While COVID-19 is cancelling and postponing many of our favorite events, don’t let it get you down and keep you from having fun with your crew members! This Newsletter will cover some upcoming events in the Southern Region that are open to you all. Introductions for our 2020-2021 Region VOA officers are also included in the Newsletter, so you can see your Region VOA and get to know us a bit!

In addition to introductions and events, there are some included articles about how to stay safe while going back to school in the time of COVID-19.
Amy Hermann
The Southern Region VOA President

Hey, y'all!

I'm Amy Hermann and I have the pleasure to serve as the 2020-2021 Southern Region VOA President. I'm from Circle Ten Council in Dallas, Texas. My home crew specializes in SCUBA. Every year we travel abroad to see beautiful oceans and sea creatures! I even had the opportunity to share my love for SCUBA with others by staffing the SCUBA pool at the 2017 National Scout Jamboree and the 2019 World Scout Jamboree!

Outside of Venturing, I attend Southern Methodist University where I am studying physics and Spanish. In my free time I enjoy film-making, reading, and spending time with my cat.

Trevor McMillen
The Southern Region VOA Vice President of Administration

Hello,

I'm Trevor McMillen and I have the honor of serving as the Southern Region VOA Vice President of Administration. In the past, I served as the Southern Region Area 4 VOA President, Area 4 VOA Vice President of Administration, and Council VOA Vice President of Program. I have been a part of Scouting for 8 years, where I started as a Webelo. Outside of Scouting I enjoy spending my time running and hiking through nature!
Raven Bussinger
The Southern Region VOA Vice President of Program

I’m Raven Bussinger and I am serving as the Southern Region VOA Vice President of Program. I have been in Venturing for almost 7 years now. Last term I served as the Southern Region Area 8 VOA President. I am currently attending Southern New Hampshire University with a major in Game Art and Psychology. I dabble in digital art and fine art in my free time. I also enjoys riding horses, taking care of my chameleon, and making new friends. I have staffed NYLT for 4 years, Kodiak for 3, and recently I completed Woodbadge.

Jessica O’Neal
The Southern Region VOA Vice President of Communication

Howdy Southern Region!
I’m Jessica O’Neal, and this will be my fourth year on a VOA (but my first to serve on the Region VOA)!. I am an active member in both a Venturing crew and a Scouts BSA troop from Circle Ten Council in Dallas, Texas. I have been on a Philmont Trek, a Northern Tier Okpik Trek, and have worked at Summit Bechtel Reserve as a Scout camp staffer. Outside of Scouting I am studying ecology for environmental science at the University of North Texas, hanging out with my friends, and enjoying the outdoors. I’m so excited and honored to be this year’s Region VP-Communication and I can’t wait to get to know you all in person or virtually!
SR2 Circle Ten Venturing the Gathering

Due to COVID-19, SR2 was forced to cancel their annual event, Rendezvous. To replace Rendezvous, the SR2 VOA has partnered with the Circle Ten VOA! Their new event, Venturing the Gathering, will be September 18th-20th.

They will have events such as shooting sports, horseback riding, swimming, and canoeing. It is guaranteed to be an amazing event and we hope to see you there!

You can register through this link: https://scoutingevent.com/571-TheGathering2020

For more information on the event follow SR2 and Circle Ten on Instagram: @sr2venturing @ctenventuring
For specific questions about the event, please email president@sr2venturing.org

SR8 Christmas Campout

Southern Region Area 8’s annual winter event is still on! Go and hang out with fellow Venturers in the Southern Region at Kerr Scout Ranch from December 11th to 13th.

The SR8 VOA has planned many fun events like shooting sports, repelling, murder mystery activities, a Scoutmaster cook-off, and many more challenges where you can win prizes!

Keep up to date on the event by liking their Facebook page @sr8venturing. For specific questions about the event, please email area8srvpresident@gmail.com.
SR 5 Legacy 8

Southern Region Area 5’s annual event, Legacy 8, will be held completely virtual this year. The event will be full of fun activities, games, and possibly trainings over Zoom! Most of all, it will be a chance for us to get together and enjoy the company of other Venturers after our time in quarantine.

Stay up to date on the event by following Area 5 on Instagram and liking their Facebook page @sr5venturing. For specific questions, email area5srvpresident@gmail.com.

Hope to see you virtually at Legacy 8!

The Venturing SouthCast

The Southern Region will be hosting the Venturing SouthCast! During this call we will have a variety of fun activities. We will also have a chance for you to ask questions to the Southern Region Venturing Officers Association, an informational session about event hosting with our VP-Program, and a "How to build a Council VOA" segment by the SR VOA President herself.

This is an event that allows you to learn more about the Southern Region, what we are up to, and how to grow Venturing all while making new friends from across the South. We hope to see you all there and get to know you!
Staying Safe at School

Whether your school is doing its teaching virtually, in person, or both, you need to stay safe whenever you are around others.

When attending classes make sure to wear personal protective equipment (PPE). This can be face masks, gloves, glasses, or any other safety item that you deem necessary to keep yourself safe. When in class, follow social distancing guidelines and sit 6 feet from the person next to you. Some schools may have this distance and seating pre-established, but if not take it upon yourself to social distance.

If you are unable/do not have time to consistently wash your hands carry a small hand sanitizer container with you for moments when you touch surfaces that have been touched frequently by others.

Most of all, be aware of the regulations put in place by your school regarding COVID-19. Some schools are requiring students to go on a 2-week quarantine if they leave the state or fly.

Check yourself every morning for COVID-19 symptoms before you go to school. If you notice yourself starting to exhibit COVID-19 symptoms do not return to your campus. Most schools and universities will have a number for you to contact to report your symptoms.

When planning to hang out with friends for a study group, meal, or club, make sure you are continuing to be safe by not sharing food and not getting close together. If it is possible, have your meetings and hangouts virtually to avoid the spread of the virus.

Stay safe, Southern Region!
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