

# The Central Region Flotilla Log



Spring 2013

## Notes from the Central Region Boatswain

Ahoy Central Region,

A new century of Sea Scouting will begin with a bang here in Central Region. There are several great events in the next couple of months that are sure to keep your ship engaged and get you warmed up for the coming summer. There are also some exciting changes coming to the Sea Scout Program. This edition of the *Central Region Flotilla Log* has information on all of these events and a few of the coming changes!



*Peter Schmidt*

Central Region Boatswain

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## New Century Uniform

The National Sea Scout Support Committee is please to introduce the New Century Universal Sea Scout Uniform ("NCUSSU"). The NCUSSU is an alternate uniform to the current adult and youth dress and work uniforms. It is intended to make it easy for members of newly formed Sea Scout Ships to outfit themselves in a Sea Scout uniform and may be chosen by any unit new or existing. When chosen by the unit, this universal uniform is worn by all youth and adult Ship members and may serve as both a dress uniform and a work uniform. To learn more about the new uniform visit [SeaScout.org](http://SeaScout.org).

### Keep Up With Us!



## Area 3 Rendezvous

The Third Annual Central Region Rendezvous (formerly Area 3 Rendezvous) will be held on beautiful Lake Springfield the weekend before Memorial Day. The weekend will include over 30 activities on and off the water. From 22' Catalina Sailboat Cruising to Sunfish races and cardboard canoe competitions to a volleyball tournament, the Rendezvous will keep any youth engaged for the entire weekend. Evening events include a Pirate themed Poker Party on Friday night and a Luau Dance Party on Saturday. Any scout group from Sea Scouts to Venturers are invited to attend. Feel free to visit our website to look at a schedule of events, the menu, the barding manual, and photos from past years. If you have any questions feel free to contact us and we will be happy to help you! [For more information visit our website here.](#)



## Central Region Splash

Come and experience lush indoor water parks, cozy lodges, and friendly people at the first Central Region Event on April 12th-14th. The Wilderness Resort in the Wisconsin Dells offers four indoor water parks, mini golf, go karts, and a host of other activities. The cost is \$89 **before March 1st**, \$105 after, and includes lodging, food, and water park admission. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to meet your Regional officers, Venturers, and Sea Scouts from around the Central Region.

Lodging, food, and water park admission is included in your registration fee. The event is for Venturers, Sea Scouts, parents and Advisors. Bring along any youth Venturing age, especially if they want to check out Venturing. Waterparks will be available for use after arrival on Friday, Saturday and all day Sunday for as long as anyone wants to stay. . Wild WaterDome - a 70,000-square-foot indoor waterpark that features an amazing, state-of-the-art Foil Tec roof that actually allows guests to tan indoors year-round. Klondike Kavern - the perfect escape offering over 65,000 square feet of nonstop indoor waterpark fun. Wild West Waterpark - the biggest indoor waterpark spans over 70,000 square-feet.

We will have 10-14 Venturers per condo. These are not hotel rooms but full living condos with kitchen, bedrooms etc. Meals included are Friday snack, Sat Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Snack, Sunday Breakfast - prepared in each condo.

[For more information and to register click here.](#)

## Central Region Youth Officer Corps

The time to fill our Central Region Youth Officer Corps is upon us. The Central Region Youth Officer Corps serve as the youth Leadership for the region. We are looking for applicants for the following positions to serve for the 2013-2014 term beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> and expiring May 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

Regional Boatswain  
Regional Boatswains Mates  
Task Force Boatswains

Any youth in Sea Scouting who has served in a ship level office is eligible to serve. We encourage all youth to apply because there are 15 positions to fill. The officers are expected to attend two planning meetings, one in May and the other in October. If you know a youth capable of taking on the responsibility encourage them to apply. For more information contact the Central Region Boatswain [Peter Schmidt](#) or visit [seascouting.crventuring.org](http://seascouting.crventuring.org).

[Apply Now  
Click Here](#)



## Spring Icebreaker

I want to welcome you to the "Spring Icebreaker" on April 19-21. This event, which is organized by the dedicated volunteers of Area 6 and Anthony Wayne Area Council, is the premier training opportunity of the spring. During this training weekend, you will be able to shake off the snow and prepare yourself for the upcoming warmer weather. Soon we will be able to get back to more of our favorite outdoor activities. Prepare yourself by refreshing your seamanship skills or learning new ones. Have fun participating in some friendly competition and making new friends with other sea scouts from the area and region. Last but not least you will be able to make new contacts during this weekend that will provide you an avenue to enhance your own scouting unit's activities. So take every advantage of the learning opportunities offered this weekend, meet some new friends, and enjoy the weekend.

Yours in Sea Scouting,  
Allen Shields  
Central Region Area 6 Commodore

[More information here](#)

## Seabadge 18-IL-3013

The Central Region Flotilla of the National Fleet of Sea Scouts, a division of Boy Scouts of America is pleased to announce Sea Badge. Our Sea Badge course will be October 25, 26, and 27, 2013 at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, near Chicago, Illinois. Our host Council is the Chicago Area Council. Course fee is \$150.00. Please consider this your personal invitation from the Course Director and Task Force 4 Commodore to attend SB-18-IL-2013 (CR-X).

Any Sea Scouter who desires to learn more about Sea Scouting and how they can provide leadership to the youth, District, and Council to ensure that Sea Scouting will continue here in Central Region is welcome to attend. You must meet the prerequisites for the course and secure your councils approval to attend. More information can be found at [SeaScout.org](http://SeaScout.org). The registration form is available [here](#).

See you in October,  
Commodore Thomas Ross  
Sea Badge Course Director



## Youth Opportunities

Do you want the adventure of a lifetime? Apply now to sail aboard the tall ship Coast Guard Barque *Eagle*! The *Eagle* is a three-masted barque-rigged ship used to train cadets and officer candidates in the U.S. Coast Guard. The *Eagle* was built in Germany in 1936 and was taken as a war reparation by the U.S. after World War II. Since then the *Eagle* has been homeported in New London, Connecticut, the location of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

The National Sea Scout Support Committee has again made special arrangements with the US Coast Guard Academy for select Sea Scouts to join as crew aboard the *Eagle* during its 2013 summer cadet cruise. This opportunity is available to all Sea Scouts who desire fun, adventure, and a summer cruise to remember - you don't want to miss this chance. This year's Sunday-to-Saturday cruises are off the New England Coast and will embark on July 28 (at Boston, MA), and August 4 (at a port-of-call to be determined).

The ideal candidate is an active Sea Scout who is at least Able rank, a leader in his/her Ship, a SEAL graduate, 16 or 17 years old, in the 10th or 11th grade at the time of application, with an interest in the Coast Guard or other military or maritime career. Remember though, many prior successful applicants have not had all of these attributes. **So who should apply? Any Sea Scout who is interested! [More information can be found here.](#)**

## Calendar of Events

April 12-14	<a href="#">Central Region Splash</a>	Wisconsin Dells
April 19-21	<a href="#">Spring Icebreaker</a>	Howe, IN
April 20	<a href="#">Rock River Regatta</a>	Ft. Atkinson, WI
May 17-19	<a href="#">Area 3 Rendezvous</a>	Springfield, IL
June 16-22	<a href="#">Swift Aquatics Extravaganza</a>	Farmington, MO
August 9-11	46th Annual Makahiki	Warsaw, IN
October 25-27	<a href="#">SB-18-IL-1013</a>	Chicago, IL

Full Sea Scout and Venturing Calendar with details [Click Here](#). [Submit events here.](#)

### Task Force Area 1

Commodore: [Dr. George Battis](#)

Boatswain: George J.M. Battis

News:

Know someone who wants to make a difference in the program? Have them fill out the Youth Corps Application [here](#).



### Task Force Area 2

Commodore: [Mr. Jay Howse](#)

Boatswain: In Application Process

News:

Our very own Jeff Gerald was selected to receive the high honor of the Central Region Silver Antelope. Jeff is the Area 2 Vice Commodore as well as the Area 2 Venturing Advisor. Congratulations Commodore Gerald!



### Task Force Area 3

Commodore: [Mr. Bill Hamilton](#)

Boatswain: Katie Bruton

News:

We enjoyed our Ski Trip to Wausau Wisconsin and we are looking forward to the big warm up so we can enjoy our time on the water this summer. We have several events such as the Area 3 Rendezvous and our Swift Aquatics Extravaganza.



### Task Force Area 4

Commodore: [Mr. Tom Ross](#)

Boatswain: In Application Process

News:

We are hosting a Seabadge along with Area 7 and Chicago Area Council and would love to see you there in October, Information is available in this newsletter and more will come later!

Know someone who wants to make a difference in the program? Have them fill out the Area Boatswain Application [here](#).



### Task Force Area 5

Commodore: Selection In Progress

Boatswain: In Application Process

News:

Know someone who wants to make a difference in the program? Have them fill out the Area Boatswain Application [here](#).



### Task Force Area 6

Commodore: [Mr. Donald Allen Shields](#)

Boatswain: [Rebecca Oelker](#)

News:

Come out to the Spring Icebreaker in Howe, Indiana for a weekend of training, seamanship, friendship, and FUN. More information is available in the Newsletter and at the Anthony Wayne Council Website.



### Task Force Area 7

Commodore: [William Muraski](#)

Boatswain: [Alex Zoiopoulos](#)

News:

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## Central Region Flotilla Sea Scout Service Committee

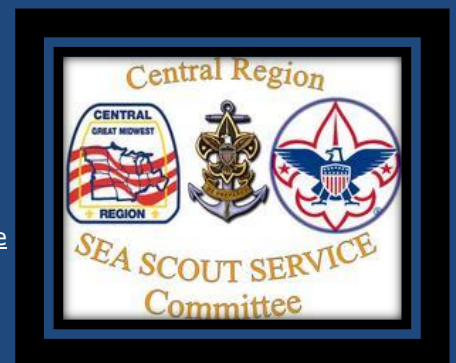


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### About Us

Sea Scouting 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 with a strong focus on water activities including but not limited to sailing, canoeing, kayaking, SCUBA, rafting, board sailing, and power cruising The Central Region is one of 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.

### Credits

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### Newsletter Articles

As you have probably noticed, the Central Region Sea Scout Newsletter, *The Flotilla Log*, is back! If there is anything you want other Sea Scouts to know about send us the information here and we will see it gets into the next *Flotilla Log*. Publication dates will be March 1<sup>st</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, September 1<sup>st</sup>, and December 1<sup>st</sup> respectively for each edition. We look forward to continue to publish this on a Quarterly basis, with a spring edition, summer edition, fall edition, and a winter edition. To submit articles, send them [here](#).

Fair Winds,

*Newsletter Team*