

# Area 6

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## Patrol Z

By Zane Naylor

Over the last 100 years Scouting has changed in more ways than you can count. Long gone are the days of Lord Robert Baden-Powell teaching boys how to use their compass in the woods or riding his trusty horse on the trail. Although the man is gone, the values of the Scout Oath, Law, and Venturing Code live on through us, the current generation of Scouts and Venturers.

Patrol Z, a group of media-savvy Scouts and Venturers from across the country, blogs, texts, and creates compelling video footage to help tell the story of the Scouting movement as we prepare for Jamboree 2013 at The Summit.

We need to share the fun, exciting experiences we're having with others, to show them how much fun Scouting is. That's why Patrol Z needs your help.

Tell us what's going on where you live. What new and engaging activities is your Crew getting involved in? We can share your ideas and experiences to help make build excitement for all Scouting!

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### Venturing Leadership Applications

Have you started thinking about what impact you want to make on the Venturing program next year or know a youth that could make an impact? Then consider applying for an Area or Region leadership position. Regional President Applications are due by February 15, and Area President Applications are due by March 1. The application can be found at: <http://scouting.org/filestore/venturing/pdf/2011-2012VenturingPresidentNominationForm.pdf>

### Venturing Leadership Award

The Venturing Leadership Award (VLA) is available at the council, area, regional and national level to recognize outstanding leadership in Venturing. This award is available to both youth and adults until the end of this year. Beginning in 2012, the Venturing Leadership Award will only be available to venturing youth. For more information about this award,

### What's Happening

#### Upcoming Events:

We have a Shooting Sports weekend coming up in Spring 2012! Anyone interested in helping with the event should contact Cameron

### Super-Activity!

Your Area 6 Officers want to put together a super activity! Do you have any ideas? We want everybody interested!

Send your ideas to either Cameron or Sarah!

### Help with the Newsletter!

We are looking for anyone who is interested in helping with the newsletter! If you have any information that you would like to have added to the newsletter, please send it in! We are always looking for information to send out to the Area!

Send complete articles, information to be turned into articles, etc. to: [ridgewayi@mymail.shawnee.edu](mailto:ridgewayi@mymail.shawnee.edu)

### Our Mission

The mission of the national Venturing cabinet and the region and area Venturing officers' associations is to promote and support the Venturing program, utilizing a standard organizational structure that enables local councils to grow membership by advancing leadership opportunities through communication, program, and administration.



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## Venturing Camps

Camp Birch July 8-14, 2012

Join Us and Help Celebrate

Camp Birch's 80th

Anniversary at one of the

Only Nationally Accredited

Venturing Camps in the

Region.

Venturers are still only

\$235.00 if paid in full by

May 12, 2012. Campers who

register by May 12, 2012 will

receive a free limited edition

Camp Birch 80th

Anniversary hat.

For more information

contact:

rsparks@bsamail.org.

## Training and Advancement

### NEW!!!

This year, all courses of National Youth Leadership Training are open to

Venturers between the ages

of 14 and 21. Must have

completed ILSC before

attending. For more info on

available courses, check

[http://www.crventuring.org/](http://www.crventuring.org/Area_Pages/Area_6/)

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The National Advanced

Youth Leadership

Experience (NAYLE) will be

held at Philmont Scout

Ranch this year, and is still

open to Venturers. Must

have completed NYLT

before attending Full

schedule at

<http://philmontscoutranch.org/PTC/conferences2012.aspx>

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# Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award

By Jacob Ramsey

Area 6 VP Administration

Do you have a top notch Venturing program in your Council? If you don't know or aren't sure, here are some ways to see how you "measure up"! Check out the 2011 Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award at [www.crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=514](http://www.crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=514) which include all of the following:

- **Positive growth in Venturing membership and crews** –Growth cannot occur without active promotion of the fun and opportunities in Venturing!
- **Council adoption of the minimum structure outlined in the standard operating procedures released by the National Venturing Youth Cabinet approved by your Scout Executive** (see [www.crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=521](http://www.crventuring.org/document2.php?s=1&id=521))
- **The council presented at least one youth and one adult Venturing Leadership Award.** Every council has talented and vibrant youth and adult volunteers that would appreciate being recognized.
- **At least one council wide Venturing event was planned and held by the council VOA.** Plan and promote a fun VOA activity to help you achieve positive growth in membership and crews...it's that easy!
- **Substantial effort was made to recognize recipients of the highest level Venturing awards (Quest, TRUST, Ranger, Silver, and Quartermaster) and the Venturing Leadership Awards.** Through the VOA, encourage all crews to provide award opportunities to their youth!
- **The Venturing Key 3 communicated at least six times during the year to discuss the progress of Venturing.** Meetings, teleconferences or conferences every other month between the VOA President, volunteer VOA Advisor, and a Professional staff member appointed by the Scout Executive is all it takes.
- **The VOA President submitted a written annual report to the Council Executive Board, personally if possible.** The VOA President is one of the positions that can be elected as a youth representative on the Council Executive Board. They should make it a priority to attend board meetings and provide an annual report.
- **Council's website & newsletter promoted Venturing training & activities, and a link to [www.crventuring.org](http://www.crventuring.org)** Don't miss the opportunity to include this information in periodic newsletters and the Venturing section of the Council's website.
- **The council VOA met at least four times during the calendar year at pre-arranged, published dates.** Plan and invite all Crew Presidents to quarterly meetings to provide support to their crews and share ideas of what's working in your Council.
- **A representative from the council participated in an area Venturing meeting and/or training (to include teleconferences).** If you can't make a meeting in your area, consider attending a meeting in a nearby area!
- **The council VOA actively utilizes and administers one or more social networks** (Facebook groups are the most popular venue to communicate between Venturers and adult volunteers for upcoming announcements, meetings, activities, and best practices).

Five additional accomplishments are outlined as "electives" that are needed for your Council to achieve the Standards of Venturing Excellence Award. Use the Council Standards of Venturing Excellence to set goals for the upcoming year! I challenge every Council in Area 6 to strive to meet these standards in 2012!

## What is Venturing?



Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 13 (and have completed the eighth grade) through 20 years of age.

Venturing's purpose is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.

Venturing is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between youth, adult leaders, and organizations in their communities. Local community organizations establish a Venturing crew by matching their people and program resources to the interests of young people in the community. The result is a program of exciting and meaningful activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, to grow, to develop leadership skills, and to become good citizens.

## Councils

The Councils in Area 6 are:

[Secumseh, Sagamore,](#)  
[Fairlands, Miami Valley,](#)  
[Lincoln Trails, LaSalle, Hoosier](#)  
[Trails, Dan Beard, Crossroads of](#)  
[America, Buffalo Trace, Black](#)  
[Swamp Area, Anthony Wayne](#)  
[Area.](#) Feel free to click on a  
council to visit their website.



## Find Us At:

### Social Media

Facebook: Search for Central Region Venturing. For more specifics, find Area 6.

Central Region:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2292491801>

Area 6:

[http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group\\_59251792261](http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_59251792261)

Yahoo! Groups: Join these for updates, will need to get approved for permission to join.

[groups.yahoo.com](http://groups.yahoo.com) OR  
[cr.venturinglist.com](http://cr.venturinglist.com)  
[venturinglist.com](http://venturinglist.com)

Twitter: Follow them at CRVenturing!