Riddle Me This

Q: Why did the little bird get in trouble at school?
A: Because he was caught tweeting on a test.

Q: What can you catch but not throw?
A: A cold.

Q: How many months have 28 days?
A: All 12 months!

Let us know on Social Media, what’s your favorite part of the Snapshot, by using:

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The Official Southern Region Venturing Newsletter

Jake Brillhart

Oklahoma where the wind comes sweeping down the plain, and hello from Area 8! My name is Jake Brillhart, and it’s my honor to serve as the Area 8 Venturing President. With less than six months left this term, I am proud of the work Area 8 has strived towards. I’m equally proud to share some our accomplishments with the Southern Region. For the first time in over five years, the Area 8 VOA has all youth offices filled and has several additional youth members serving at-large. Two local councils are in active discussion and planning to establish their own council VOA, potentially doubling the number of council VOAs in Area 8. Finally, the Area 8 VOA is proud to announce Discovery 2017, which will serve as an annual event for Venturers across Oklahoma and Arkansas. This type of growth would not be possible without the dedication of a team of Venturers and advisors. I truly appreciate and graciously thank the Area 8 VOA Cabinet, our councils, and the crews who help “Lead the Adventure!”

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.

A Pirates Holiday
March 31 – April 2
Aargh! Area 2 invites you to their rendezvous! Visit Circle Ten Venturing for more!
Venturing Resolutions

Emmalou Baker – Area 1 President

My new years resolution is to spend more time with my family and friends.

Mykal – Area 6 President

My new year's resolutions are as follows:
1. Eat less sugary foods
2. Be positive and polite (one I try to do every year)
3. Hold the first ever SRV Area 6 event!!!
4. Sleep more
5. Hug someone every day.

Hayley Greenawalt – Area 7 President

My New Years Resolution is to end 2017 stronger, happier, and wiser than when 2017 first begun.

Jake Brillhart – Area 8 President

I clearly see myself ensuring at-least two new youth join the Venturing crew I started this last year.
Are you ready for Winterfest?

In February, thousands of scouts gather from across the Southern Region – and farther – to experience an annual show-stopping event in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. This event is known as Winterfest, home to the biggest competition for Fire fighter and Police Exploring units! In addition to that it’s also home to the largest gathering of Venturers, and with over 100 events it’s easy to see why!

Winterfest is held in the middle of a quaint downtown tourist area in Gatlinburg—although this event is anything but. You can go to an aquarium, ski, go to a Haunted House, go to a raving dance party every night, climb a rock-tower, and so much more while meeting other Scouts from across Region! This year, Winterfest hosted by the Northeast Georgia Council is Southern Region Venturing’s official event. Our committee, led by our VP of Program Timothy Simpson, has been working very hard with Winterfest since June to prepare a one-of-a-kind event for all the attendees of the event.

We hope to see you on the #roadtoWinterfest!

Last Month’s Puzzle

As the New Year comes along, so do our puzzles! We know you were able to solve it, but just in case you were wondering, here are the results!

Which high adventure camp will you be visiting?

Eliza – Georgia – Philmont
Charlie – North Carolina – Sea Base
Mia – Florida – Northern Tier
A Very Venturing Cryptogram

Help us figure out this secret message we got in the mail. It may have something to do with a very large event happening during the summer or it could be an invitation to a campfire. Put on your thinking cap and lend us a hand!
Venturing Resolutions

Lydia Borah – SRV President

Often times we focus on the negatives and what we don't have or what isn't working well instead of being thankful for the positives and finding the silver linings. For my New Years resolution, I'm going to focus on asset based thinking instead of highlighting the negatives in life!

Katie Hancock – SRV Vice President of Administration

Lead more Adventures and eat more pizza!

Leah Todd – SRV Vice President of Communications

[My New Years Resolution] would be watching less Netflix and being more open to trying new things.

Timothy Simpson – SRV Vice President of Program

My resolution is to improve myself physically and mentally, to run 5 miles in under 40 minutes.
January 1, 2017

Dear Venturing Advisors:

One of the best parts about the Venturing program is that you can tailor it to the interests of the youth we serve. One of the best ways to learn about Venturing and how others experience this dynamic program is attending Philmont Training Center.

This coming summer we have two great conferences focused on all aspects of Venturing. During Week 5 (July 9-15) we will be offering Growing A Venturing Program. This vibrant program helps leaders understand how the Venturing ALPS program model builds on success from the past and provides a framework for a dynamic program of adventure, leadership, personal growth, and service. This program model is grounded in a flexible program of continuous, youth-led adventure with the new recognition system providing Venturers with benchmarks of progress. Using this program model as a framework for supporting your crew’s program and for establishing council support for crew program needs forms the heart of this conference. This conference is designed for crew advisors, crew committee members, and crew officers.

During Week 9 (August 6-12) we will be offering Venturing BLAST! – for all key Venturing Officer Association (VOA) youth leaders, adult advisors, and staff advisors. This will be a great week full of adventure, training, shared experiences, and fellowship. Participants will be able to join with other leaders from across the nation to network, build friendships, learn more about the ALPS program model, and develop skills to help VOAs support an explosive Venturing program that will recruit and retain youth! As you can imagine, this isn’t your typical classroom course. Ditch the projector and PowerPoints and immerse yourself in the beauty of PTC while enjoying some exciting adventures at Philmont.

Both of these courses are also open to the youth in your crews. Don’t miss this opportunity of a lifetime to meet top-notch instructors and Venturers from all over the nation! Don’t wait to register. The courses are expected to fill up rapidly! Go to http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc.aspx today.

Best wishes and Good Venturing,

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Charles W. Dahlquist, II
National Commissioner
"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn’t do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." – H. Jackson Brown Jr. in *P.S. I Love You*

In this day of technology it is easy for us to sit behind a phone or computer screen and research all kinds of great adventures that we would love to do. This is as far as many people will get. Adding it to their bucket list of things they would love to do some day. Once in a while we need to break away from our devices, get outside, and knock out that bucket list before life passes you by and you’re left with more disappointments than great stories to tell. It’s a great big world with more than a lifetime of things to see and do. So, don’t waste one moment waiting for that perfect chance to venture out. Be like the otter: explore everything and have fun doing it.
VOA officer? Interested in expanding your skills? Want to grow or start a VOA? Then sign-up for Venturing Blast! at the Philmont Training Center to experience something like no other! Learn and participate in an engaging experience that offers exciting training in a non-classroom environment where you can:

- Experience the Philmont backcountry
- Test your skills at COPE
- View breath-taking scenery
- Learn how you can improve your Venturing Officer Association

For information, visit www.philmonttrainingcenter.org or contact blast@VenturingBlast.org

Who: Venturers interested in VOAs and expanding their Venturing knowledge
When: August 6-12, 2017
Where: Philmont Training Center