



# Area 6

September 2011



## Looking Ahead

### 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!

### Fall Fun Rally

Fall Fun Rally is an event sponsored and planned by the Greater St. Louis Area Council VOA. This event was national last year. It will be at Beaumont Scout Reservation in St. Louis, Missouri. The weekend of September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> will be full of Venturers, Sea Scouts, and Explorers. More information on [www.fallfunrally.org](http://www.fallfunrally.org)

### 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 Venture Camps in the Region. Venturers are still only \$235.00 if paid in full by May 12, 2012. Everyone who registers by May 12, 2012 will receive a free limited edition Camp Birch 80th Anniversary hat.

For more information contact: [rsparks@bsamail.org](mailto:rsparks@bsamail.org).

### Training and Advancement

Tecumseh Council is hosting a VOA Training and Advancement Weekend! What does this include?

- ILSC (Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews)
- Venture Leader Specific Training
- The option to Lead a Conservation Project
- Shooting Sports

The details: Cost \$25, includes food, camping, training, shooting

For more information please contact: [emccallister@ameritech.net](mailto:emccallister@ameritech.net)

## 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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## Meeting your Area 6 officers

Sarah McMurphy-Area 6 President

Sarah McMurphy is the Area 6 President. Sarah is from Seymour, Indiana, and part of the Hoosier Trails Council. She plans on attending University of Evansville with an Athletic Training major. After graduation she is planning on becoming a physical therapist. She just returned from working at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico and is looking forward to her term of office and helping to expand the Venturing program.

Jacob Ramsey-Area 6 VP of Administration

Jacob Ramsey is the Area 6 Vice-President of Administration. He is part of the Prairielands Council and lives in Champaign-Urbain Illinois. He plans to attend University of Illinois for physics with a minor in education. After graduation he would like to be a high school physics teacher. He's looking forward to his upcoming Philmont trek as well as college.

Cameron Dennis-Area 6 VP of Program

Cameron Dennis is the Area 6 Vice-President of Program. Born in Muncie Indiana, he is from the Crossroads of American Council. When he graduates High School in 2012 he plans to attend Indiana University and become a chemistry major. After college he seeks a job in the field of education and to continue his relationship with scouting. Cameron is looking forward to spending a week at Camp Ransburg with his venturing crew this summer.

Ian Ridgeway-Area 6 VP of Communications

Ian is the Area 6 Vice-President of Communications. He is a sophomore at Shawnee State University, majoring in International Relations. He is very active as a NYLT staff for six years, serving as a Course Leader twice, as well as serving as a NAYLE Senior Crew Leader twice in 2011. He enjoys teaching, hiking, backpacking, and the outdoors.



A message from Sarah.

Hello everybody!  
I would like to welcome you to a new and wonderful Venturing year! To everyone in school: Good luck!

If you have any advice/questions /comments/ concerns, feel free to e-mail an officer and they will forward it to the appropriate person! I hope to see lots of faces at the Summit!

## 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.



## What's Happening?!

### CENTRAL REGION – AREA 6 VENTURING SUMMIT

September 10-11, 2011 @ Kikthawenund Scout Camp, Noblesville, Indiana

**WHO:** The Second Annual Area 6 Venturing Summit is design specifically for the Council or District Venturing Key 3 (Adult Volunteer, Youth VOA President, and Venturing Professional). Other Council or District VOA Officers, or adults with a lead Council or District Venturing responsibility are encouraged to attend. Or, Venturing units who want to learn more about promoting Venturing in your council

**WHERE:** Kikthawenund Scout Camp is the Crossroads of America Council Camp located 20 minutes north of Noblesville, Indiana. There are three new, heated bunk-style cabins that each sleep 24. Two other cabins which accommodate 10 each are available.

**COST:** The cost for the weekend will be \$35. This will cover accommodations for Saturday night, lunch and dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday, cracker barrel, and meeting materials.

#### Tentative Topics Covered

- \* Recruitment
- \* Why VOA?
- \* By-Laws
- \* Maintaining Your VOA
- \* Face book/Yahoo Groups
- \* Venturing Youth Training
- \* Working with Adults (for Youth)
- \* Beyond Council Opportunities for youth
- \* Organizing Your Council VOA
- \* Officer Descriptions
- \* How to Run a VOA meeting/ Venturing Roundtable
- \* Communication in Your Council VOA
- \* Venturing Leadership Award and other Awards
- \* Venturing Adult Training Opportunities
- \* Working with Teens (for adults)

Come with any questions you have and we will get them answered!

#### Registration:

- Go to the Central Region Venturing webpage ([crventuring.org](http://crventuring.org)), go to the Area 6 page. At the bottom of that page under events you will see the Area 6 Summit. Click there and it will take you to a description of the Summit and Registration links
- Go to the Crossroads of America Council web page. On the far right near the bottom of the homepage you will see a section: Register for Events. Put the Venturing Summit in the drop down window and click go.

## Councils

The Councils in Area 6 are:  
[Tecumseh](#), [Sagamore](#),  
[Prairielands](#), [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!