



# VENTURING OFFICER ASSOCIATION

## COUNCIL VENTURING PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED

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Anna Grund has been selected as the 2016-2017 Great Trail Council Venturing President. She will succeed Katelyn Keckler of Crew 2424



when her term as the 2015 - 2016 Council VP of Administration ends. Her first day on the job as President will be June 1. She is President of Crew 2412 and an entering senior at Tallmadge High School. She is employed in her school's theatre department and plans to move on to Kent State University to study fine arts.

She is serving as scribe on the National Youth Leadership Training course in Great Trail and in August will serve as a Patrol Guide for the NYLT course in Muskingum Valley, a course run by the current Muskingum Valley Council Venturing President. She has travelled to Simon Kenton Council to teach Leadership Skills for Crews at their University of Scouting and then repeated this course at Great Trail's University of Scouting the following month. In April she served as a member of the communications team for World-

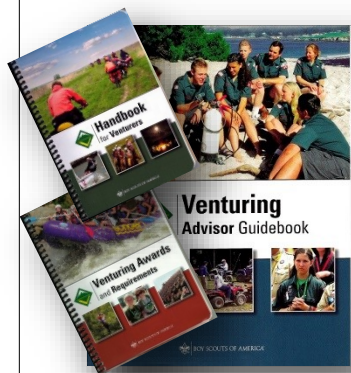
Fest 2016 where she joined Venturers from across the region and helped document the event as one of three photographers. Anna has proven to be a fine example of a Venturer who serves beyond the crew and we are excited to have her.

She can be reached at [VP-Administration@GTCVenturing.org](mailto:VP-Administration@GTCVenturing.org) until June 1 when her address will change to [President@GTCVenturing.org](mailto:President@GTCVenturing.org).

Applications for 2016-2017 VOA Vice President accepted until filled at [GTCVenturing.org/apply](http://GTCVenturing.org/apply)  
See this Newsletter & more at [GTCVenturing.org/news](http://GTCVenturing.org/news)

### How to find Information

- Look around our website at [GTCVenturing.org](http://GTCVenturing.org) and [GTCVenturing.org/news](http://GTCVenturing.org/news)
- Forms and event flyers [GTCVenturing.org/filestore/2016](http://GTCVenturing.org/filestore/2016)
- Can't find it then email [webmaster@GTCVenturing.org](mailto:webmaster@GTCVenturing.org)



Handbooks available at the Scout Shop (330) 773-0415

## YOUR PRESIDENT AND HER FRIENDS @WORLDVEST



WorldFest set records again this year. Over 90 Venturers and adults from Great Trail Council joined the 400+ people at WorldFest. After a conference on Leading Beyond the Crew, these impressive leaders were hanging out and a picture had to happen. Pictured (left to right) Edward Campbell, National Sea Scout Boatswain, Central Region Area 4 Venturing President Michael Gunther (from GTC), Central Region Venturing President Brian Parro, Great Trail Council Venturing President-elect, Anna Grund, and Edward Abraham, National Venturing President.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Register for all VOA events at  
[GTCVenturing.org/events](http://GTCVenturing.org/events)

June 1 – 2016-2017 VOA Officers begin their terms

June 12-17, 2016 – NYLT  
[scoutingevent.com?gtcnylt](http://scoutingevent.com?gtcnylt)

July 31-August 6, 2016 – Mountain Man 2016  
[http://www.manatoc.org/mountain\\_man.html](http://www.manatoc.org/mountain_man.html)

August 20, 2016–Venturing Luau and Pool Party

You may want to Luau after two great events held the same weekend (separate registrations)

August 19-21, 2016 –Boy Scout and Venturing Shooting Weekend

August 19-21, 2016 – Climbing Weekend

July 31-August 5, 2016 – AdventureFest at the Summit Bechtel Reserve (\$300 adults, \$400 youth)

November 4-6, 2016  
 Venturing Fall Fun Weekend (Theme TBA)

February 25, 2017 Venturing Banquet

March 4, 2017  
 University of Scouting – adult and youth training

April 28-30, 2017 – WorldFest  
[tiny.cc/WorldFest](http://tiny.cc/WorldFest)

July 19-28, 2017 – National Jamboree  
<http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/overview/>

2019  
 World Jamboree  
<http://2019wsj.org>

**“Venturing is a great way to make new friends and meet teens in other crews who have similar interests and values as you.”**

## VENTURING CONGRESSES

At 7:00 at Camp Manatoc  
 Lewis Conference Center.

May 2, 2016  
 September 12, 2016  
 November 7, 2016  
 January 9, 2017  
 March 6, 2017  
 May 1, 2017

Venturing Congresses are an important part of our ongoing training. Led by former Area VP of training Nathan Jarosz brings a world of experience to the job of Venturing Roundtable Commissioner.



Look for Facebook notices and emails from Nathan on what to expect. These are for all interested adults and youth.

## VENTURING OFFICER ASSOCIATION (VOA) MEETINGS

The VOA meets at 6:00 PM on the same days as the Venturing Congresses (see above) and by conference call during other months.

The VOA, led by Anna Grund (Starting June 1) is for all Crew Presidents and their advisors. They meet with the VOA officers and their advisors on a regular basis to serve the Crews of Great Trail Council. Some of the ways the VOA serves is through leading fun events and trainings.

## NATIONAL VENTURING EVENT

JULY 31- AUGUST 5, 2016



[www.summitbsa.org/venturingfest](http://www.summitbsa.org/venturingfest)

See a flyer at  
<http://gtcventuring.org/filestore/Area4/VenturingFest%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>

## YOUR BOY SCOUT TROOP NEEDS A VENTURING CREW

An initiative from Area 4 is "Why your troop needs a crew." The three main points are

1. Your troop will grow and retain members
  - Your youth will have increased opportunities designed for high school and college youth
  - Some youth are going to leave your troop, isn't it better they are lost to another unit at your chartered organization
  - 18-20 year olds are more likely to register as ASMs
  - Your troop will have more Eagles due to greater retention.
2. Venturing is a way for your older scouts to flourish and renew
  - Youth who have done it all find new experiences in a unit of young adults
  - The scouting program is not designed for high school youth, as Scoutmaster your responsibility is to meet the needs of your older youth. A crew can do that.
3. A scout can be in only one troop, but can join multiple crews.
  - You do not lose your scouts from your charter if they join a crew. You gain all of their Venturing friends.
  - All units benefit from a family of Scouting concept. One organization with Pack, Troop, and Crew gives you one Scouting organization from first grade to age 21. Your organization can serve all youth in Scouting.

*To start a crew see [GTCVenturing.org](http://GTCVenturing.org) and click on "how to form a crew."*

## FAITH AND A SIMPLE MESSAGE



Area 4 President David Weyrick of Great Trail Council and friend remind Venturers at WorldFest to serve others in order to do their duty to God and Country. Our council was well represented at the Area event with over 90 or the 400+.

## PLAN NOW TO ATTEND OR STAFF ONE OF THE LARGEST AREA VENTURING EVENTS IN THE NATION

AREA 4'S WORLDFEST  
APRIL 28-30, 2017



National Venturing President Edward Abraham takes a selfie with the participants at WorldFest 2016. Join us in 2017.

## ADULT TRAINING IS ONLINE

Do you need to get trained or do you want an update with the 2014 Venturing revisions? You can now take online

1. Crew Advisor Specific Training,
2. Crew Committee Challenge Training
3. Venturing Board of Review Certification Training

at <http://my.scouting.org>. Take #1 or #2 depending on your registered position and Youth Protection training and you will be fully trained.

If you prefer training in person contact our Venturing Training Chairman Brian Menke ([blmrrengine@gmail.com](mailto:blmrrengine@gmail.com)).

A full description of Adult and Youth training is on our webpage at [GTCVenturing.org/training](http://GTCVenturing.org/training).

## Youth Training Needs

Youth training is the responsibility of the crew, but the VOA often helps when asked. Contact [President@GTCVenturing.org](mailto:President@GTCVenturing.org) and tell us what help you need.

## CREW PRESIDENTS



REPRESENT YOUR CREW AT THE COUNCIL LEVEL.

Are you the newly elected President of your Crew? If so we need to know about you so you and your Advisor can be invited to participate in the GTC VOA.

See page 2 for the dates of our meetings and join us. No other program in scouting has the structure of Venturing where Presidents of all tiers from Council to National are uniquely related. Join us.

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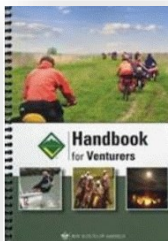


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Award Sequence

1. Venturing
2. Discovery
3. Pathfinder
4. Summit

# COME TO THE LUAU AND CONSIDER TWO OTHER GREAT EVENTS TOO, AUGUST 19-21



The Luau and Pool Party begins at 5:00 PM which is when two earlier events conclude. Stay tuned for pricing and more details about the Luau, but you may want to enjoy the Boy Scout and Venturing Shooting Sports Weekend or the Climbing MB weekend. Check in for those is 7:30 PM Friday night and they conclude at 5:00 PM.

So come get wet and enjoy the dinner we provide for you and pool fun and an evening program with all of your fellow Venturers.

Manatoc Scout Reservation Campmasters Corps  
Present

Boy Scout and Venturing  
Shooting Sports Weekend  
August 19-21, 2016

Check in August 19, 7:30 p.m. Manatoc Administration Building  
Enjoy a weekend of rifle shooting, black powder, shotgun, archery, and tomahawks!

NEW for 2016 PAINTBALL  
Program 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.  
Cost: \$25/person (Includes tent camping site, lunch Saturday, ammo and targets for the weekend). Registration required for program only participants; no discount for program only participants. Youth Only 20 Years and Younger  
Adults may camp, help, watch and eat lunch for 10 dollars  
Registration due by August 12, 2016

Contact Mike Fallon @ 330-815-2454 falconmich1@gmail.com Or Larry Lott @ 330-836-7027 LD.Lot@yahoo.com

Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Leader \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Youth \_\_\_\_\_ Number of adults \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

VISA/MasterCard/Discover # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable and Mail to:  
Great Trail Council BSA, PO Box 68, Akron, OH 44309-0068

Climbing Merit Badge Day  
Sponsored By: The Great Trail Council Climbing Committee

August 19-21, 2016  
at  
Camp Manatoc

Open to Area 4 Scouts and Adults ages 13+

Includes:

- FREE Tent Camping for All Participants
- Lunch on Saturday
- Use of the Manatoc Tower and Bouldering wall
- Opportunity to work on and complete many merit badge requirements
- This is a separate event from the Shooting Sports event. You may only participate in one of the events

For questions or more details contact:  
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Unit # \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Leader \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Council: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Participants: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20= \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Fees Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
VISA / MasterCard / Discover Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

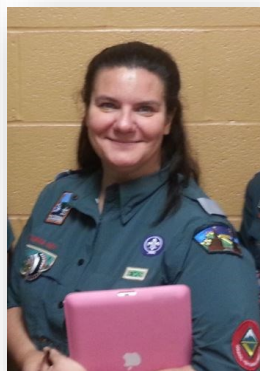
Make All Checks Payable and Mail with form to: Great Trail Council BSA, PO Box 68, Akron, OH 44309-0068

Forms for both events are available at [GTCVenturing.org/events](http://GTCVenturing.org/events). You must complete and mail or take them into the Scout Shop.

To attend the Luau you must sign up online, also at [GTCVenturing.org/events](http://GTCVenturing.org/events).

## AN ADVISOR'S MINUTE KIMBERLY MYERS, GTC VOA ADVISOR

### Join us for the fun this Summer



I just spent a great weekend with over 400 Venturers from Area 4 and beyond at WorldFest. It is exciting that for the second year in a row Great Trail youth and adults represented 90 of them. I hope all 90 and more will join us at the Luau in August to start the year off right. I hope Crew presidents will also join us and help tailor our efforts to what the crews want and need. I would love to hear your comments on your GTC Venturing program.

Email me at [Advisor@GTCVenturing.org](mailto:Advisor@GTCVenturing.org).



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