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Hurricane season has barely gotten started and already there is massive damage in the Bahamas and North Carolina. Hurricane Dorian has made an impact on the Caribbean, devastating the Bahamas and Abaco islands before sliding up the Eastern Seaboard and crashing into the Outer Banks.

Luckily for most of the U.S. coast, Dorian lost a lot of strength and the eye stayed off coast until it crossed over Okracoke Island.

Winds and rain were felt miles inland; but thankfully, the damage was much less than Florence and Michael last year.
The Southern Region was well-represented at the 24th World Scout Jamboree, Scout Mondial, North America 2019.
Hi, my name is Samantha Hill and I’m your incoming Region VP of Program for the 2019-2020 year! I am from the Circle 10 Council in Area 2. I’ve been in Venturing for 5 years now and I’m currently working towards my Summit award. Fun Fact: you will never catch me wearing regular socks, I love wearing funky socks everywhere. I’m so glad to be on an officer this year and have the opportunity to serve the Southern Region.

From July 22 to August 2, 2019, close to 50,000 Scouts, adult leaders and staff members created the third largest city in West Virginia, virtually overnight. The city was open for 12 days. Scouts had an opportunity to interact with other scouts from all over the world.

What was a typical day? Your day started at the J.W. and Hazel Ruby Welcome Center (mile marker 6.0 on U.S. 19). You parked there, completed security screening and then got on a bus to the Jamboree site. You got to learn more about the Jamboree on your coach ride in from a Visitor Experience Team member on the bus with you.

Every group, or contingent, had a specific place to camp. Several Countries camped together: shared food, music, and built friendships. The six camps are Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta, Echo, Foxtrot. A 786-foot suspension bridge connecting two of the Summit’s six base camps to one of the outdoor activity centers and has catwalks on either side.

Once on site you set your own agenda depending on your areas of interest. If you have any questions, you would visit a Visitor Experience information booth or stop one of the Visitor Experience team members for help (they all wear multi-colored neckerchiefs). And when you get hungry, you could try out the cuisine at one of the Jamboree’s 11 international food houses.

Events like Cultural Day allowed exchanges of language, food…and neckerchiefs! There was some serious trading in patches and different things. Every participant had an opportunity to go home with a souvenir.

The Summit’s offerings are numerous. There are simple activities such as fishing on four different lakes. There’s also the chance to get even wetter with whitewater rafting trips and learning to scuba dive and kayak in the Summit’s Olympic-sized pools.
Among the bigger, more extreme venues, there are 50 mountain bike trails. The 11 BMX tracks and jumps total the size of about five football fields. A paved skateboard park was built by the same team that designed venues for the Summer X Games, and it includes a bowl, a vertical ramp, street-style combinations and a foam pit for Scouts to try out new tricks.

Some of the venue designs fit in with the BSA’s motto of building Scouts’ confidence because they enable the youngsters to choose what fits their skill levels. Shooting sports – Staves and Barrels – let all different skill levels work and show off their abilities.

Some contingents got to try things for the first time.
September is National Suicide Prevention Month

Did you know September 10th was World Suicide Prevention Day or that September is the Month to promote awareness?
These are “Hope to Light” Suicide Awareness Prevention Jars by Crew 170

Everyone needs a friend. Be One

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
Call 1-800-273-8255
Harvard Women's Health Watch Excerpts from Left behind after suicide Published: July 11, 2009

Getting professional help

• Suicide survivors are more likely than other bereaved people to seek the help of a mental health professional. Look for a skilled therapist who is experienced in working with grief after suicide. The therapist can support you in many ways, including these:
  – helping you make sense of the death and better understand any psychiatric problems the deceased may have had
  – treating you, if you're experiencing PTSD
  – exploring unfinished issues in your relationship with the deceased
  – aiding you in coping with divergent reactions among family members
  – offering support and understanding as you go through your unique grieving process.
• Immediately after the suicide, assistance from a mental health professional may be particularly beneficial if you experience any of the following:
  – increased depression (or if you have a history of depression).
  – flashbacks, anxiety, or other symptoms of PTSD.
  – unwillingness of family or friends to continue talking about the loss.
  – suicidal thoughts or plans.
  – physical symptoms, such as ongoing sleep problems, significant weight gain or loss, or increasing dependency on tobacco or alcohol.
  – feelings of being stuck or unable to move forward (however slowly and painfully) in the grieving process.
  – discomfort in discussing troubling aspects of your relationship with the deceased.
  – little improvement after several months.

The value of family therapy after a suicide has not been well studied, but a family therapist can sometimes help relatives communicate better and manage feelings of guilt and anger. However, it may not be possible to work through your own feelings in the presence of family members who are concerned mainly with finding someone to blame.
Get Ready to Go Back to the Summit...
2019 Fright Fest

Hollywood

October 11th-13th, 2019

Salmen Scout Reservation
Perkinston, MS

Lead Your Spooky Adventure

Karaoke • Shooting Sports
Costume Contest • Scavenger Hunt
Fire Building Contest • Ultimate Frisbee
Cooking Contest • Gaga Ball • Talent Show
Fellowship and More

Area 1 Venturing invites you to be a part of our fourth area-wide event! Venturers and Boy Scouts ages 14+ are welcome.

$50 Youth $35 Adult $10 Late fee after September 20th - all meals are provided

For more information: www.sr1venturing.com/frightfest
Allyson Reed: area1srvpresident@gmail.com; Chris Baker: chbaker3@hotmail.com
Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 8 AM CDT
Trevor Rees-Jones Scout Camp 11217 FM 2970, Athens, Texas 75751

Spring 2020
Mar 20, 2020 at 9 AM – Mar 22, 2020 at 9 AM CDT
Camp Wisdom
6400 W Red Bird Ln, Dallas, Texas 75236
Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 8 AM – 4:30 PM CDT

Lost Pines Scout Reservation
785 FM 1441, Bastrop, Texas 78602
Think back, when was the last time you were able to stop and say "WOAH that's pretty rad".

You probably don't remember,

So let's change that. If you're a venturer, Crew, council or even an area: Come out to WOAH! 2020 on the Weekend of March 20-22nd, 2020 at Camp La-No-Che! We promise you'll say WOAH at least once. More information can be found at www.sr4venturing.org/woah-2020
Legacy 7
Oct 4 at 12 AM – Oct 6 at 12
Camp Barstow  117 Camp Barstow Dr, Batesburg-Leesville, South Carolina 29006

TWISTED FAIRY TALES

LEGACY 7
OCTOBER 4-6, 2019
CAMP BARSTOW

REGISTER NOW
SR5VENTURING.ORG/LEGACYREG
AHOY!!!

On the weekend of the 27th of March, two-thousand twenty, the pirates who don the green shirts shall embark to Camp McKee, where X marks the spot, to partake in some swashbucklin’ fun!!!!!!

So chart yer course ‘cuz we need all hands on deck!!!! ⚒️☠️⚓️⛵️
The Nuclear Apocalypse Has Started…

Nov 8 at 6 PM – Nov 10
Pipsico Scout Reservation
57 Pipsico Road, Spring Grove, Virginia 23881

Interested in joining a Venture Crew, meeting others, finding out what they do or just want a weekend to camp and have fun outdoors? Already part of a Venture Crew and want to join us for a great weekend to camp and enjoy high adventure activities?
September 27 - 29, 2019
Arrival Friday September 27th between 6 and 7pm and departure Sunday, September 29th by 12pm.
Camp T. Brady Saunders - 1723 Maidens Road, Maidens VA 23102
Area 8

Venturers Under the Christmas Tree

Dates - Dec 6th - 8th
Location - Kerr Scout Ranch
Cost - $20 per youth and $15 per adult
Murder Mystery - Ugly Christmas Sweaters.
Bring your ugliest Christmas Sweater!
Registration will open October 20th! and will close Dec. 3rd on Tentaroo.com

Activities will include
- Shooting Sports
- Climbing / Repelling
- Polar Plunge
- Murder Mystery
- Dinner
Our Area 9 officers met last night to plan for the upcoming ILSC training and Venturing Officer orientation for new Council officers. A flyer and information will be posted very soon. Please let us know how we can serve you.
Feel free to reach SR Communications at srvpcomm@gmail.com