Scouts doing Good Turns During Disasters

Southern Snapshot 2019-2020
February/March 2020

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Southern Region Website

https://srventuring.org

Come Shop, look up info, and interact with all 9 Areas and our Region officers!
Our Social Media

Follow us on one or all.....

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   @srventuring

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YouTube

@ Southern Region Venturing
Come shop with us!!!

Southern Region Merch
Congratulations to the Southern Region 2019 Venturing Leadership Award Recipients who were recognized with this distinctive award for their exceptional service at the Regional Brunch in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Please help me congratulate Jena Burk, Samantha Hill, Willis Council, Rick Daigneault, Connor Harling, Nathan Baie, Chris Baker and J-Dub Orchard. Thank you to each of you for your exceptional service and dedication to the Venturing program!!!
COVID-19 has made it more difficult to track things. Many VOA’s, used to receiving lots of Applications for VOA officers, are extending dates, allowing for emails from Scout Executives instead of signatures, and are reaching out to units in different ways.

My Crew has had a Social Media presence since 2014. I actually started and run my district page. I have always promoted Crew stuff to the Area page. Past Area 7 President and VP Communication Hayley Greenawalt asked me to join her Social Media Team way back when. She then asked me to apply to become Area VP Comm after her. I was in college, had finished my Silver, Ranger, Summit and Eagle. I thought I was done with my journey. I though about it for a while, but I sent my application in and met my new family. Ian Reed was VP Program and he and I hit it off. Soren, who was VP Admin then, is definitely a little sister, who kept me on track with little reminders. Ellie, as President then, laid out what she wanted and let me go. They are still friends of mine, even though they switched jobs this past term.

Being part of VOAs for the past two years, I can tell you that it is worth it. There are calls and reports, but there are also events, making new friends and experiencing life and places you never would have traveled to and doing things you never thought of. Amy Hermann, who is taking over the Southern Region Presidency in June, I met in February. I changed my Spring Break plans to meet up with her and others that I met while staffing Winterfest. I went shooting with Ella Hirsch, who is a very good shot. Bain and Sam and I ran the Venturing Games area at Winterfest and had a ton of laughs.

I discovered that adults other than my parents thought I was pushy (lol), but they learned to catch me at the start and redirect me. Dr. Marybeth (Adv Program) and Mr Rick (Adv President) travelled down with Ellie and Soren to my Eagle and Summit Court of Honor.

I thought I was done again, but took a chance to apply to the Southern Region, and well you know how that worked out. Ella, Bain and Sam are each very different, but we are united in Making Venturing Grow. Each of us has been on a very different Scouting Journey, but I would work with any one of them again in a heartbeat.

I have had two great adult Advisors, who helped me succeed. Every adult that I have worked with has been awesome. They are dedicated to Venturing and they have always answered my questions. Nathan and I are working on streamlining our website and making it easier for our Areas to communicate.

Take a chance, you won’t regret it.

https://www.scouting.org/programs/venturing/voa/apply-to-be-a-voa-officer/
The Silver Antelope Award, created in 1942, is the regional-level distinguished award of the Boy Scouts of America, acting through the National Court of Honor. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters of exceptional character in their region to recognize their distinguished service to youth.

Congratulations to Sherry McGugin of the Middle Tennessee Council for being a recipient of the Silver Antelope Award!

Sherry formerly served Venturing as the SR6 Advisor and is now serving as the Southern Region Venturing Advisor.

The Silver Antelope Award recognizes “registered Scouters of exceptional character who have provided distinguished service within a region,”
Pursuing the Summit

On March 16, Blue Ridge Mountain Council held two Summit Boards of Review. Congrats to Troy Chaconas and Southern Region President Ella Hirsch on completing your boards!!!!

Southern Region President Ella Hirsch and former Area 7 VOA Troy Chaconas

Congrats to the 2020 Summits!!!

Victor Stuart H.
Andrew Glen S
J. Travis Hawk S
Clare Christine R
Timothy E. S
AND MORE!

Southern Region President Ella Hirsch and former Area 7 VOA Troy Chaconas along with members of their Board of Review!
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The Associated Press

The monstrous tornado tore a 2-mile-long (3.2-kilometer-long) path through Putnam County early Tuesday, killing 18 people, including five children under 13. Another 88 were injured, some critically. The statewide death toll was 24, and authorities warned it could rise as crews examined debris piles.

A tornado reaching EF-3 stage with winds up to 165 mph (266 kmh) had barreled eastward along a 50-mile (80 kilometer) path from Nashville, where it killed two people and wrecked homes and businesses. It continued into nearby Wilson County, which saw three deaths, and into Smith County. Benton County, to the west of Nashville, also had one storm-related fatality.
Putnam County, Tennessee
March 15, 2020

Special ceremony at the Courthouse, as the memorial for the 19 tornado victims was placed. Special thanks to Ella McGugin and Emeline Dubois of Venturing Crew 170, along with Boy Scout Troops 20 and 2319 for creating the memorial. It will be in place for 19 days and then the crosses will be presented to the families.
A Good Turn
A Scout is Helpful

Think about First Responders, Doctors, and Nurses. Make a safe space for Law Enforcement Officer’s to eat, while restaurants are closed. Or let them know of nearby picnic areas. Show your love for the medical personnel on the front lines! Bring snacks to your local hospital!
Symptoms of Coronavirus Disease 2019

Cough
Shortness of Breath
Feaver
Patients with COVID-19 have experienced mild to severe respiratory illness.

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Steps you can take

Stay home and avoid close contact especially if you are at higher risk of severe illness.

What You Can Do

CDC.gov/COVID19

A Brave New World

STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

cdc.gov
We all know how fast the germs can spread. When we’re in the supermarket we give other shoppers a wide berth. When we’re on a plane or train we remind ourselves not to touch our face. When walking down the street we hold our breath as a jogger passes. After paying for takeaway we sanitize our hands.

Then we go for dinner at our parents’ house, or friends’ and let our guard down. While this kind of gathering should now be curtailed (with the new recommendations in place), as little as two weeks ago Australians were still having large scale weddings. Even now, weddings are still allowed (though there are new, significant restrictions on their size).

In this atmosphere, we let our guard down. But as the following Mythbusters video shows, these kind of scenarios are one of the worst when it comes to contamination. And before The Glib retort: “If you’re living with your friends or family (or spending time with them) you’re screwed anyway,” – we’d highly encourage you to watch the video.

In the video, Adam has a drip attached to his nose, set to leak at the same rate as a usual runny nose. The liquid leaked is invisible to the naked eye, but detectable to UV light. His mission? Infect as many of the unwary guests as possible, without doing anything people don’t usually do at a dinner party. The result: overwhelming success.

Though it appears today’s virus spreads even faster than the fake version of a cold this Mythbusters video tested, it proves two crucial points. Firstly: being a germaphobe pays off. And secondly: social distancing is crucial if you want to reduce your infection risk.

Both points appear to be resonating with people. Even though the video was published in 2015, people are watching it today.

In fact, the top comment is: “Who else is watching this to find out/learn how easy this could spread?”

“Looks like germaphobes will have a higher survival rate....be like the germaphobes.”

“This probably is great timing,” wrote another. “Practice social distancing right now during this time.”
Here is the 30 Day Venturing Challenge: Let’s Do This!

Who says sheltering in place can’t be fun? Step up to this 30-day Venturing challenge. While you’re at it, shoot a video of that new dance, a photo of your virtual board game or of you picking up groceries for a neighbor and post it to your favorite social channel with the hashtag #VenturingatHome #ScoutingatHome. Be safe. Have fun. Venture on!

https://www.scouting.org/scoutingathome/

Go on a Virtual Run!

Want to ride your bike in the house? For less than $20, try getting an indoor bike stand!
What is JOTI Special Edition? This special edition of our largest digital Jamboree will allow you to connect to others, learn a whole range of new skills, take good care of ourselves and others and build new friendships during this challenging time. We’ll foster teamwork and intercultural interaction while enhancing safe social engagement and wellbeing.

This is a one-of-a-kind special edition of JOTI! It is a special version of our yearly JOTA-JOTI event that is still scheduled to take place in October as it does each year.

Both educational and fun, this special JOTI, in April, will bring fun and education to the homes of young people around the world during a challenging time. You can learn about safety measures, mental and physical health and digitally engage as global citizens through a range of different activities. The best part is, you’ll make new friends from around the world!

Registration is open for the Special Edition of Jamboree On the Internet. Join Scouts from around the world this weekend April 3-5! 🌐 📅

This special edition of JOTI is a safe space, connecting Scouts like you, from around the world at a time when many of us are at home, unable to attend school or Scouting activities.
Venturingfest Registration is NOW OPEN!

When and Where June 28- July 3, 2020
The Summit Bechtel Reserve

The Summit Bechtel Reserve is located about 1 1/2 hours southeast of Charleston, West Virginia, and it sits on the New River Gorge National River.

It is in the middle of a world-renowned Recreation area, known for whitewater rafting, kayaking, climbing, mountain biking, and more.

Tokened Program Areas
The Big Zip
Canopy Tours
Challenge Course

Open Program Areas
Boulder Cove
Fish Camp
Kayaking
Paddleboards
Water Reality
Outdoor Skills
Crafton Sportsman Complex
AP Archery
AP BMX
AP Mtn. Bike
AP Skate
Service Project
Shotgun and Rifle

Accommodations and Food Service

Housing
2-person tents (for youth and adults), camping by crew, by region
Cots are provided, bring your own sleeping bags
Showers are “ambient” with flush toilets, sinks with running water and electricity
Food Service
Dining Hall and Sack Lunches
We have the capability to provide meals that meet various special dietary needs throughout your stay at the Summit.

Registration is live

www.SummitBSA.org/VenturingFest

Registration is now live for Participants, International participants & Staff to register and make deposits.

Materials are also available online: Participant Guidebook, FAQ, Promotional Resources, and more!
Come Join Us at The Summit!

VenturingFest 2020, the third national gathering of Venturers at the Summit Bechtel Reserve – a Scouting experience unlike any other before – is coming your way again from June 28 to July 3!

VenturingFest 2020 is a special Scouting event at SBR that’s open to registered Venturers, Scouts and adult leaders across the U.S. This six-day high-adventure festival invites participants to explore the best the SBR has to offer. We’re talking rock climbing, skateboarding, BMX biking, water sports, shooting sports, zip lines, challenge courses, and so much more!

As if the adrenaline-pumping activities weren’t enough, festival goers will also get to jam out to concerts and meet new friends in Venturing at the event. What more could a Venturer want?

Come Join Us at The Summit!
We have decided to extend the application deadline to April 15th. Also, to make the process easier, we are not requiring the signature of the Crew Advisor and Council Executives. We will instead reach out to these people to get a verbal approval.

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In addition to the officer selection, this is the time of year when we select the recipients for the Area level Venturing Leadership Award. If you know any Venturer who has given service on the Area level, please let us know so we can recognize these people. This can be youth and adults and they do not have to be an officer on the Area VOA.

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We are also working to start planning this year's FrightFest. We are planning for another great event. If you would like to help in any role, please let us know. We are working on finalizing dates but are looking at the 2nd weekend in October again this year. All applications and nominations will be returned back to me.

Keep safe and we are planning to see everyone in October. Chris Baker | Area 1 Venturing Chairman
A SAFETY REMINDER
RENDEZVOUS HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

more information to come

Deadline to apply to be an Area 2 VOA Officer has been extended to April 15

Information to apply on Venturing BSA website
Texas Powder Horn 2020
High Adventure Resource Training for Troop & Crew Leaders
Powder Horn 2020: September 11-13 and 25-27 at Camp Tahuaya
Co-Sponsored by Longhorn Council and Capitol Area Council.Register Now for the 2021 National Jamboree

For questions or further information, please contact Diane Morrison, Powder Horn Committee Chair, at powderhorn@longhorn.org.

Who Should Attend?

- Youth leaders – age 14 or older; youth must have completed his/her unit’s version of leadership training (i.e. ILST, ILSC, ILSS)
- New adult leaders – that may lack experience in high adventure
- Experienced adult leaders – that feel their unit is in a rut
- Cub Scout leaders – looking for ideas for their Pack or getting ready to transition to a Troop
- Other registered adults – that may have been sitting on the sidelines

Texas Powder Horn is for ALL BSA adult leaders and mature youth leaders 14 years or older!

Course Details:

- Five Full Days over two weekends.
  1st Weekend: Friday morning through Sunday afternoon.
  2nd Weekend: Friday evening through Sunday afternoon.

Early Bird Registration is open through August 1st. Registration closes August 28th.
- Fees include all meals, training materials and supplies.
- No refunds after August 28, 2020.
Area 4

Weekend Of Awesome Happenings (WOAH)

WOAH has been postponed and will be rescheduled at a later date. Registered participants will receive an email early next week with details on how to get a refund or transfer your registration cost to another event. If you have questions please email area4srvpresident@gmail.com
Nominate Someone Today!
As always, the safety of our Venturing family is of top priority. Recently CoViD-19, more commonly known as the Corona Virus, has begun to become more prevalent in United States and SR6. Our yearly Area gathering, SOAR, has been postponed until further notice due to this outbreak by the host council as a preventative measure for the health and safety of every person involved. #SOAR2020 will be rescheduled for a new date, and we hope that you will be able to #LeadTheAdventure and #SetSail for the new horizon with us on the rescheduled date.
Organize with Sections

Major Event

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


HOT OFF THE PRESSES! Check out the Winter issue of the National Venturing Newsletter to read some inspiring stories, hear about recent events, try out a new ice breaker or two, meet our 2020-2021 National VOA Officers, and get excited for VenturingFest 2020! Let us know what you think!

Here is hoping everything is back to normal by NOVEMBER 6-8 2020! Let's meet at Camp Tuscarora for a Buddy Check at TLY 6-

The Haunted Battleground

Come join our family!!

Come join a dynamic group of Venturers that are working hard to have fun!!

Come join a dynamic group of Venturers that are working hard to have fun!!
Do you know someone who has gone above and beyond in venturing? Do you know somebody that is passionate and enthusiastic about the venturing program?
Well, keep that person in mind and nominate them for an Area VLA.
A VLA, or Venturing Leadership Award is given venturers who strive to make our program better everyday, they go above and beyond to help and support everyone around them. They make an impact on people, events, and things around them in a positive manner.
The deadline for nominations is April 17th.
The link to the nomination page is below, you can email your nominations forms to - Area8srvpresident@gmail.com
Serving with SRV9 Advisor

Harald Hagen

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.

High adventure is an essential part of keeping youth involved in Scouting. We highlight national and council high adventure bases, independent high adventure options and sometimes delve into cool product reviews. Interviews feature directors from some of the best high adventure bases in the United States. Make your high adventure trips better and more diverse.

Check out this Podcast!
Feel free to reach SR Communications at vpcommunication@servleturer.org!

Come meet your Southern Region Officers LIVE at Winterfest!

Registration is NOW OPEN!