



# The Central Point



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2016: the next  
National Venturing  
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**SECTION C-6B, ORDER OF THE ARROW**  
Serving Ohio and Kentucky

## American Indian Activities Seminar

March 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Cost: \$25 for Participants  
\$20 for Staff

Where: Camp Friedlander  
581 Ibold Road  
Loveland, Ohio

**CF**

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Attention Arrowmen, Scouts, and Scouters!

You are invited to the Order of the Arrow's Section C-6B American Indian Activities Seminar. If you're interested in hands on learning about Native American culture, the AIA Seminar is something you should check out!

Registration can be found at  
<http://www.danbeard.org/Event.aspx?id=2505>

The Seminar will be happening during the weekend of March 18-20 at Camp Friedlander in Loveland, OH. The cost is \$25 for participants and \$20 for staff. Everyone attending will be able to do all kinds of fun activities, eat great food, and spend time with fellow Scouts. This is open to everyone: Arrowmen, Scouts, and Venturers! Training sessions, discussions, and workshops will be offered covering different topics, such as:

- Dance Styles
- Drum Styles
- OA Ceremonies
- Beading
- Finger Weaving

The Seminar will also feature time for playing Native American Games and a Powwow. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email the seminar

***One of the greatest things about Scouting is being able to meet people from around the country. Because of this, it is extremely valuable to travel to other councils, areas, and regions so one can expand his or her experience, see how the Scouting programs vary across the nation, and share ideas.***

**-Katie Bruton, CRV VP of Program**



Please join us in welcoming the newest Area Venturing officer in the Central Region, Kaylee Sorrells, who has just been selected as the 2015-2016 Area 1 Venturing Vice President of Administration.

[http://crventuring.org/officer\\_popup.php?ID=35](http://crventuring.org/officer_popup.php?ID=35)



**Be on the lookout soon for the  
2016-17 Venturing National,  
Region, and Area Officer  
Applications!**



**We are proud to announce that 2012-2013 Central Region Venturing President, Lizzie Wisman, was presented the National Venturing Leadership Award at the Area 2 Venturing Conference in Ann Arbor, MI. Thank you Lizzie for all of your continued service to the Venturing program!**



# Area 2 Update!

I am writing this in the wake of what I believe was a very successful undertaking of Area 2's annual Planning Conference. With over 40 Venturers in attendance we managed to not only share area events and information, but discuss topics on how we each might improve our crews and the area as whole. WE EVEN got the National Venturing President Edward Abraham and the Central Region Boatswain Rachael Washburn tied up in a human knot (one that we did not solve). The conference was both fun and informative and not just for the attendees, I myself took away loads of information that I hope to implement on the area level (bring your friends to events = Area 2's recommended way to recruit).

For Area 2 I take this as very good sign of both our progress and what is to come. This year so far has been in my opinion largely successful, this conference, the birth of the Great Lakes Field Service Council, and many other things contribute to this belief. Upcoming in Area 2 is our Annual fun event, hosted by President Gerald R. Ford Field Service Council, the Venturing Kickback Weekend at Gerber Scout Reservation in Twin Lake Michigan on February 19-21, is shaping up to be an absolutely fantastic event (you wouldn't believe how often it was mentioned at our conference) and every single one of you should be going.

Outside of these wonderful things I would personally thank all of you for your continued support of the Venturing program. None of these events and happening would ever occur without the very people that do these events for you: you. Remember at the same time that you can also have a great impact on how these events payout, never forget that we are here to represent you all so give us some input from time to time (that's half the reason we have planning conferences!). Just look us up on [crventuring.org](http://crventuring.org).

Yours in Venturing,

P. Jacob Hardy



# **Read on for information about VenturingFest 2016: the next National Venturing event!**

*(As found in a recent article on ScoutingWire)*

**What: VenturingFest 2016**

**When: July 31- August 5, 2016**

**Where: The Summit Bechtel Reserve**

**Who: Registered Venturers, Sea Scouts, Boy Scouts (14+) and adult leaders**

*Groups must be no smaller than seven participants and must include at least five youth and two adults.*

**Cost: \$400 for youth, \$300 for adults**

*Includes: Meals (Monday breakfast through Friday breakfast), campsite (with showers, dining flies & Wi-Fi), tents, cots, and all program equipment.*

*Final payment is due no later than June 1 and all paid fees are nonrefundable.*



**Go to**

**<http://scoutingwire.org/what-youve-been-waiting-for-the-scoop-on-venturingfest-2016/>**  
**for more information and to  
find the Reservation form!**



# Advisor's Minute



Happy February, Central Region!

For most of us, January and February are the coldest months of the year, sometimes even with a sprinkling (or two) of our favorite winter accompaniment. Sure, for us Central Region-ites, snow may bring us a challenge or two when getting from point A to point B. BUT, we also have quite a bit of fun playing in it as well! While some of us are skilled enough to take shred down the slopes on skis or a snowboard, others (including myself) enjoy the season from within a snowtube or on a snowmobile! But, regardless if you are a skater, skier, sledder, snowboarder, or just a fan, winter brings many moments that you will want to repeat again and again!

Speaking of repeating and February, who has seen the movie, "Groundhog Day?" If you haven't, I highly recommend you do, as it is one of Bill Murray and Harold Ramis' many classics. Released in 1993, the movie is about a weatherman, played by Bill Murray, who does not have his life or priorities in order. Stuck in Punxsutawney, PA, due to a blizzard, he finds himself reawakening each morning with the date of February 2<sup>nd</sup> starting all over again.

As he continually repeats the same day through a countless cycle, he gradually learns what he needs to make his life complete. He begins to learn new skills, have new experiences, meet new friends, and help serve the community. (Doesn't that sound like some amazing program offered by the BSA?) (AND we don't even need a time loop!)

Of course, February has other offerings if snow and groundhogs aren't your cup of tea, including: Scout Sunday and Super Bowl Sunday (February 7<sup>th</sup>), Valentine's Day (February 14<sup>th</sup>), Presidents' Day (February 15<sup>th</sup>), and very special to 2016: Leap Day (February 29<sup>th</sup>). (Of course, let's not forget about our favorite February day of them all: Venturing Creation Day, February 9<sup>th</sup>!)

Even though 2016 is just getting started, I can't believe how many opportunities we have this year to get involved! First, each Area is hosting an event before June, so finding all of your closest friends is only a few hours away! Then, look for our Region orientation in June. Looking to see the beauty of Philmont and PTC? Save the dates in July for a very special Venturing program called, "Venturing Blast!" Finally, are you ready for the main event? Make sure to chart your course to the Summit for the national VenturingFest event in August!

While it is hard not to be excited for all that 2016 holds, let us take some time for reverence this month and reflect on all aspects of our lives. How can we improve our skills, meet new people, and become better servant leaders? How can we continue to grow, while repeating and strengthening the amazing things we do over and over?

Stay warm,

*Kris Zahrob*

**Go to**

**[http://www.crventuring.org/Activities/Events\\_Calendar/](http://www.crventuring.org/Activities/Events_Calendar/)**

**to check out all of the events Kris mentioned!**

# Events to Look Forward to...

## Area 1

Upcoming Events:

May 20-22, 2016, Powder Horn- Bay Lakes & Samoset Council, White Lake & Rhinelander, WI

President: Rachel Cruse

Advisor: Helen Lockwood

## Area 2

Upcoming Events:

February 5-7, 2016, Celebrating the Winter Adventure Woodbadge, Jeddo, MI

**February 19-21, 2016, Venturing Kickback Weekend, Twin Lake, MI**

President: Jacob Hardy

Advisor: Jeff Gerald

## Area 3

Upcoming Events:

June 26- July 2, 2016, Kodiak Current River II, Salem, MO

President: Chris Mausshardt

Advisor: Bob Vogt

## Area 4

Upcoming Events:

March 19, 2016, LSC and Advisor Training, Canton, OH

**April 22-24, 2016, WorldFest 2016, Kinsington, OH**

June 12-17, 2016, National Youth Leadership Training, Lisbon, OH

President: Michael Gunther

Advisor: Duane Zobrist

## Area 5

Upcoming Events:

February 20-21, 2016, Mid-Iowa Silo Ice Climbing Event, Cedar Falls, IA

February 26-27, 2016, 2016 VOA Emerald City Lock In, Overland Park, KS

President: Russell Seibert

Advisor: Julie Dalton

## Area 6

Upcoming Events:

**March 4-5, 2016, Manage Your Success to Lead the Adventure, Pleasant Lake, IN**

June 29-July 9, 2016, SeaBase Scuba Adventure, Seabase, Florida

President: Amber Richter

Advisor: Anne Zimmer

## Area 7

Upcoming Events:

**March 5, 2016, Area 7 Venturing Conference, Gurnee, IL**

March 23, 2016, Wood Badge C8-118-16, Camp Betz, MI

President: Kaia Ball

Advisor: Rachel Zahrobsky

**VenturingFest 2016:  
The Next National  
Venturing Event at the  
Summit!  
July 31 – August 5, 2016**

# President's Corner



Happy February, Central Region!

Even though the year has only begun, I have never been so excited and optimistic about Venturing in 2016! A few weeks ago, the National Venturing Cabinet released details on a brand new National Venturing event at the Summit,

**VenturingFest 2016!**

This is going to be an incredible week long experience for Venturers across the country to meet, hang out, and have the adventure of a lifetime at the BSA's premier high adventure base, located right here in the Central Region! For more information, click [here](#) to see the news article on Scoutingwire.

AdventureFest 2016 is going to be July 31st through August 5th, and will be one of the most cost effective ways for Venturers to experience the Summit ever! Participants (under 21) can attend this national event for just \$400 and adults can attend for \$300. Not only is it a great bargain, but the evening program is going to bring Venturing to life. We are still in the early stages of planning, but during the day, the Summit's staff will bring the magic of high adventure to life, and at night, the National Venturing Cabinet will bring the Venturing spirit to life with regional gatherings, dance parties, and much more! This will be an amazing opportunity for every Venturer!

Now, with all great things that happen, there are some drawbacks. Unfortunately, the Central Region VOA is postponing Summer's Last Bash to summer of 2017! This was inevitable seeing that the dates conflicted with AdventureFest, so we hope to see you this summer at the Summit and next summer at Summer's Last Bash!

Yours in Venturing,

*Brian Parro*

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## About our Organization...

Venturing is a Scouting program for male and female youth ages 13-21 that lets youth experience new activities, build leadership skills, earn awards, make new friends, and of course have fun.

The Central Region is one of the four regions of the Boy Scouts of America. This region includes the states of: Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and West Virginia.