Region website calendar for local events and also submit your events to the calendar.

I hope your calendar is packed full with all things Venturing. I can speak from experience that there is plenty to keep us busy in Areas 3. Maybe I will see you at an event soon!!

Yours in Venturing,
Lizzie Schneider
Area 3 Venturing President



*Lizzie's goals for this year can be found at: <http://crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=697>

Task Force Area 3 Sea Scout Boatswain's Corner

**Looking for an adventure to kick off your summer?
Check out the Central Region Rendezvous!**

It's the Fall Fun Rally on water!

The event is open to all SCOUTS (14 years and older) and all COUNCILS: *Boy Scouts, Explorers, Venture Scouts, and Sea Scouts*

It starts Friday, May 16, 2014 at 5pm and ends Sunday morning, May 18

Camporee style camping

Meals are provided on Saturday and Sunday breakfast

And you also get a t-shirt for participation.

You can find more information by going to the website at [web area3rendezvous.wordpress.com](http://web.area3rendezvous.wordpress.com)

WHERE:

Camp Illinek,
Springfield, Illinois

WHEN:

May 16-18, 2014

COST:

\$30 per person

REGISTRATION: alincolnbsa.org

We are also looking for Ships and Venturing Crews and other volunteers to have fun with us and help us out for this event. You have the opportunity to have fun and meet other Ventures like yourselves. Please register with your crew, unit, or post or contact Bill Hamilton, Area 3 Commodore at whami9@aol.com; John Schmidt Area 3 Boatswain at smitykid5@yahoo.com; Matt O'Brien, Abraham Lincoln Council, Venturing and Exploring District Executive, at matt.obrien@scouting.org 217-529-2727.

See you there!

-John Schmidt



Venturing Webinars

Bringing Scouting Resources into Your Own Home

**CR AREA 3
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To Join a webinar follow one of the sets of instructions below.

Voice Only (by phone): Dial (559) 546-1200, when asked for a meeting ID enter 176-442-028#. Once you have entered the webinar please mute your phone by dialing *6. If you want to un-mute your phone dial *6 as well.

Voice/PPT (by internet):

Go to

[http://www.FreeScreenSharing.com/
meetings/176-442-028](http://www.FreeScreenSharing.com/meetings/176-442-028)

Time: 7:00-7:45pm CDT



2014 Webinar Series Schedule:

February 18th: The New Venturing Part 1– Unit Level Changes

See how the revitalized Venturing program will affect your own crew

March 18th: The New Venturing Part 2– Council through National Changes

Find information on changes at council through national levels of Venturing in the future.

April 17th: Venturing Trainings/Purpose of Venturing Officers' Associations

The next step after serving as a crew officer is to become part of a district or council Venturing Officers' Association (VOA).

May 27th: Open Microphone Month (Send us your Questions)

*Have you missed any of the past webinars? No worries! They are posted on the Area 3 YouTube channel. Check the following link for videos by Area 3:
<http://www.youtube.com/user/CRVenturingArea3/videos>

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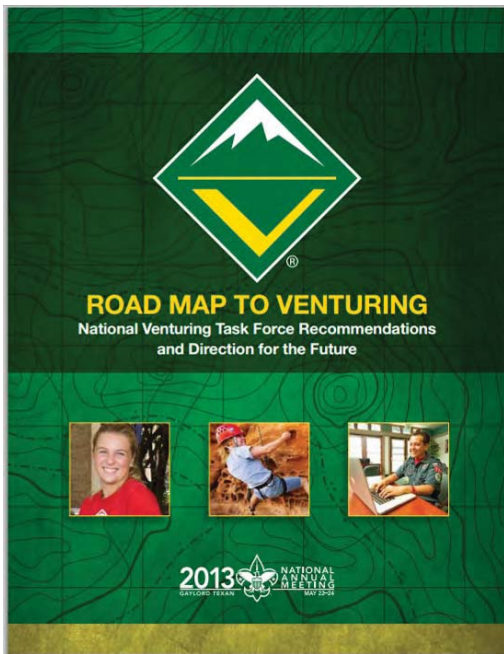
Venturing Recruitment Tool-Kit

The National Venturing Cabinet has put together a customizable recruitment kit for units and councils to use when recruiting new youth members. Check out the fliers and recruitment materials on the national website.

Peer to Peer Link: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Marketing/Recruiting2/VenturingToolBox.aspx>



CHANGES ARE COMING



You've heard all sort of talk about changes coming to the Venturing program, but do you really know what's going on?

The Venturing program is revamping its governance, its program strategies, systems of advancement, training, and Journey to Excellence.

Want to know more about these changes?

Check out <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Venturing/NewProgAnnouncement.aspx>



Announcements can also be found on the Central Region Facebook Group

Area 3 Venturing Facebook Groups

Did you know that your council has a Venturing Facebook Group? Many of our councils have developed their own Facebook Groups. Those that did not have one had one established by the Central Region Venturing Communication Committee. They will be serving as the group administrator until a local youth or adult steps forwards to administer the group. The following are the links to each of our council's Venturing Facebook Groups:

Area 3 Venturing Facebook Group:
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=17279505847>

Abraham Lincoln Venturing Facebook Group:
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=44059028761>

Greater St. Louis Area Venturing Facebook:
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=48964223809>

Hawkeye Area Venturing Facebook Group:
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2246395863>

Illowa Venturing Facebook Group:
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=51644697397>

Lewis & Clark Venturing Facebook Group:
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=129355675712>

Lincoln Trails Venturing Facebook Group:
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/55168864010/>

Mississippi Valley Venturing Facebook Group:
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=119055695511>

Northeast Iowa Venturing Facebook Group:
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=60552383208>

Prairielands Venturing Facebook Group:
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/55303044593/>

W. D. Boyce Venturing Facebook Group:
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=8316386849>

Winnebago Venturing Facebook Group:
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/61890416839/>

