



Central Region Area 3 Venturing Newsletter

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Hello Area 3! Let's March into spring!



What's New with the Awards Program?

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As 2015 starts the old Venturing awards will no longer be available. The Ranger, Quest, and Trust awards will remain in place while the Outdoor Bronze awards, Venturing Gold, and Silver will be replaced with the Venturing, Discovery, Pathfinder, and summit awards. Any of the old awards can still be given to anyone who had completed the board of review for that award before the first of the year. The awards can still be worn on the uniform as well. The new awards are already able to be earned with the training for the Pathfinder Award coming out later this year. If you have any questions feel free to ask any of the area officers!

Submitted by: Chris Maussardt

New Venturing Materials Are Now Available!

As you may have heard, the new Venturing handbooks are available for purchase! These handbooks include the Venturing handbook, the Advisor Guidebook, and the Awards and Requirements Book. They are available for purchase via the links below:

Venturing Handbook: <http://www.scoutstuff.org/bsa/new-items/handbook-vt-youth.html#.VCnN9vldWmg>

Advisor Guidebook: http://www.scoutstuff.org/bsa/new-items/handbook-vt-adt.html#.VCnON_lidWmg

Awards and Requirements Book: <http://www.scoutstuff.org/bsa/new-items/handbook-vt-rgr-qst-trst.html#.VCnOUvldWmg>

http://www.amazon.com/dp/B00NU50NUE/ref=tsm_1_fb_lk

Along with the handbooks being released, the new award patches are also available for purchase! You can purchase them via the links below:

Venturing: <http://www.scoutstuff.org/bsa/new-items/emb-rank-vt.html#.VCnNhPldWmg>

Discovery: <http://www.scoutstuff.org/bsa/new-items/emb-rank-vt-pathfinder.html#.VCnNhvldWmg>

Pathfinder: <http://www.scoutstuff.org/bsa/new-items/emb-rank-vt-discovery.html#.VCnNefldWmg>

Summit: http://www.scoutstuff.org/bsa/new-items/emb-rank-vt-sbr.html#.VCnNf_lidWmg

One of the significant changes in the Awards and Requirements Book has to do with the Venturing Leadership Award, which can now be presented to adults for 2014 calendar year. The Venturing Leadership Award is presented by BSA local councils, areas, regions, and the National Council to Venturers, Advisors, committee members, and other adult leaders who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Scout Oath and Scout Law. The VLA is a way to acknowledge exceptional dedication and service and dedication to Scouting. The selection process remains youth-led. You can read about the full explanation of the change in the Awards and Requirement Book.

Brian on Scouting also has an article explaining some of the changes:

<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2014/09/30/venturing-updates-get-explained-october-2014-scoutcast/>.

Submitted by Katie Bruton

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 Events for Area 3

“Make Sure To Mark Your Calendar! It’s an **Eventful** Year!”

Venturing Training @ Philmont- August 9-15, 2015

Fall Fun Rally- September 25-27, 2015



~¼ Quotes~

“Each age has deemed the new-born year the fittest time for festal cheer.”

-Walter Scott

“The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. We can help write that story by setting goals.”

-Melody Beattie

Venturing Training at Philmont! Aug. 9-15, 2015

If you are involved in Venturing at a unit, district, or council level, come and learn firsthand how you can take on the challenge and fun of the new Venturing program. The new Venturing A-L-P-S program model builds on success from the past and provides a framework for a dynamic program of Adventure, Leadership, Personal growth and Service. It is grounded in a flexible program of continuous, youth-led adventure with the new recognition system providing Venturers with benchmarks of progress. You will learn all about the Venturing award matrix and how to help your Venturers achieve the Venturing Summit award.

From: Central Region Venturing

Fall Fun Rally! Sept. 25-27, 2015

Join more than 1300 Venturers, Explorers, and Advisors for an eve weekend with more than 100 activities, training, demonstrations, ar competitions. This event, put on by the Greater St. Louis Area Cou largest annual gathering of Venturers in the country, and is a non-s of fun from start to finish.

Sign up at FallFunRally.org for more information.

From: FallFunRally.org

Got An Event?

We’ll give you a hand promoting it!

You can email event information to zigscouter@gmail.com to have it promoted in the next newsletter!

You can also submit information to the central region event calendar at http://www.crventuring.org/event_submission.php





Event Spotlight!

Venturing Training

**Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, NM
August 9-15, 2015**

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Special guests from the national and region cabinets will help bring this adventure to life. For all Venturing leaders at the unit, district or council level.

Special note: Venturers 18-20 are also welcome and encouraged to attend.

We're looking for a large turnout of Central Region Venturers and advisors during the August 9-15 session.

Register here:

<http://reservations.scouting.org/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x34505e514>

You can see the full 2015 schedule at

<http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/PTC/ConferencesO.aspx>



Area 3 Venturing President's Corner



Hello, Area 3! In case you haven't heard yet, on Thursday, March 19, there was a big announcement from Venturing, BSA. The 2015-2016 National Venturing President was selected! This is what the National Venturing BSA Facebook page posted for the announcement on March 19th, "Tonight a team of 19 Venturing Youth from around the country participated in the 2015-2016 National Venturing President Selection Process. Four great candidates were considered and all were outstanding and highly qualified. Please join the Venturing community in congratulating Edward Abraham, from the San Francisco Bay Area Council, on being selected by his peers as the 2015 – 2016 National Venturing President. Edward will serve as the National President from June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016. Edward is the current 2014-15 Western Region President and is a student at San Jose State University where he is studying Mechanical Engineering."



You may remember meeting or seeing Edward at the 2014 Fall Fun Rally in the Greater St. Louis Area Council, Area 3's Fun Event, the weekend of September 26-28, 2014. We are very excited to welcome Edward into the position and see what he has in store for Venturing during his term!

We would also like to congratulate Brian Parro on his selection as the 2015-2016 Central Region Venturing President. Brian currently serves as the Central Region Venturing Vice President of Communications. He attends Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, majoring in Business Finance. We are very excited to welcome Brian into the position and also look forward to what he will accomplish for the Central Region this year in his term!

Always remember to stay connected to get the latest Venturing updates on our Area 3 Facebook Group and Area 3 Twitter!

Area 3 Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CRV.Area3/>

Area 3 Twitter: @CRVArea3

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Katie Bruton

2014-2015 Central Region Area 3 Venturing President

Personal Highlights

Want to be featured in the next edition? Send us an article about an amazing Scouting experience with pictures!

Please email articles to zigscouter@gmail.com

What the Scout Law Means To Me

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. We say the Scout Law frequently at meetings and events, but what does it mean to truly be loyal, brave, or cheerful? In January, I was fortunate to experience a defining moment that would allow me to truly understand what it means to follow the Scout Law. Several Venturing friends and I were at a skiing event with a local Venturing crew. My friends are excellent skiers, while I prefer to call skiing an 'opportunity to roll down hills.' After debating whether to ski on my own down easier hills or hang out with my friends on harder ones, I eventually decided that I would rather spend time with my friends that go home still being able to walk. As my friends started down a hill far above my skiing ability, I realized just how poor of a skier I am in comparison. Taking a deep breath, I started down the hill. As you can imagine, I was quickly face down on the ground. Frustrated with myself, I started to get up. One of my friends was right behind me, helping me up. While I told her to go on without me, she stuck by my side, helping me stand up after each and every fall down this hill. After what seemed like an eternity, we made it to the bottom of the hill, where everyone else was waiting for us. Because of the way the ski resort is laid out, I had to take the ski lift back up to the top of the hill. Somewhere during that ride, I forgot how painfully slow I was at skiing, or rather rolling, down the hills. Down the next hill we went. Fall after fall and slope after slope, my friends were there for me, helping me get back up after I fell. Although I went home that night dreaming of ibuprofen and barely able to move, I also went home with one of the most amazing memories and lessons. My friends could have easily left me behind that afternoon, but they didn't. These friends were loyal – although I held them back, they didn't leave me alone. A Scout is helpful. Each and every time I fell, someone was there encouraging me and helping me to get back up. Finally, a Scout is cheerful. These friends would have had way more fun on the hardest slopes, skiing more frequently without having to wait at the bottom for me each time. However, they didn't let this get them down. I always found them joking with one another and laughing. When I made it to the bottom, frustrated and sore, someone was always there encouraging me to keep trying. A Scout is cheerful. Because of this experience, my friends taught me a valuable lesson: not only what it means to be a friend, but also what it means to be a Scout. Bruises from that day healed and sore muscles went away, but the support that these fellow Venturers showed me is something that I will never forget.

What does the Scout Law mean to you? When have your friends exemplified the Scout Law? Who is someone who has always been there to help you get back up?



Submitted by Emily Maussardt

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<http://www.history.com/topics/st-patricks-day/history-of-st-patricks-day>

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17, the saint's religious feast day and the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast—on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.

ST. PATRICK AND THE FIRST ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at the age of 16. He later escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people. In the centuries following Patrick's death (believed to have been on March 17, 461), the mythology surrounding his life became ever more ingrained in the Irish culture: Perhaps the most well-known legend is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock). Since around the ninth or 10th century, people in Ireland have been observing the Roman Catholic feast day of St. Patrick on March 17. Interestingly, however, the first parade held to honor St. Patrick's Day took place not in Ireland but in the United States. On March 17, 1762, Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City. Along with their music, the parade helped the soldiers reconnect with their Irish roots, as well as with fellow Irishmen serving in the English army.

GROWTH OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Over the next 35 years, Irish patriotism among American immigrants flourished, prompting the rise of so-called "Irish Aid" societies like the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick and the Hibernian Society. Each group would hold annual parades featuring bagpipes (which actually first became popular in the Scottish and British armies) and drums.

In 1848, several New York Irish Aid societies decided to unite their parades to form one official New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade. Today, that parade is the world's oldest civilian parade and the largest in the United States, with over 150,000 participants. Each year, nearly 3 million people line the 1.5-mile parade route to watch the procession, which takes more than five hours. Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia and Savannah also celebrate the day with parades involving between 10,000 and 20,000 participants each.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY, NO IRISH NEED APPLY AND THE "GREEN MACHINE"

Up until the mid-19th century, most Irish immigrants in America were members of the Protestant middle class. When the Great Potato Famine hit Ireland in 1845, close to 1 million poor and uneducated Irish Catholics began pouring into America to escape starvation. Despised for their alien religious beliefs and unfamiliar accents by the American Protestant majority, the immigrants had trouble finding even menial jobs. When Irish Americans in the country's cities took to the streets on St. Patrick's Day to celebrate their heritage, newspapers portrayed them in cartoons as drunk, violent monkeys.

The American Irish soon began to realize, however, that their large and growing numbers endowed them with a political power that had yet to be exploited. They started to organize, and their voting block, known as the "green machine," became an important swing vote for political hopefuls. Suddenly, annual St. Patrick's Day parades became a show of strength for Irish Americans, as well as a must-attend event for a slew of political candidates. In 1948, President Harry S. Truman attended New York City's St. Patrick's Day parade, a proud moment for the many Irish Americans whose ancestors had to fight stereotypes and racial prejudice to find acceptance in the New World.

THE CHICAGO RIVER ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

As Irish immigrants spread out over the United States, other cities developed their own traditions. One of these is Chicago's annual dyeing of the Chicago River green. The practice started in 1962, when city pollution-control workers used dyes to trace illegal sewage discharges and realized that the green dye might provide a unique way to celebrate the holiday. That year, they released 100 pounds of green vegetable dye into the river—enough to keep it green for a week! Today, in order to minimize environmental damage, only 40 pounds of dye are used, and the river turns green for only several hours.

Although Chicago historians claim their city's idea for a river of green was original, some natives of Savannah, Georgia (whose St. Patrick's Day parade, the oldest in the nation, dates back to 1813) believe the idea originated in their town. They point out that, in 1961, a hotel restaurant manager named Tom Woolley convinced city officials to dye Savannah's river green. The experiment didn't exactly work as planned, and the water only took on a slight greenish hue. Savannah never attempted to dye its river again, but Woolley maintains (though others refute the claim) that he personally suggested the idea to Chicago's Mayor Richard J. Daley.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY AROUND THE WORLD

Today, people of all backgrounds celebrate St. Patrick's Day, especially throughout the United States, Canada and Australia. Although North America is home to the largest productions, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in many other locations far from Ireland, including Japan, Singapore and Russia.

In modern-day Ireland, St. Patrick's Day was traditionally been a religious occasion. In fact, up until the 1970s, Irish laws mandated that pubs be closed on March 17. Beginning in 1995, however, the Irish government began a national campaign to use interest in St. Patrick's Day to drive tourism and showcase Ireland and Irish culture to the rest of the world. Today, approximately 1 million people annually take part in Ireland's St. Patrick's Festival in Dublin, a multi-day celebration featuring parades, concerts, outdoor theater productions and fireworks shows.

Task Force Area 3 Sea Scout Boatswain's Corner

SEA SCOUTS AND VENTURERS

Are you looking for something different to do this year? 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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A Note From The National Boatswain!

Central Region,

The National Sea Scout Boatswain is looking for your input, along with the input from all your shipmates! We need your voice in order to set a course for the future of Sea Scouting. In order for your voice to be heard, you need to fill out the "Voice of the Sea Scout" Survey and encourage your entire ship to do the same. From programs, to technology, advancement and more, we want to know what you think! The survey should take you less than 30 minutes to complete but could bring a lasting impact to our program.

Take the Survey Here! <http://goo.gl/S6oRJK>

Fairwinds,

Peter Schmidt

National Boatswain



2015-2016 NATIONAL SEA SCOUT BOATSWAIN SELECTED

The National Sea Scout Support Committee announces the selection of Edward Campbell of Albion, Indiana as the 2015-2016 National Sea Scout Boatswain. His term of office is June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016. He is a member of Ship 5111, Patriotic Pearl of the Anthony Wayne Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Edward will represent Sea Scouts from across the United States as the youth representative on the National Sea Scout Committee. He will report to the National Commodore and the National Director of Sea Scouts. He will serve as the liaison with the Regional Boatswains' and other youth leaders.

Edward earned the highest award in Sea Scouts, the Quartermaster Award. During his tenure in Sea Scouts, he has served his ship as Ship Boatswain, Council Boatswain and currently serves as Central Region Area 6 Boatswain, which includes him running an annual, CR-A6, event called Spring Icebreaker. He is an Eagle Scout; earned his Venturing Silver, all five Bronze awards and the Ranger Award; he is also a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow. He served as Lodge Chief of his Order of the Arrow Lodge. He is also currently involved in a Varsity Team and serves as Captain while working on his Denali Award. He is working to earn his Venturing Quest and Trust award as well. He is also working on his finals papers for his Venturing Summit award project.

He has served Scouting, in many leadership opportunities, as well as others in the community. For ten years, he has been an active member of 4-H, completing many projects over the years. He aspires to take these leadership experiences and earn a degree in Political Science. Edward graduated a semester early from high school with his Academic Honors Diploma. During high school, outside of Scouting, he was an active member of the National Honor Society and a member of the Tennis team where he has earned the IHSAA Sportsmanship award.

Edward shares his reasoning for wanting to serve as the National Boatswain. His goal is to represent all youth in the program from around the country. His aspirations include expanding the program by helping to guide the formation of additional ships and expanded opportunities for all Sea Scouts. He wants to be the voice of change to help youth see what they can do through the program. He is considered an asset to the program by many who have encountered his involvement.

Join us in congratulating Edward Campbell in his selection as the
2015-2016 National Sea Scout Boatswain!

From Seascout.org



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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/>

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



Make this Fall 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:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/55303044593/>

W. D. Boyce Venturing Facebook Group:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=8316386849>

Winnebago Venturing Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/61890416839/>

