



# Central Region Area 3 Venturing Newsletter

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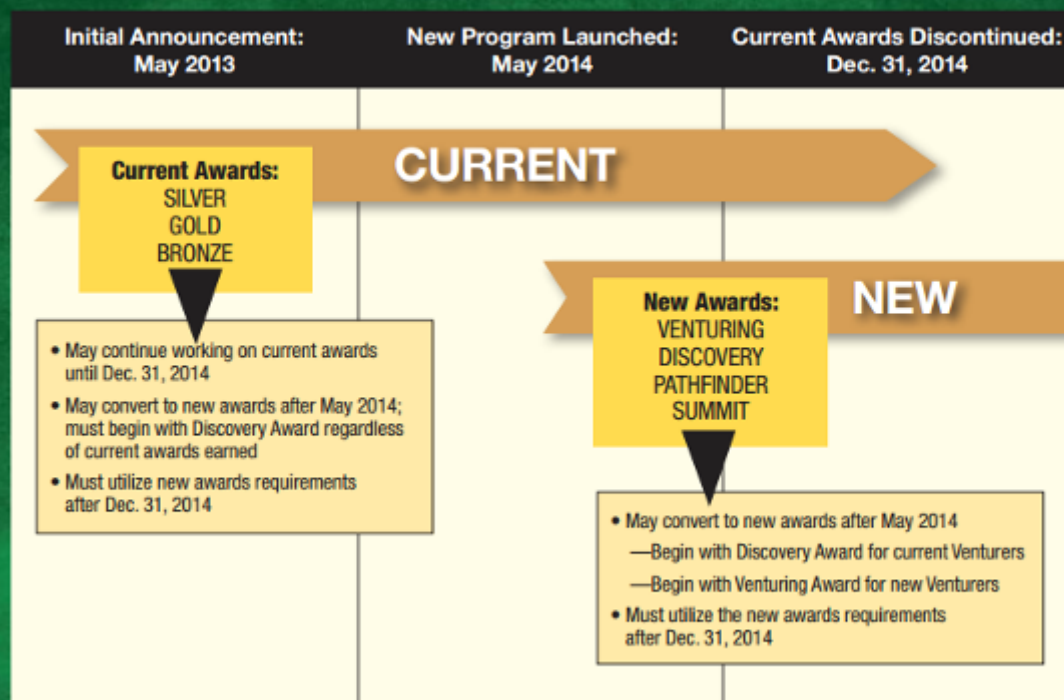
## Venturing Program Update

As of June 1, 2014, you can work on the new Venturing Awards. The new Venturing Awards are designed to help Venturers grow in the areas of adventure, leadership, personal growth, and service.

This is a reminder for those youth that if you are wanting to earn the Bronze, Gold or Silver Awards then you need to complete them before December 31. That is just SIX months, so get going if you want to have these awards.

Now if you want to start earning the new awards, get on your mark, get set... go! You can begin working on the new Venturing awards program. Venturing, Discovery, Pathfinder, and Summit Award.

### AWARDS TRANSITION PLAN



# Venturing Awards and Outcomes

## VENTURING AWARD

### Award Focus: Joining

- Commitment to a new experience
- BSA training on personal safety

## DISCOVERY AWARD

### Award Focus: Participation

- Small-group management skills training
- Earn first-aid and CPR certifications
- Goal-setting training
- Time-management training
- Minimum of 24 hours of service
- Establish and achieve at least one personal goal, including peer and advisor review

## PATHFINDER AWARD

### Award Focus: Leadership

- Project management training
- Plan and lead at least one crew activity of one day or longer
- Serve in elected leadership position for six months or more
- Experiential training in conflict resolution, communications, group dynamics, cooperation, and ethical controversies
- Plan and lead activity to enhance crew sustainability
- Plan and participate in service of 36 hours or more
- Establish and achieve two personal goals

## SUMMIT AWARD

### Award Focus: Mentoring

- Mentoring and coaching skills training
- Mentor a crew member in planning and leadership of crew activity
- Serve in elected leadership position for six months
- Lead the delivery of small-group management skills and training
- Complete advanced leadership training
- Plan, develop, and give leadership to community service project
- Complete goal development and planning for all realms of personal growth
- Create personal code of conduct for review by peers and adult advisors
- Lead and guide ethical controversy and conflict resolution discussion with crew



# Upcoming Calendar of Events for Area 3

June 13-15th: Venturing SummerBlast in Prairielands Council

July 20-26th: Venturing NYLT in GLSAC

September 26-28th: Fall Fun Rally in GSLAC

November TBD: Area 3 Program Conference in Normal, IL

January 16th-17th, 2015: Area 3 Venturing Conference



## Venturing SummerBlast

Start marking your calendars for SummerBlast 2014! Held the weekend of June 13-15, Venturers will have the opportunity to participate in many fun activities, such as shooting, swimming, boating, cooking, low ropes, and geocaching. They will also have the opportunity to take courses required for bronze and silver awards, like a Leave No Trace Course and a CPR Course. There will be camping, bonfires, cardboard boats, volleyballs, and even an Iron Chef Dessert cook off (yum!). So be on the look out for more information and registration that is soon to come.

*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.*

## Fall Fun Rally

The 2014 Fall Fun Rally is coming up on September 26-28th. This years theme is 250 Years of Adventure in St. Louis, with a Doctor Who Theme also. More information will be coming out in later Newsletters, but save the date and registration begin July 1, 2014.



## Got An Event?

Does your Council have an event they'd like to promote? Area 3 can help! Email Chance Ziegler at [zigscouter@gmail.com](mailto:zigscouter@gmail.com) with information about your event or upload submissions to the Central Region calendar at [http://www.crventuring.org/event\\_submission.php](http://www.crventuring.org/event_submission.php)

# See For Yourself

## SWIFT & NYLT

### John S. Swift Base

Every week at Swift is packed with great program at a Venturing specific camp. Activities can include challenge course, water skiing, sailing, mountain biking, tubing, horseback riding, shotguns, rifles, archery, and more! Each week also has a theme that will include theme specific activities! During these weeks you can still do all the traditional Swift activities, but you can also choose to participate in some of the other great activities we've got going on.

June 15-June 21 Past. Present, Future

June 22-June 28 Sea Scout and Pirate Invasion

July 6 - July 12 Are You Tough Enough?

During these weeks we'll have experts supplementing the Swift staff, and we will be bringing in extra equipment for these programs. Imagine the waterfront full of sailboats, or taking a climb on a natural rock face-- at night. Registration for 2014 is open now. Crews and Ships get first priority. To reserve a slot is \$25, and the rest is due before camp. Pay by camper savings on May 1, and you'll get an early payment discount. A provisional (individual) signup will also be available. At most, 4 youth from one unit may signup for provisional. To register, visit [http://venturing.gslac.org/sites/venturing.gslac.org/files/2014%20Swift%20Base%20Registration%20Form\\_0.pdf](http://venturing.gslac.org/sites/venturing.gslac.org/files/2014%20Swift%20Base%20Registration%20Form_0.pdf)

## NYLT

National Youth Leadership Training, or NYLT, is a youth leadership program designed to give Venturers the skills they need to go above and beyond in their roles as leaders in their Crew and their life. It is taught by youth for youth with activities and games designed to reinforce concepts explained in presentations. The interactive learning keeps participants engaged and make sure they really have the material down. There are several opportunities for Venturers to participate in leadership this summer. The Greater St. Louis Area Council is hosting Venturing NYLT Pack and Paddle this experience July 21st-27th! NYLT will be held at S-F Scout Ranch just south of Farmington, MO. Spend half the week backpacking all around S-F Scout Ranch and the other half paddling to parts of S-F that many scouts never get to see. To register visit the events page at [http://www.crventuring.org/Area\\_Pages/Area\\_3/](http://www.crventuring.org/Area_Pages/Area_3/) NYLT is also available in Lewis and Clark Council from July 27-August 2. More information can be found by visiting their website at <http://www.lewisandclarkbsa.org/> Additionally, you can





# Welcome Katie Bruton,

*2014-2015 Area 3 Venturing President*

Katie Bruton has been selected as the 2014-2015 Central Region Area 3 Venturing President. Katie is a member of Ship 5454 and Venturing Crew 2783, part of the Greater St. Louis Area Council. She attends St. Francis Borgia Regional High School in Washington, Missouri.

Katie currently serves as the Central Region Sea Scout Boatswain. She has also served as the Central Region Area 3 Sea Scout Boatswain, Ship 5454 Boatswain, Ship 5439 Yeoman and Storekeeper. Katie has earned the Venturing Bronze, Gold, and Silver Awards. She has been recognized for her outstanding leadership with the Area Venturing Leadership Award. In Sea Scouting, Katie has earned the Small Boat Handler, Qualified Seaman, and Long Cruise Awards. She has completed the Able Rank. Katie has taken ILSC, the NYLT-NAYLE Bridge Course, and NAYLE.

She staffed the pilot NAYLE course at Sea Base this spring, and will be a part of the staff for a NAYLE course at Philmont Scout Ranch. She is also currently planning the Central Region Rendezvous that will take place in May.

Outside of Scouting, Katie runs track, is a Student Council Officer, and is a member of her school's Future Business Leaders of America, Christian Life Communities, and Drama Clubs. She is a member of the Monsignor's List for her outstanding academic achievement. She is regularly on A Honor Roll at school.

As the Area 3 Venturing President, Katie would like to ensure a smooth transition into the new changes to the Venturing program, continue to publish monthly Area 3 Venturing newsletters, promote the opportunities within Venturing to other youth, and to emphasize the value of servant leadership.

# Area 3 Vice Presidents

## **Amanda Sander**, 2014-2015 Area 3 Vice President of Program



Amanda Sander has been selected as the 2014-2015 Central Region Area 3 Vice President of Program. She is a member of Crew 2783 out of the Greater St. Louis Area Council (GSLAC). Amanda became involved in Scouting at the age of 14 and since then has earned the Venturing Outdoor Bronze Award, the Venturing Gold Award, the Venturing Silver Award, and the Council Venturing Leadership Award. Amanda has served as the Crew VP of Program, Crew President (for two consecutive terms), and the New Horizons District VOA President.

Amanda has taken the Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews and Ships (ILSC), National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), and GSLAC Powder Horn (Spring 2014). She has staffed ILSC, the 2014 Central Region Area 3 Venturing Conference, the GSLAC University of Scouting, and the 2013 National Jamboree.

Amanda has graduated from John F. Kennedy Catholic High School and has been in National Honor Society and on First and Second Honors every semester throughout her high school career. In school, Amanda was also a Luke 18 Retreat Youth Leader, and Co-Head for Lights Crew in the theatre department for the Fall Play and the Spring Musical. Amanda will be attending the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri in the fall and pursue a degree in Veterinary Medicine.

As an Area 3 VP, Amanda wants to help others enjoy Venturing as much as she has and increase the number of youth participating in the program. She plans on doing this by communicating the programs, events, and opportunities that are offered in Venturing and helping to make sure the Venturing Program in Area 3 is running smoothly.

# Area 3 Vice Presidents

## **Emma O'Donnell**, 2014-2015 Area 3 Vice President of Administration



Emma O'Donnell has been selected as the 2014-2015 Central Region Area 3 Vice President of Administration. She is a member of Crew 2648 out of the Greater St. Louis Area Council (GSLAC). Emma has served as her Crew President for two terms, the Gravois Trail District Venturing Officers Association (VOA) Vice-President of Administration, and the Gravois Trail District VOA Vice-President of Program. Emma has earned the Founder's Strip and is currently working towards her Venturing Bronze, Gold, and Silver Awards. She has taken the Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC), Kodiak Challenge Course, and GSLAC Powder Horn (Spring 2014). Emma has staffed ILSC (the first ever ILSC in Gravois Trail District), the 2014 Central Region Area 3 Venturing Conference, the GSLAC University of Scouting (2013, 2014), and a Kodiak Challenge Course.

Emma currently attends Oakville High School and has been in National Honor Junior Society and High School Academic Honor Roll. In school, Emma was 1 of only 5 people in her grade selected to play in the Wind Symphony, and is in Marching Band and Brass Choir playing the French Horn.

As an Area 3 VP, Emma wants to help others enjoy Venturing as much as she has, increase the number of youth participating in the program and help others start new units. Emma is very excited for the new Venturing Program and would like to help to ensure that there is a smooth transition and everyone understands the new requirements and fundamentals.

# Area 3 Vice Presidents

**Chance Ziegler**, 2014-2015 Central Region Area 3 Vice President of Communications



Chance Ziegler has been selected as the 2014-2015 Central Region Area 3 Vice President of Communications. Chance is currently serving as the Shawnee District Venturing VOA President. He is a member of Crews 4205, 4248, and 4216 out of the Greater St. Louis Area Council (GSLAC). Chance became involved in Scouting as a Cub Scout at the age of 5 and has been very active ever since! Since joining Scouting, Chance has become an Eagle Scout (currently has 9 palms, and 92 Merit Badges), and has earned the Venturing Outdoor Bronze Award. He was a Southeast Missouri Eagle Class Representative in 2011, is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow (OA), and has earned many awards across the spectrum in Scouting.

Chance has served in many leadership positions in the OA, is the President of Crew 4205 (2012-now), is the President of Crew 4248 (2012-now), and was the 2013 Shawnee District Fall Camporee Chairman. Chance has taken National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), and National Leadership Training (OA). He has staffed Den Chief Trainings and various OA Chapter trainings.

Chance currently attends Jackson Senior High School and has participated in many clubs, some of them including: Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Speech and Debate, and Student Council. Chance has earned and received many academic awards in school including Most Likely to Succeed, Speech and Debate Team, and District Awards, FBLA District and State Awards. Chance has served in many leadership positions in these organizations as well; currently he is the District 15 President for Missouri FBLA, and helps lead the Speech and Debate Team.

As an Area 3 VP, Chance would like to give back to the Venturing Program by helping to ensure there is a smooth transition and understanding of the new Venturing program. He hopes to promote and expand the Venturing program. Chance would also like to work toward a better general understanding in the educational system of how vital Venturing can be to students in school, work, and their personal life.





# Welcome Emily Mausshardt,

## *2014-2015 Central Region Venturing President*

Help Area 3 welcome Emily Mausshardt as the 2014-2015 Central Region Venturing President. Emily is currently serving as the 2013-2014 Central Region Venturing Vice President of Communications. Prior to this, she was Area 3's Venturing President. She is from the Greater St. Louis Area Council (GSLAC) in Ballwin, Missouri. Emily is a Sophomore at Truman State University.

Emily's big goals this coming year are to ensure a smooth transition into the new Venturing program, continue enhancing the communications tools in the Central Region, and hold the 3rd Central Region Fun Event.

Her full bio can be found at <http://www.crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=1&id=327>

Please join us again in congratulating Emily Mausshardt on being selected as the 2014-2015 Central Region Venturing President. We are excited to see what she accomplishes during her term with the help of her Vice Presidents.



## Area 3 Venturing President's Corner

Hello Area 3 Venturers!

With Summer upon us, we find ourselves finishing up school and looking forward to the summer! National, regional, and area terms are coming to a close, and new officers are being selected. You may find this to be true in your council, district, or crew as well. Either way, summer programs are just around the corner and preparation is under way.

An opportunity that just happened was the Central Region Rendezvous on May 16-18, 2014. This was hosted by the Central Region Sea Scout Flotilla, and hosted by the Abraham Lincoln Council in Area 3. The event was held on Lake Springfield in Springfield, IL, with scouts of Venturing age invited and encouraged to attend! We had tons of activities throughout the day, including cardboard canoe races, sailing biathlons, canoe swamping, kayak jousting, sailing on Catalinas, and canoe tug-of-war. This is "Fall Fun Rally on water" is something you won't want to miss next year. Be sure to stay with the Central Region Area 3 Newsletter to find out more on the 2015 Central Region Rendezvous.

As always, contact me if you need help or have a question about anything. It's been a busy year and I have had a great time serving you!

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

## SEA SCOUTS AND VENTURERS

Are you looking for something different to do this spring and summer? Well we have just the events for you. Want to learn about Sea Scouts? What to learn how to sail a sail boat? You can contact us at:

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS for these events coming soon 2014 -- (Got Wind? – Let's Sail!)

#### April 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Central Region Sea Scout planning meeting

Location Anthony Wayne Area Council – Howe Indiana

This will be held during the Area 6, AWAC Spring Ice Breaker which is open to all youth and adults who want to fight back at long winter and get ready for sailing. This event has a long history of being fun!

#### May 16<sup>th</sup> –18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 –Task Force Area 3 Sea Scouting Rendezvous.

Location: Abraham Lincoln Council – Sailing Center

We need units to volunteer to help run activities. We will be adding many new ones. We will also offer the SSALBT. This open to All Sea Scouting Age youth (i.e. Venturer's and older scouts)

#### June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> 2014 – Swift Base Sea Scout Week

We will Be Back again next year! We are adding a Pirate this year! Looking to add some new fun events. It has sold out already but if you have a Sea Scout who needs advancement please contact Bill Hamilton at: [whami9@aol.com](mailto:whami9@aol.com). For more info: <http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/summer-camps>

#### August 25<sup>th</sup> – Aug 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014- Crew A Sail Boat Home

More to come as the year progresses. This event is targeted towards the youth who want both a high adventure sailing experience and a chance to work on the requirements for Quartermaster.

This time the cruise will from Lake Michigan to Lake Erie via Lake Huron. It will on the sail boat called "The Time Machine". Do you want to make this happen? I know it could be pretty awesome. If anyone is interested, contact Bill Hamilton at: [whami9@aol.com](mailto:whami9@aol.com). We would of course work hard get a lot of advancement done. The cost would be minimal (food and whatever it cost to get there).

#### October 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Central Region Operation Rising Tide

Location: Illowa Council

Contact: [ORT Sea Scout CR@yahoo.com](mailto:ORT_Sea_Scout_CR@yahoo.com)

This has a lot of activities for the Youth. Sending an e-mail to the contact adds you to its listserv.

~John Schmidt

Task Force Area 3 Boatswain



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## WHERE TO GO VENTURING



Your Crew or Ship has some great activity ideas but they just don't know where they can do them? Check out "Where to Go Venturing" on the Central Region website! Enter your location and what you want to do into the database and it will give you a list of various places in your area where you can fulfill your activity dreams.

To try it out, go to

[http://www.crventuring.org/Other/Where\\_To\\_Go\\_Venturing](http://www.crventuring.org/Other/Where_To_Go_Venturing)

Make this summer the most exciting one yet for your Crew or Ship!

## 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:**

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### **W. D. Boyce Venturing Facebook Group:**

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### **Winnebago Venturing Facebook Group:**

