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**Hello Area 3! Let's blast into
summer!**



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

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



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“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

-John F. Kennedy

There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.

-Edith Wharton

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>

From: Central Region Venturing

Area 3 Venturing President's Corner



Area 3 President Corner
Central Region Area 3 Venturing Newsletter
May 27, 2015

As school comes to an end and summer starts, most Scouts are gearing up for their summer adventures. It may be getting ready for summer camp, a hiking trek at Philmont Scout Ranch, a crew super activity, or an endless number of fun adventures. If you don't have something to do this summer, don't worry. There is still some time to sign up for amazing adventures. There are a lot of different possibilities to have a great time and improve your leadership skills as well as grow friendships with other Scouts from around your area or even the nation. Some very valuable trainings you can take include National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE), NYLT Leadership Academy, Kodiak, and Powder Horn. All of these trainings require that you take Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC) first and NAYLE and the NYLT Leadership Academy require that you have also completed NYLT before attending. Most of these trainings are hosted by councils; however, NAYLE is a little different. NAYLE is an exciting program where young men and women enhance their leadership skills. Participants expand upon the team building and ethical decision making skills learned in National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT). NAYLE emphasizes leadership, teamwork, and selfless service using the core elements of NYLT to make these skills intuitive. In 2015, NAYLE takes place at all four of the high adventure bases: Philmont Scout Ranch, Northern Tier, Florida Sea Base, and the Summit Bechtel Reserve.

I encourage everyone to strive to improve his or her leadership skills, friendships, and experiences this summer. Make it a great summer.

As my term has come to an end, I wish Chris Mausshardt, 2015-2016 Central Region Area 3 Venturing President, a successful term and look forward to seeing everything he does. If you would like to get to know Chris more, check out his bio:

<http://www.crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=2&id=80>.

Katie Bruton
2014-2015 Central Region Area 3 Venturing President

Officer Recaps

“It’s been an amazing year serving Area 3 of the Central Region. We are honored to have served and blessed to have met so many wonderful people. This year has made many memories and given us experiences we’ll never forget.”

- Area 3 Officers 2014-2015

Recap from the President

My past year serving as the 2014-2015 Central Region Area 3 Venturing President has been amazing. I have met some incredible people during the last year and have grown closer with a lot of my Scouting friends. There were many things that stood out during my term that were great adventures. Helping plan and staff the Fall Fun Rally with the Area 3 and Greater St. Louis Area Council VOAs was wonderful. Executing the Area 3 Venturing Conference allowed for Scouts and Scouters to learn more about Scouting while making great connections. It was also fantastic to spend a weekend in Gatlinburg, Tennessee at Winterfest with the Area 3 VOA. I also enjoyed and learned a lot from the Area 7 Venturing Conference. I am very glad I had the opportunity to serve as the Area 3 Venturing President this year. The Area 3 VOA did very well working on and completing their goals. I encourage others to give back to Venturing by serving in a leadership position. It is definitely neat.

Have a great summer!

Katie Bruton

Recap from V.P. of Admin

When I applied for the Area Vice President Positions, I didn’t really know what to expect but I quickly found out how much fun it could be. I was selected to be the Area 3 Vice President of Administration and I couldn’t wait to start my term. Over the summer, I was very busy which made it difficult for me to stay in touch and because I missed the Regional Officer Orientation, I felt behind but I still wanted to do a great job. I met with the Regional Vice President of Administration and she helped me understand what I needed to be doing in my job. I had so much fun at the Fall Fun Rally on Friday night with the other Area officers and the games that we set up! I enjoyed teaching at the Program Conference where I got to teach Putting the Wow in your Program and I met some really interesting adults. In January I got to teach ILSC and Kodiak Course Director’s Conference at the Area 3 Conference and I just had a blast with my fellow officers and friends from around the Area. I posted on the Area 3 Facebook page frequently and I always had fun writing posts and finding pictures to post. I also completed many of the goals I had set for myself. I was flattered at the Greater Saint Louis Area Council Venturing Recognition Dinner when I received an Area Venturing Leadership Award. I have had so much fun this past year with my officers!

Emma O’Donnell

Recap from V.P. of Program

I have had a great time this year being the Area 3 VP of Programs! I had the chance to work with an awesome group of officers this year. It’s been a lot of fun getting to know Katie, Emma, and Chance and having the opportunity to learn from them. Thanks for a great year Area 3! I can’t wait to see what the upcoming officers have planned!

Amanda Sander

Recap from V.P. of Communications

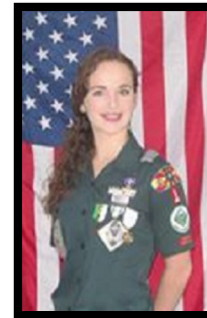
This was truly an unforgettable year, I am so blessed to have been able to work with such a great officer team. Working with the Area has given me a new insight in to the power of the Venturing program on individuals. I came in this year expecting it to be like every other office, it wasn’t. Through all our shenanigans we still got work done and bonded as a group, this year is not ending with an officer team it is ending with a Venturing family. I will cherish the memories from this year forever and look forward to many more in the future. The old must end for the new to begin and life shall go on as before, but whether the path of life will change is entirely up to you. Pick your path guys, live your life, and make it all it can be. We only have one shot and the Lord has blessed us by giving it to us. Do not squander it, I wish everyone the best of luck in their endeavors and many more memories on the Scouting Trail.

Chance Ziegler

Incoming Area Officers 2015-2016



Chris Maussardt
President



Cathie Seebauer
V.P. of Administration



Chance Ziegler
V.P. of Program



Chris Harmon
V.P. of Communications

If you would like to read the biographies for the incoming 2015-2016 Officers you can find them linked to our Area Homepage or use the links below.

President: <http://www.crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=2&id=80>

Vice Presidents: <http://www.crventuring.org/Home/Fulltext/s=2&id=82>

How Father's Day Originated

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MOTHER'S DAY: INSPIRATION FOR FATHER'S DAY

The "Mother's Day" we celebrate today has its origins in the peace-and-reconciliation campaigns of the post-Civil War era. During the 1860s, at the urging of activist Ann Reeves Jarvis, one divided West Virginia town celebrated "Mother's Work Days" that brought together the mothers of Confederate and Union soldiers. In 1870, the activist Julia Ward Howe issued a "Mother's Day Proclamation" calling on a "general congress of women" to "promote the alliance of the different nationalities, the amicable settlement of international questions, [and] the great and general interests of peace."

However, Mother's Day did not become a commercial holiday until 1908, when—inspired by Jarvis's daughter Anna, who wanted to honor her own mother by making Mother's Day a national holiday—the John Wanamaker department store in Philadelphia sponsored a service dedicated to mothers in its auditorium. Thanks in large part to this association with retailers, who saw great potential for profit in the holiday, Mother's Day caught on right away. In 1909, 45 states observed the day, and in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson approved a resolution that made the second Sunday in May a holiday in honor of "that tender, gentle army, the mothers of America."

ORIGINS OF FATHER'S DAY

The campaign to celebrate the nation's fathers did not meet with the same enthusiasm—perhaps because, as one florist explained, "fathers haven't the same sentimental appeal that mothers have." On July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the nation's first event explicitly in honor of fathers, a Sunday sermon in memory of the 362 men who had died in the previous December's explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company mines in Monongah, but it was a one-time commemoration and not an annual holiday. The next year, a Spokane, Washington woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers and government officials to drum up support for her idea, and she was successful: Washington State celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on July 19, 1910. Slowly, the holiday spread. In 1916, President Wilson honored the day by using telegraph signals to unfurl a flag in Spokane when he pressed a button in Washington, D.C. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father's Day. However, many men continued to disdain the day. As one historian writes, they "scoffed at the holiday's sentimental attempts to domesticate manliness with flowers and gift-giving, or they derided the proliferation of such holidays as a commercial gimmick to sell more products—often paid for by the father himself."

FATHER'S DAY: CONTROVERSY AND COMMERCIALISM

During the 1920s and 1930s, a movement arose to scrap Mother's Day and Father's Day altogether in favor of a single holiday, Parents' Day. Every year on Mother's Day, pro-Parents' Day groups rallied in New York City's Central Park—a public reminder, said Parents' Day activist and radio performer Robert Spere, "that both parents should be loved and respected together." Paradoxically, however, the Depression derailed this effort to combine and de-commercialize the holidays. Struggling retailers and advertisers redoubled their efforts to make Father's Day a "second Christmas" for men, promoting goods such as neckties, hats, socks, pipes and tobacco, golf clubs and other sporting goods, and greeting cards. When World War II began, advertisers began to argue that celebrating Father's Day was a way to honor American troops and support the war effort. By the end of the war, Father's Day may not have been a federal holiday, but it was a national institution.

In 1972, in the middle of a hard-fought presidential re-election campaign, Richard Nixon signed a proclamation making Father's Day a federal holiday at last. Today, economists estimate that Americans spend more than \$1 billion each year on Father's Day gifts.

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.

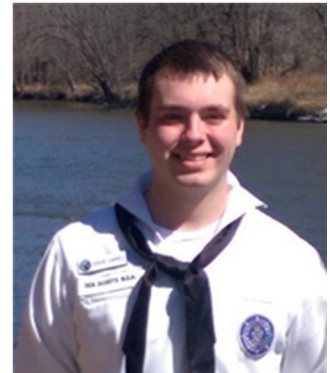
Edward earned the highest award in Sea Scouts, the Quartermaster Award. During his tenure in Sea Scouts, he has served his ship as Ship Boatswain, Council Boatswain and currently serves as Central Region Area 6 Boatswain, which includes him running an annual, CR-A6, event called Spring Icebreaker. He 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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Area 3 Southern Cluster Venturing Coordinator

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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/>

