I Spy, Area 5

Hello Southern Region! Christopher Silvestri here, and I am currently serving as your Southern Region Area 5 Venturing President. I hail from just outside the Queen City in the Old North State. I’m going on my 5th year in Venturing and my 13th year in Scouting! My personal vision for my term is for Operation Five is Alive to go off phenomenally! I strive to bring all 10 councils in Area 5 together and visit each one at least once. I hope you enjoy this issue of The Southern Snapshot brought to you by Venturers just like you!

Save the Date! (Flyers attached at the end)

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The biggest event in the Southern Region for Venturers and Explorers!
Area 7 invites you to their End of the world Apocalyptic Venturee!
Area 1 is inviting YOU to lead the spooky adventure with their first Area wide event!

Did you Know?

- The capitol building in Washington, D.C has 365 steps to represent every day of the year.
- Most people hadn’t heard of the Mona Lisa until it was stolen in 1911.
- Every restaurant is a fast food restaurant, if you drive fast enough.

If we had a mic, we would drop it.

In the mean time, here is a picture of the President doing us a favor.
If you were wondering what to cook on your next campout, fret no more! The Snapshot has the recipes for you.

**Monkey Bread**

**Total Time:** 45 Minutes

**Ingredients**
- 2 rolls of Pillsbury biscuits
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 3 Tbsp. cinnamon
- 1 stick butter, melted

**Instructions**
1. Spray Dutch oven with cooking spray. I would recommend lining the oven with foil and coating with cooking spray.
2. Chop biscuits into quarters. Mix sugar and cinnamon in plastic bag. Drop each quarter into bag and shake to coat well.
3. Place the mixture in the Dutch oven.
4. In a separate pan, melt the butter and pour over biscuits.
5. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes. Check around 30 minutes to see if the dough is done.

**Caramel Cinnamon Rolls**

**Total Time:** 50 Minutes

**Ingredients**
- 18 Cinnamon Rolls, from a tin, you will need multiple
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ cup graham cracker crumbs
- Topping:
  - Frosting that comes with cinnamon rolls
  - ⅓ cup caramel ice cream topping

**Instructions**
1. Cut each roll into 4 pieces and arrange in the bottom of a 14-inch Dutch oven lined with aluminum foil or sprayed with non-stick cooking spray.
2. In a bowl combine brown sugar, cinnamon, and cracker crumbs.
3. Sprinkle evenly over cut rolls.
4. Cover with lid and bake at 350°F 25-30 minutes.
5. For icing combine frosting with caramel topping. Drizzle over cinnamon rolls while still warm.

**Peanut Butter Bacon Chocolate Bar**

**Total Time:** 45 Minutes

**Ingredients**
- 1 package peanut butter cookie mix
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 2 tbsp. maple-flavored syrup
- 1 egg
- 12 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
- ½ cup chopped peanuts
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate

**Instructions**
1. Lightly oil or spray 10-inch Dutch oven; line with parchment paper. In large bowl, stir together cookie mix, oil, syrup and egg until soft dough forms.
2. Reserve ¼ cup bacon for garnish. Stir remaining bacon and peanuts into dough.
3. Press dough evenly into parchment lined Dutch oven. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until golden brown.
4. Sprinkle evenly with chocolate chips. Replace lid and cook for 3-5 minutes or until chocolate has melted. Immediately spread softened chocolate over bars.
5. Sprinkle reserved ¼ cup bacon over chocolate. Cool for 30 minutes before lifting from Dutch oven.
6. Wait until chocolate has set, before cutting into squares.
Have you ever heard the word Legacy? What do you think of when you hear it? When I think of a Legacy, it brings to mind something that will keep for generations to come. In this case, it is an event that will hold for years to come.

Recently, Area 5 hosted an event called Legacy 4.0 and as you could imagine the event was just that! This event has been occurring since 2013. Legacy 4.0 was held this year at Camp Grimes hosted by the Mecklenburg County Council VOA. This year they aimed for something a little different, to host over 101 events. Now, while you might be thinking “How does one keep track of them all?” the staff already had you covered! You and your unit were provided with a checklist to mark off each event you participated in.

The events ranged from human foosball, tomahawk throwing, lumberjack pole climb, and for those on the more training side they even offered Mentoring! So, if you were on the trail to Summit you definitely wanted to be there.

Their Legacy is only beginning. We can’t wait to see what Legacy 5.0 has in store! So, grab your planners, grab your crew because you are not going to want to miss Legacy 5.0 (Sept 29th – Oct 1st) next year!

**Riddle Me This**

1. **Why did the witch refuse to wear a flat hat?**
   Because there wasn’t any point to it!

2. **What do ghosts serve for dessert?**
   I scream.

3. **What did the ghost teacher say to her class?**
   Watch the board and I’ll go through it again.

**Knock Knock**

Who’s there?

Phillip

Phillip Who?

Fill up my bag
Halloween Maze

Help the baby otter retrieve its candy bags!
Venturingblast: A Burst of Leadership

A Council Venturing Advisor, a few Region Venturing Presidents, and the previous National Venturing President: what do these all have in common? Venturing Blast! This was a conference offered at the Philmont Training Center for VOA officers and advisers.

The course’s purpose was to network, build friendships, discover more of the ALPS program model, and develop skills to help Areas support an explosive Venturing program that will recruit and retain youth in their Councils.

For those that have gone through Time Management Training on their trail to Summit know that anything less than three hours sounds like the perfect training! Much of the course was done in the backcountry of Philmont including locations such as the Abreu staff camp, the trail to Lover’s Leap, and the training center’s COPE and shooting sports program areas.

VOA officers and advisers interested in attending Venturing Blast should visit the Philmont Training Center’s website for more information about attending conferences. At the time of publishing, summer of 2017 conferences and dates have not been released.

Last Month’s Puzzle

We had some minor errors on our end of the puzzle. However, we are sure you all knew the answers!

Did you know our Southern Region President has a middle initial?

Will YOU be attending the biggest event in the Southern Region for Venturers and Explorers?
A Crew Near You
Interview with Crew 21 from Area 5

What’s your most memorable moment in the program? Why?
J: VenturingFest, 1st trip
A: VenturingFest, because I got to experience the many adventures offered at the Summit.
B: Camp Grimes for a weekend, because we got to bond with each other and it was just us.
M: Overcoming stage fright, because it’s amazing what Venturing can do.
S: Catholic Camporee, because I enjoyed bonding through team competition.
E: The Big Zip at VenturingFest, I faced my fears.

What are your names and positions in the crew?
J: Joseph Silvestri, VP Program
A: An Nguyen, Crew Member
B: Binh Nguyen, VP Communications
M: Matilda Silvestri, Crew Member
S: Savanna Duda, VP Administration
E: Emily Doll, President

If you could have one superpower, what would it be?
J: Super Speed
A: Unlimited Knowledge
B: Flying
M: Teleportation
S: That everything I say is a true statement
E: Food randomly in my pocket
You can create avatars online and make them like you or at least a "close enough". But I'm not talking about those avatars right now. If you could be an avatar, what kind would you be? The kind that live on Pandora or the master of all four elements?

J: 4 Elements
A: 4 Elements
B: Pandora
M: 4 Elements
S: 4 Elements
E: 4 Elements

Will any of you be attending the Jamboree next year at the Summit Betchel Reserve? I hear it’s gonna be a blast!

J: Possibly
A: Yes
B: Maybe
M: Maybe
S: Maybe

Let's play a game called Hike, Camp, 'S'mores. I'm going to mention three places and you have to decided if you would prefer to hike it, camp the night, or have 'smores by the fire there. Ready? Let's get started! The first places are: The Summit, Philmont, Sea Base.

J: S'mores, S'mores, S'mores
A: S'mores, Hike, Camp
B: S'mores, Hike, Camp
M: Camp, Hike, S'mores
S: S'mores, Hike, Camp
E: Hike, S'mores, Camp

Let's try this one more time! Camp Grimes, Northern Tier, Camp Belk.

J: Camp, S'mores, Hike
A: Hike, Camp, S'mores
B: Hike, Camp, 'S'mores
M: Camp, Hike, S'mores
S: Camp, Hike, S'mores
E: Hike, S'mores, Camp
"On my honor, I will do my best..."

The Scout Oath contains a promise that we will do our best. Try as we may, there are some times when we break that promise. But, don’t fret if you’ve found yourself in this position! The promise to do our best in the Scout Oath isn’t a promise about the past; it’s one about the future. The Scout Oath doesn’t say, “I have done my best”, it says “...I will do my best...”. “Will”, in the future tense! If things don’t go your way or you make a mistake, own up to it and do your best right now. Endeavoring to always do your best, even if you mess up here or there, is part of what makes a Scout, a Scout.

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Southern Region Area 7 and BRMC Presents

Embrace the special opportunity and pre-order your very own "The Last Venturers" T-Shirt.

Where: Blue Ridge Scout Reservation, Camp Powhatan
When: October 28-30, 2016

The Last Venturers
We must come together to save the human race...

In order to do so you must reserve your spot at Camp Powhatan. This is the only safe place left in the world. During this weekend you will learn and practice new skills such as: shooting, climbing, land navigation, wilderness first aid, and more. SR7 and BRMC is also opening up this opportunity to Boy Scouts between 14 and 18. Sign up before its too late.

Early Bird Deadline: September 30, 2016  ●  Price: $50 (Exclusive T-shirt and patch included!)

Registration Deadline: October 21, 2016  ●  Price: $50

Food is Included  ●  Limited Edition Patch  ●  Exclusive Area 7 T-Shirts

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