



AREA 2 VENTURING

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Motor City Regatta

Sea Scouting is on the rise in the Central Region and Area 2 is leading that charge! This year the regional qualifying regatta was held in Detroit rather than in Chicago as it has in the past! Scouts from across the area gathered and raced down the Detroit River on August 8th.

This year, six teams raced to see if they qualified for the 2016 Konch Cup, or, in other words, to be in the National Sea Scout Regatta. It’ll be a while until the results are in from the race, but hopefully an Area 2 ship has qualified.

The race was held at the Edison Boat Club in Detroit, MI which is affiliated with the local crew/ship 1148. Functioning as both a Venturing Crew and a Sea Scouting Ship, it helped to run the event and have at least one contending ship.

Area 2 President Jacob Hardy visited the regatta following NOAC. It was a “race I wish I participated in.” The regatta will be in Detroit for at least the next four years in early August so make sure you don’t miss it!



Area 2 Venturing Conference



This year our Area 2 Venturing Conference will be held at the University of Michigan!

Come join us January 23rd for a day of fun, learning, and food. Registration will be posted to the new MCC website in the upcoming months. Mark your calendars for this great event!

Hey Venturers! Not sure what to do next with your crew or looking to learn more about the Venturing Officers Association? Then the Area 2 Annual Winter VOA Planning Conference is the event for you! Venturers from all over Area 2 come together to share upcoming events within their field service councils and to learn new things about the Area 2 VOA and Venturing.

I have attended this conference the past two years and I had a great time each time - even despite a crazy car ride the first year driving all the way to Rose City in the ice and snow. There I met the Area 2 VOA officers that were in office at the time, which I thought was really cool. They were very welcoming and happy to have me there and they were very eager to share information with me and my Advisor. We had a great time learning about the then upcoming changed to Venturing that were not well known at the time, as well as playing a few euchre rounds.

This year the conference was held in Lansing in conjunction with the Michigan Crossroads Council's Annual Planning Conference. Getting there was much less adventuresome than the previous year, but the VOA officers were just as welcoming and friendly.

I am now part of the Area 2 VOA, in part because of the warm welcome I have always received at the Area 2 Annual Planning Conferences, and I would like to invite you to come to the Area 2 Annual Winter VOA Planning Conference. Join us to gain knowledge about upcoming Venturing events within Area 2, meet the current VOA Officers and Venturers from across Area 2.

Yours in Venturing,
Jessica Pailing
Area 2 Vice-president of Administration



Kickback Weekend

Get ready for the Area 2 Fun Event! This will be an activity filled Kickback Weekend in President Ford Field Council. Drawing Ventures from all over Area 2, Scouts will have access to a range of winter activities as well as the opportunity to meet Scouts from all over the area. In past years, favorite activities have included snowmobiling, high ropes and shooting. These events are offered in addition to indoor programming. Stay tuned for more information coming soon, and be sure to save the date, February 19th-21st 2016



Featured VOA: Water and Woods FSC



The Water and Woods Venturing Officers Association was re-formed in the beginning of 2014. Since then, we have had many successful meetings and found what will be our annual event: the Venturing Hang About. We recently held our 2015 Officer Selections and Installations. The new officers are very motivated and excited to be working with one another to further Venturing in their council. At their first meeting, the officers came up a few goals for the year. First, to get more crews in the WWFSC to become more active in the VOA and with one another. Second, to make Venturing more visible, appealing, and available in their council. Third, to put on a good program for 2015 and offer multiple events throughout the year. Our VOA has high hopes for the upcoming program year!

Yours in Venturing,
Andrew Blac
Vice-President of Communications



Want to get active in your council but don't know how? You can email me, Nick Meier the Area 2 VP of Communications, at nmeier21@gmail.com and I'll help you find the right contacts.



Sash 'N Bash

Last year Great Lakes's OA Lodge, Noquet, held a camporee with 2,000 Scouts. Next year we'll be doing it again, but BIGGER. With 4,000 Scouts there is going to be dozens of activities from 24/7 gagaball to dodgeball you won't want to miss anything. Also, there will be a concert or "glow party" every night!

You won't want to miss this! The biggest camporee not held by national will be early next August. Get hyped for the Sash 'n Bash! This event is opened to all Venturers, regardless if they are in the OA or not.



President's Words of Wisdom

Hello everyone!

As the new Area 2 Venturing President I wanted to share some of my excitement for this upcoming 2015-2016 year. Together with the rest of the Area 2 VOA, this year we hope to create lasting traditions and events that all of us can go back to for years to come. One of my favorites is the implementation of a new fall event (to be implemented next year so keep your calendars open)! In addition I personally want to visit many of you during your own events, however with the death of my car that may no longer be possible. So instead I'd invite you all to share your experiences on our Facebook page (Central Region Venturing Area 2) and to post your experiences with #SummerofVenturing. I'm really excited for this year and if you guys have any input as to how we could better our area feel free to message one if our VOA members.



Yours in Venturing,
P. Jacob Hardy
Area 2 Venturing President



Below are the shortened URL's for each venturing FB Page:

Great Lakes –

<https://goo.gl/hCCOR9>

Water and Woods –

<https://goo.gl/4YhP9O>

Southern Shores –

<https://goo.gl/05KIs3>

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Meet the Editor

Hello!,

My name is Nick Meier and I'm the new Area 2 Vice-President of Communications. I'm very excited to serve this year and can't wait to see y'all at the Winter Kickback Weekend. I have big plans for this year but they'll go nowhere without your help. This summer we launched the Area 2 Twitter page that has an astonishing 25 followers. Our goal by the end of the year is to have 200 followers, more than any other Central Region Area Twitter! So even if you don't have a Twitter, follow our page to stay up to date on all things venturing.

A few other things the area will be doing this year are a promo-video, a brochure, and more. If you have any photos or videos feel free to share them with me at nmeier21@gmail.com. I'd love to hear your stories, and maybe, they might get featured in this newsletter. Our newsletters will come out quarterly on the last Sunday. Make sure you tell all your friends about us! And don't forget to follow our twitter!

Yours in Venturing,
Nick Meier
Area 2 VP of Communications

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