Hello Venturers! I hope you enjoy the first edition of the Southern Region Venturing Newsletter! We’re so grateful for your support during this new phase of our communications. Our team has worked very hard on this inaugural issue-inside are some awesome testimonies, articles, pictures, and more! Each issue will be published at the beginning of every month and is 100% manufactured by our Newsletter Committee, which is composed of passionate Venturers! They’re always looking for more like-minded individuals- so if you would like to be a part of this movement then don’t hesitate to inquire!

Did You Know?

- Did you know that after reading the dictionary, every other book is just a re-mix.
- Did you know that in a year, the average person walks four miles making their bed.
- Did you know that lizards communicate doing push-ups.

Oh, SNAP!
Did we blow your mind away? Your mind just exploded, right?

A Cool Kid: Lydia Borah

Legacy 4.0
Sept 16 - 18
Legacy is an Area 5 event that will be filled with 101 things to do!

The Last Venturers
October 28 - 30
Area 7 invites you to their End of the world Apocalyptic Venturee!

Winterfest
February 10 - 12
The biggest event in the Southern Region for Venturers and Explorers!
Campfire ‘Smores

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Midnight Patrol

One of the patrols for the NYLT course I was staffing in forgot to take the trash out. The trash was to be taken up to staff camp before 5 o’clock. As the Troop Guides finally get everyone to bed later that night and head for bed, we get a surprise visit from the SPL of the course. As it turned out, the Service Patrol had not delivered the trash to Staff Camp. The SPL deemed it punishment for the entire patrol to wake up and take the trash out together as a patrol all the way to the dumpster. The other staffers and I immediately begin waking up the Service Patrol. We go one by one shaking the tents to wake every member of that patrol up. But we also do this in the morning; we shake tents to wake everyone up. Apparently, one of the participants didn’t hear us when we said “Wake up, you need to take out the trash”, and simply heard “Wake up”. So you’re probably thinking “Okay, where is this going?” The participant wakes up while all of the patrol is waiting to leave with bags in their hands and he just comes out in a rush wearing his swim trunks and holding his towel. He had thought we had woken him up for the morning swim, as we always go to the pool in the morning before breakfast. The entire group of staff that was there could not keep a straight face. Everyone started cracking up. In the end, the participant took out the trash in his swim trunks and laughed it off later. It was a great night of laughs.
At the Summit Bechtel Reserve this past summer, a historic event occurred. On July 31st, the inaugural National Venturing Event Venturingfest began. This event drew over 600 Venturers from all across the nation and broke the record for the largest Venturing event!

During Venturingfest, Venturers were able to enjoy all the amazing adventures the Summit offers while meeting scouts from across the nation! The best part may have been the short lines to participate in the activities. A few highlights include the Big Zip, White Water Rafting, crossbow shooting, and skateboarding! The event offered dozens more activities.

The fun didn't stop during the evening-each night offered an unforgettable unique program. One night had a live band- while the next one had a Glow-In-The-Dark Capture the Flag with over 400 scouts participating!

If you missed out on this event; don't worry and open your calendar. Venturingfest will be held again in 2018 in celebration of Venturing's 20th anniversary!

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**Riddle Me This**

1. What can run but never walks, has a mouth but never speaks, has a head but never weeps, and has a bed but never sleeps?

2. You are a cyclist in a cross-country race. Just before the crossing finish line you overtake the person in second place! What place did you finish in?

**Books Never Written**

+ ‘Over the Mountaintop’ by Hugo First
+ 'Falling Off a Cliff’ by Eileen Dover
+ 'The Lost Venturer' by Werram Eye
+ 'How to Eat Cereal' by Poor A. Bowl
Complete the crossword below

**Across**
2. Youth development program for young men and women from ages 13 - 20.
6. Event that will be occurring in Area 5 during September.
7. The name of the Official Southern Region Venturing Newsletter.

**Down**
1. The biggest event in the Southern Region for Venturers and Explorers.
3. Term for a Venturing Unit.
4. Current Southern Region Venturing President
5. Graham cracker and chocolatey goodness to which you will always want some more.
9. High adventure base that share the name with the highest rank in Venturing.
Meet The New Kids On The Block

Katie Hancock

My name is Katie Hancock I am serving as the 2016-2017 Vice President of Administration on the Southern Region VOA. This year I hope to push for the completion of CSVE’s in all councils of the Southern Region. Also to introduce the service initiative which rewards service of crews in our region. I'm looking forward to traveling to southern region Venturing events and promoting Venturing.

Timothy Simpson

Timothy has served as the Southern Region Area 5 Venturing President, Western Region Area 1 Venturing Vice President of Communications, Council VOA President, and Crew President. His training includes National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC), Venturing Leadership Skills for Crews (VLSC), Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) and National Leadership Seminar (NLS). Timothy has Staffed ILSC, VLSC, LLD and numerous Area Leadership Development Conferences.

Timothy hopes to build on the past successes of the previous Southern Region Vice Presidents of Program. He hopes to encourage events in all Areas and to support programs in training and high adventure from the Council and up. He looks forward to working with all of his peers this coming year and would like to set an example of effective Program for the Region.

Leah Todd

Hello everyone! My name is Leah Todd and I am from the Atlanta Area Council. I originally joined Venturing 4 years ago as a fun way to spend some time in the great outdoors with my friends, but I soon realized Venturing is so much more. Over the years I have done treks at Philmont and Northern Tier, staffed 3 Atlanta Area Council NYLT courses, and most recently I attended NAYLE at Philmont.

In the Venturing Officers Association I have served as an Atlanta Area Council VP, Southern Region Area 9 VP, Southern Region Area 9 President, and I am currently the Southern Region VP of Communication. I have big plans for improving communication during the 2016-2017 term. I plan on improving the Southern Region website to make it more informational and user friendly, and continuing to use social media to spread information about upcoming events and important news.
A Crew Near You
Interview with Crew 617 from Area 4

What are your names and positions in the crew?
C: My name is Catherine and I am the VP of Communications.
K: I’m Kelly Zarembski and I am the VP of Program.
E: I’m Esmeralda Perez and I am the VP of Administration.
G: Grace Calvert and I am the Crew Guide.

What would you say makes your crew unique?
C: The Spirit.
K: All the crew members and how well we work together.
E: The people.
G: I would have to say, how well we get along. We barely storm and I think that’s a miracle, especially for what is basically an all girls crew.

What’s your most memorable moment, so far, in the program?
C: [Participating in] The maze [the crew made] at the Winter Wonderland Campout.
K: Bonding with my Terracotta patrol while sewing our flag singing to 80’s music during NYLT.
E: The Avengers Super weekend.
G: I would have to say the National Jamboree. There is nothing like it. You meet so many people and there are so many activities. That was the first time I got to go white water rafting and paddleboarding. I also got introduced to the world of patch trading!

What do you have planned next as a crew?
G: Legacy 4.0 in Area 5!
Tell me, on a Scale of walking to sitting in a car, how much have you really “jogged” for your pokemon eggs to hatch?

C: About 10 miles walking.

G: I would say that I haven’t gone too far out of my way to hatch eggs. I open the app if I’m in the car or out doing something.

Rumor has it you guys have a crew song, can you tell us how it goes?

[In tune to Darth Vader’s theme song, AKA The Imperial March.]

Crew: Six Seventeen is the best than the rest
Stand in our way be prepared to be slain
Kylo Ren is our friend till the end.
K: That’s the end.

Some people like to live on the edge of life and constant adventure; others just don’t remember where they parked their car. So tell me, Finding Nemo or Finding Dory?

C: I trust Becky.

[Crew members laugh]

K: Finding Nemo

E: Finding Nemo

G: I like to adventure but I often can’t find the car so more of a Dory. But in terms of the films, Nemo was superior.

I heard that you call yourselves the “She-Hulks”? How did that come about?

K: When we were playing the Hardland games there was a stick game...

Advisor: Highland?

K: The Highland games! [Kelly laughs at her mispronunciation. Crew joins in.] During the Highland games there was a stick game and we were going against the guys. We beat them, so we were the She-Hulks!

Thank you so much for your time!
Advisor Minute

Baden Powell once said, “‘There is no teaching to compare with example.’”

Scouting offers one of the best programs in the world. A time for learning, fellowship and spending time outdoors or doing activities you and your crew love. It also offers ample time for leadership. Whether your service is at the crew level or the national one, I would challenge you to do this: Always remember you are an example to your fellow Scout. When they are down, stop and take time to listen. If they feel negatively about someone or something, try to help them see the good. Celebrate the accomplishments of your fellow Scouts with a text, snap or note. You never know when the opportunity will arise where you can make a difference in someone’s life.

Answer Key:
1. A river!
2. If you pass the person in second, you take second place.

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

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