Did You Know?

-President Roosevelt, an environmentalist, banned Christmas trees from the White House in 1901.

-The letter X in Xmas is a Greek abbreviation for Christ.

-During the Holiday season, nearly 28 sets of LEGO are sold every second.

Your mind’s just been blown to pieces right?

I mean, who’s wouldn’t?!

An Innovator: Leah Todd

Hi there! My name is Leah Todd and I am the Southern Region Venturing VP of Communication! On behalf of the entire Southern Region, Happy Holidays and we hope you enjoy our December edition of the Southern Snapshot! As a part of the SR VOA, my job is to improve communications across our amazing region! My vision is to improve Venturing in our region by keeping people informed on all things Venturing, and to help create and maintain a communication network that goes from National all the way down to individual crews. At the end of the day, all of the VOA members strive to improve the program to make it more enjoyable for all Venturers!

Save the Date! (More information through out the Issue)

Super Seminar
Feb 24 - 26
Area 4 invites you to learn how to be an effective officer in your Crew, Ship, or VOA!

Winterfest
Feb 10 - 12
The largest event in the Southern Region created by and for Venturers & Explorers.

Escape the Camp
Feb 10 - 12
Area 4’s Central Florida Council invites you to escape the camp. Based on series of pop culture.
I am honored to have been asked to write this article for the December edition of the one and only Southern Region Snapshot! So, with the formalities out of the way, Greetings from the Northeast Region! Right now it’s a balmy 34 degrees Fahrenheit and very, very windy from where I go to school right outside of Washington, D.C. I was asked to write this article to talk about Venturing in the Northeast. Besides being super cold, the Northeast Region is graced with 6 Areas, 61 Councils and, in my biased opinion, some of the coolest Venturers around.

This year, the Northeast Region VOA has chosen to take a different approach to Venturing, we see our role as a VOA to make being a Crew easier. Crews are the basis of the Venturing program, without them we won’t have a program. We plan to help the Crews through directly working with Area and Council VOAs in the Northeast Region as well as other initiatives that we will be revealing through the term. (Feel free to check nerventuring-bsa.org for any updates as they come)

This October, I attended the [North Eastern] Area 6 VOA Training event [pictures attached], Connect. Connect is a great example of some of the innovative ideas for Venturing coming from the Area VOAs this year. At Connect, trainers focused on how to apply Venturing skills to real life and presented new ideas for the future of Venturing as they saw it. There are tons of innovative Area VOA events coming up in the Spring where Area VOAs will be using the same innovative approach taken with Connect to program events that will surely be a fresh take on Venturing at the Area level, with new themes, activities and a whole lot more.

The power of Venturing is in all of the passionate youth that are a part of it. Every time I meet a new Venturing Crew or go to an event I am blown away by how crazy about the program every Venturer is, the enthusiasm is infectious. I challenge every one of you, over the holidays find a way to spread the enthusiasm to someone outside of the program. Find a way that you can share how much you love this program to someone that has no idea what it is. Let’s give the gift of Venturing this December!

I wish you all a very Happy Holidays from the Northeast Region, and of course, remember that Venturing is Awesome!

-Erik Saderholm
Northeast Region Venturing President
We are all sure you’ve heard of The Sunshine State, right? Where it’s always warm and sunny. Well, we’ve got news for you! Area 4 will be hosting a Venturing Seminar to assist, teach, and develop each Venturer's leadership skills while working with your Crew, Ship, or VOA! What’s more? It’ll take place in February through the 24th to the 26th! So if you’re looking for a leadership training in a nice sunny place, Area 4 has got you covered!

To add to the experience, this year’s seminar is superhero themed! Who doesn’t love a themed event!

We will be having SUPER activities such as Archery, Climbing, Geo-Caching, and most importantly FOOD throughout the course of the weekend! The price for this activity will be $30 Per Person! Venturers from all ages are encouraged to come.

So, whether you’re a recent Venturer, if you’ve been in the program for a long time, or if you are an advisor this Seminar is for ALL of you! Pack your bags and bring your windbreaker cause you are about to be blown away with what we’ve got ready for you!

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**Last Month’s Puzzle**

We hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving and were reminded of all the things we should be grateful for.

We were thankful for our friends, family, but most of all puppies!

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**What Are You Thankful For?**

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**Clues:**
- The two Venturers from the southern most states prefer hiking.
- Charlie and Mia are Scuba Certified.
- The Venturer from Georgia does not like the cold weather.
- The most southern state will go the farthest up north.
- Mia lives in the Sunshine State.
- The Venturer from Georgia will be visiting the Tooth of Time.
- Charlie lives in the South but is the closest to the North.
Tips on Recruitment

-budget; it's very hard to have new members in your Crew if they don't know about it! Peer-to-peer and face-to-face are more effective than over an email or flyer.

- Quality Programs; once you have new members interested in your Crew, convince them to join by having fun and engaging activities!

- Have diversity; different types of events and personalities will help your Crew be a stronger unit and attract a variety of people into your Crew.

- HAVE FUN! If it's not fun for you or for them then it's not going to work no matter what you do. Keep fun in the focus and you'll succeed.

Riddle Me This

1. How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?
   Nothing, it was on the house!

2. What do you get if you cross an apple and a Christmas tree?
   Pineapple.

3. Which elf was the best singer?
   ELFis Presley
Happy Holidays Southern Region! It's the time of year where the weather begins to cool and snow starts to fall… for some of us. In Florida it's a consistent 80 degrees and windy- but there's other ways to get into the holiday spirit than wearing sweaters and warm pants!

We all have different ways of getting into the spirit and celebrating the holidays. For some of us it's finishing the Thanksgiving leftovers and putting up our bright Christmas lights- for others it could be traveling home to be with friends and family. It especially differs within our great Region! While Camila and myself are sweating in Florida, Timothy is feeling the chill in South Carolina.

That's a cool thing about living in the Southern Region. We can vary greatly from state to state… and even in the same state. Beyond these differences we all have many things in common and the holidays highlight that. They are a time of coming together for friendship and fellowship, despite our differences and hardships (our thoughts and prayers go out to those afflicted by the forest fires).

No matter whether you are in or out of school, preparing for exams or for holiday shoppers, spending the holidays with company or alone; I sincerely hope that you will enjoy the holidays and fellowship of the Southern Region. We have a lot of great things planned for the SRV community in the New Year, and we're very excited to spend the holidays with you… no matter how far away you are.

We'll see you in the New Year!

~ Lydia
Hi all, my minute this month is about integrity. Integrity is something that means a lot to me and I that think ultimately means a lot to all of us in Scouting. If we were to ask someone off the street what they thought integrity was I bet that you would get back a myriad of answers that all amounted to "being a good person" or "doing the right thing." Now, while I definitely believe that these are truly satisfactory answers for what integrity is to most I also believe that we as Scouts and Scouters know a deeper and more in-depth meaning of the word. As a Venturer (and consequently a Scout) each of us is taught that it is ultimately our duty as human beings to care for or fellow man; this of course means putting him or her first in all that we do. To me this is the ultimate show of integrity and therefore one of the greatest lessons learned in Scouting.

So where can we see integrity in action? Well, we can see it all over the Scouting Movement. We see it in every hour of service that we devote to others, every skill that we teach to others, and especially every office that we hold that gives a voice to others. Our integrity is shown in anything that we do for others. I think a great question to ask yourself if you ever wonder whether or not you are doing something that exhibits integrity is: "Do my next actions benefit anyone other than myself?" If the answer is yes, then you can bet it shows you're acting with integrity.

Have something you’d like to see on the Snapshot?

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Check-In starts 7pm

Learn how to be the most effective officer in your Crew, Ship or VOA and learn more about the Venturing program. Adult advisors attend an open forum with the Area 4 Venturing Advisor. Archery, Climbing, Geo-caching, Food, FUN!

Cost: $30/Per Person (Includes all meals, materials and insurance) Registration Ends February 3rd!

Register online at www.nfcscoaching.org/calendar or mail form below w/payment

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