

NEWSLETTER

A Word from the Southern Region Venturing President:



I am very proud of everyone who has made this first issue of the Southern Region Venturing newsletter possible. Of course, special thanks go to Sarah Polan, the editor, and her Advisor Dr. Jeff Justice... what a fantastic team.

I want to give you a brief overview of the projects that Southern Region Venturing has taken on. You'll read more about each of them in the articles of this issue and in the issues that follow.

First and foremost, we are strengthening the organization of Venturing in the Southern Region. That means Area VOAs, Council VOAs and communication tools. Look for training events, Council activities, and new websites and Facebook groups. Better yet, you can be a part of making them happen!

Next on the list is our Southern Region Venturing service project, in honor of Karyn Taylor, the wife of our SR Venturing professional Advisor, Greg. Karyn was diagnosed with multiple myeloma in October, so we are going to staff the outdoor events of the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society. Plan to be a part of training backpackers, helping at tennis and golf tournaments, or, especially if you are a Sea Scout, crewing in a regatta.

The third project is developing environmental leadership by pairing environmental training and projects with Kodiak courses. You can help this

project by serving on the task force that is developing these events and/or persuading your Council to sponsor one.

The fourth project is promoting International Scouting. Join the new "tradition" of SR Venturing by taking up a collection for the World Friendship Fund at every Venturing event. Learn about Venturing overseas in the Direct Service Council, and become a "buddy Crew" to a troop over there. Ask to be appointed to your Council's International Scouting Committee. And, start planning now to attend the World Scout Jamboree in Sweden in 2011 as a SR Venturer.

So, friends and colleagues, Southern Region Venturing is on the move. We are growing in membership, serving others, caring for God's good creation, expanding global frontiers and developing the networks and tools we need to do even more.

Thank you for being a part of growing Venturing in the Southern Region with all of us on the Southern Region VOA.

And, see you all at Winterfest!

John Washburn
2008-9 SR Venturing President
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CONTEST TO NAME THIS NEWSLETTER!



Do you know a creative Venturer or Sea Scout? Do you have a great idea about what we should be called? We are holding a contest to name the Southern Region Newsletter. Any registered Venturer or Sea Scout or Advisor can submit name ideas and banners for the top of the newsletter. We will debut the design in a special edition issue at Winterfest 2009! The winner will also receive a prize for their effort.

Please send submissions to Sarah Polan at venturernews@gmail.com

SOUTHERN REGION YOUTH PRESIDENT--JOHN WASHBURN



John Washburn, the Southern Region Venturing President, is a passionate outdoorsman, sailor and environmentalist. His fondest Venturing memories include racing to Bermuda through the remnants of Tropical Storm Alberto, cookouts and rock climbing with his Shipmates in Georgia, and the friendships made

while planting habitats, building boardwalks and counting insect larvae in the Chattahoochee.

John is an Eagle Scout, OA member and an Able Sea Scout, and has earned the Denali, the Venturing Silver, the God and Life, the TRUST, the Hornaday Badge and the Arts and Hobbies, Religious Life and Outdoor Bronze Awards. He has been named the 2008 VFW GA Scout of the Year. John has served as the Boatswain of Ship 22, Sargasso of Tucker, GA; Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 18 of Atlanta; VP for Program and Co-President of the Venturing Executive Cabinet of the Atlanta Area Council (AAC); Youth Representative to the Executive Board of the AAC; Crew Chief of

the Southern Region Venturing Crew at the 2007 World Jamboree; and the Southern Region Boatswain.

During his term as Southern Region (SR) President, he plans to continue the organization of Venturing in the Southern Region by establishing VOAs at the Area and Council levels, promote the founding of new Crews and Ships, encourage participation in Regional and National Venturing service projects, deepen the commitment of SR Venturers to environmental activism, increase the participation of SR Venturers in international Scouting, and model his commitment to the Venturing program by completing the Quartermaster, Ranger, Quest and Hornaday Awards.

REGIONAL ADVISOR--CHARLES K. "CHUCK" HECHT, III

Charles K. Hecht, III, better known as Chuck, is a native Columbusite. Chuck has earned the reputation as a steadfast contributor of time and resources to the community through both business and philanthropic activities.

He earned a BS in Psychology, a BS in Physical Therapy, and a Masters in Counseling and Human Development.

Chuck started Scouting as a Cub Scout in the old Georgia-Alabama Council and continued through the ranks, eventually he was elected to the Order of the Arrow and he earned his Eagle Scout rank. He attended the National Jamboree, World Jamboree, Charles L. Summers Canoe Base, and served for many summers on the staff at Camp McKenzie.

As an adult, Chuck continues to be active with the Boy Scouts, following in the footsteps of his father, Charlie Hecht. He is a member of the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA), and is Woodbadge trained. He has held many positions including Council President and is now President of the Thunder In The Valley Air Show, Inc. He is currently the Area 6 Endowment Chair and serves on the Southern Region Board as Venturing Chair and is a member of the National Venturing Committee.

Chuck is married to Jane and has two daughters. Laura is a senior at UGA; Carson is now married to Clay Comer and currently serves on the Chattahoochee Council Professional Staff. In his spare time, Chuck works on his farm in Waverly Hall raising cattle.

REGIONAL STAFF ADVISOR--GREG TAYLOR

Greg Taylor is the Venturing Staff Advisor on the regional level. He is an Eagle Scout and life member of the National Eagle Scout Association. He is in the Order of the Arrow - Vigil Honor. He has also been in the Order of the Arrow for 5 years, and is the Associate Regional Director for the Council. He has 30 years as a professional with the Boy Scouts

of America, serving as District Executive, District Director, Field Director, Camp Director, and Staff Advisor to the Administration/Venturing for 10 years and he holds the Professional Circle. He is a member of Hillside United Methodist Church in Woodstock, GA. He is also a past president of the St Andrews Rotary Club.

He has a BS Degree in Marine Science from the University of South Carolina. He is married and has three adult children. In his free time he enjoys fishing, snow skiing, canoeing, woodworking, tennis, cycling, camping, and adventure.

REGIONAL STATES

Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.



AREA 2-3 NORTH YOUTH PRESIDENT--ALAN JOYCE

I am currently a sophomore at Jasper High School. This year I was a starting linebacker on the Jaguars football team. Currently I am interested in a career in sports medicine.

I am a 7th generation Texan and enjoy Civil War reenacting. My other hobbies are climbing, backpacking, ice hockey and too many X-box games.

I have been in scouting for over nine years, am an Eagle Scout and am currently working on my Quest award. I am also active in the Order of the Arrow, having received several awards and am currently the lodge vice-chief of inductions.

My goal as Area President is not only to bring crews together for a "mega" event, and to encourage new unit growth, but to help stimulate interest and activities in those many units that are on paper but not really enjoying the full benefits of Venturing.

AREA 2-3 SOUTH YOUTH PRESIDENT--CASSIE TUTEN

I am Cassie Tuten, I've been involved with Venturing for the past two years. During this time I have served as Crew 911's president, Capitol Area Council's Venturing Officers Association's activity chair, vice president of program and president. I have also been Tomahawk district's president for the past two years. Once I learned about Venturing I fell in love with the program.

At my first meeting with Crew 911 I was elected into the presidency due to the crew's previous knowledge of my

credentials. I served as the crew's president for two years until February of 2008 when I resigned and helped nominate our new crew president. While I was president I oversaw, organized and staffed many events that my crew was actively a part of. I was also a founding member of Ship 911. While serving as the Capitol Area Council's VOA activity chair I helped rebuild the Venturing program in that council. The council's most successful Venturing activity that I've helped restore has been the Venturing is

Happening event in September. We have been so privileged to have councils outside of Capitol Area Council attend these events that we host and organize.

I'm looking forward to an exciting year in Venturing for Area 2/3. Creating resources and bettering communication between the councils in the Area is one of my first priorities. In turn I also want to host area wide activities in celebration of Venturing's tenth anniversary. Let's make this year a year to celebrate!"

AREA 2-3 COUNCILS

Norwela, Texas Trails, The Golden Spread, Buffalo Trail, NeTseO Trails, Caddo Area, East Texas Area, Northwest Texas, South Plains, Concho Valley, Direct Service, Capitol Area, Circle Ten, Bay Area, Sam Houston Area, South Texas, Three Rivers, Alamo Area, Longhorn, and Rio Grande



CAPITOL AREA COUNCIL
VENTURING IS HAPPENING

Capitol Area Council celebrated their 3rd annual “Venturing is Happening” day at Lost Pines Scout Reservation in Bastrop, TX; participants began the day around 8:30 with an ice breaker that ended in giggles. Events such as shotgun, black powder, rifle, crossbow, archery, climbing the 50 foot tower, sailing, first aid competitions, and much more. There were several competitions the scouts could participate in; the overall top shot award went to Bethany R. from Crew 1171, the top speed climber award went to JP B. from Crew 504, and the first aid award went to Crew 1171. The day ended with the council's first Bridge of Honor led by Chelsea D., the Southern Region Boatswain. After the ceremony finished the scouts all headed down to the waterfront for “Touchstones”:

Touchstones

“We all came here as individuals, bringing our own personal styles and characteristics. We have each given a part of ourselves to the group. This is what being an individual is all about. We have learned about others and also about ourselves. We all are unique pieces of the puzzle, with our own thoughts, ideas, beliefs, and dreams. We are valuable because of this and what we have to offer to others. No one else is exactly like us. We need to look in at ourselves, see who we are and recognize our potential. We have the ability to accomplish

whatever we start out to do. Know that we have no limits and only we can make things happen.

I want you to take all you have experienced here and keep it with you. These Touchstones represent the experience we have shared together. Take one, look at it, and remember who you are. Each piece is different - as each of us is our own person. But, they are similar too - each with hopes, desires, and ambitions. Dig deep inside and always have the courage to be yourself. You are a wonderful individual just as you are.

Keep this Touchstone and know the power and energy you feel here will always be within you. Do not forfeit your potential to fulfill all you set out to do. Listen to the voice inside you, think about all there is for you to accomplish, and challenge yourself to do it. Go on....the power lies within.”

Finally, everyone headed to the dinning hall for a movie, door prizes and ice cream. After everything was done everyone headed off to bed around midnight, exhausted from a day of fun.

This event has turned into an area wide event having participants from Brownsville to Circle 10 Council and greatly appreciate the long hours driven to get to this activity. This year had the highest participation rate yet with a total of 130 participants in all. Thank you to the Capitol Area Council Venturing Officers' Association who works so hard to make this successful event.

Cassie Tuten, Area 2/3



CIRCLE 10 COUNCIL
SPEEDFEST

On August 16, 2008 over 50 people went to Dallas, Texas' Speed Zone for a day of fun. Starting at 11:30 A.M., people gathered in one of the rooms for a quick orientation, pizza and introduction, then headed out for some fun. Everyone, including the adults hit the tracks to fulfill their need-for-speed, the weather was slightly overcast but luckily it did not rain, unlike some of those other scouting events we have all attended. Some of the scouts had a blast on the Slick Track, while others preferred the Turbo Track, and for those who didn't feel like racing around, there was the Fire Ball roller coaster and tons of arcade games. The event seemed to end too soon even though it was around 4 P.M. Fun was had by all and even if our go-cart broke down, we all went away smiling. Thanks so much to David from Flower Mound, TX for organizing this great event.

- Hosted by Crew 1171
- Saturday August 16, 2008
- Malibu Speed Zone in Dallas, TX
- The first 200 attendees received the event patch.



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Cassie Tuten, Area 2/3



AREA 4 YOUTH PRESIDENT--JONATHAN WRIGHT

Three years ago, after having my Eagle Scout Award pinned on my uniform; I was ready to move out of the troop to a group of just older Scouts. I asked my mom and dad to start a Venture Crew, the next week Venture Crew 21 in North Florida was chartered. As the first President of Crew 21, I organized the youth to make the by-laws and work towards the award program; something no other crew in NFC did. Crew 21, and now Ship 21 as well, has sent most of its members to at least one High Adventure Base. I have been to Philmont twice and Northern Tier and Seabase once. I have attended National and World Jamborees and NOAC. Two years ago, I was elected as the First VOA President for the North Florida Council. During that year, with a lot of help from other Venturers and Advisers, most notable Mr. Lewis, we had our first ever council Venturing Super Weekend and Kodiak training. That year also started the tradition of Venturers helping with the council Wood Badge course. As a Venturer I have earned my Silver Award, Ranger and Venturing Leadership Award. I am currently working towards

the coveted Quartermaster Award. In my free time, I love to play the guitar, and attend High School as a senior with six AP classes. This Christmas Season I will hold my 3rd annual Toys for Tots drive, with a goal of 5,000 toys, and I'm currently the Echockotee Lodge Chief as well. As you can tell Scouting is what I do, but you don't have to be a busy in Scouting as I am to be successful at it. Make a list of goals for yourself, your crew, district etc. Then makes some phone calls and e-mails out to other Venturers, and slowly bring your plan a long, and before you know it, you will see as many green shirts as khaki shirts at large Scouting events. Good Luck!

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Jonathan Wright

AREA 4 ADVISOR--BILL DAGGETT

Bill Daggett and his wife Dottie Brown were the first in Gulf Ridge Council to reregister Explorer Post 188 to Venturing Crew 188 on August 1, 1998. They were invited to and attended the first Powder Horn at Philmont in September 1999 and put on a Region Powder Horn course in Tampa and Orlando in 2000 and 2002. The rest is history. Bill is

currently Chair of the Venturing Sports Committee and Dottie is a member of that committee and serves as Council Vice President for Venturing.

Bill used a career in law enforcement to support his scouting habit. He is retired after serving 30 years and now does consulting. Dottie manages the technical support team for AT&T.

Goals for the Area 4 Venturing Advisor position include; improving communications within the Area and Region, and assisting the area youth President in encouraging Councils to develop a Venturing Key 3 and some type of youth committee.

AREA 4 COUNCILS

Central Florida, South Florida, Gulf Stream, Gulf Ridge, North Florida, Southwest Florida, West Central Florida, Chehaw, Alapaha Area, Suwannee River, and Okefenokee

AREA 5 YOUTH PRESIDENT--BILLY HOYLE

I started Venturing at age 14 to do more high adventure activities that my troop didn't have interest in. After some of our more tenured members started going away to college and getting jobs, our membership started to dwindle. I decided to get involved on a higher level, first by representing the district, then by helping on the council level. After planning and putting a new event on our calendar, I was elected as council president for 2006-2007. Towards the end of 2007, my name got thrown in a small hat of candidates for Area president, and here I am!

I'm 19 and I go to Appalachian State University in western North Carolina. I'm a native of Marion, which is about thirty minutes from Asheville. I'm a BSA Climbing Instructor, PADI open water SCUBA certified, NRA Rifle, Shotgun, and Pistol instructor, a BSA COPE instructor, and most enjoyably, an Assistant Scoutmaster. I am on the Appalachian State Nomads Ultimate Frisbee Club. My major is Parks and Recreation Management and my minor is Biology.

This year, I hope to be more than just a liaison between the region and council leadership. I hope to be an initiator in some movements to get old



councils to come back to life again and start the initiative to turn some "paper councils" into the real thing. I will find all of the

current leadership and their contact info and figure out the potential leadership. I'm looking forward to a productive 2008 and 2009!

AREA 5 ADVISOR--J. PETE ARMSTRONG

Pete Armstrong joined Cub Scouting in 1951 in Den 5 of Pack 611 in Baltimore Area Council, Maryland. He is now fully retired and dedicates most of his time to Scouting at all levels from unit happenings to world events.

He is currently the Skipper of Sea Scout Ship 758. He is also the vice president of District Operations for Daniel Boone Council, in Asheville, NC. He is a member of The Southern Region Area 5 committee and the Southern Region Program committee.

He is the proud recipient of the following awards: Boy Scout Eagle with Silver Palm, Vigil Honor member of The Order of the Arrow, Silver Beaver, Venturing Leadership Award, Venture Leader Award of Merit, District Award of Merit, and the adult and youth religious award in the United Methodist Church.

He is a Baden-Powell Fellow and a contributor to the council endowment.

He is a member and staff developer of the Area 5 Camp Inspection Team and he

specializes in high adventure and COPE events.

His hope is to expand a Venturing Officers Association to every council in Area 5 and establish a viable Venturing program that includes at least one Sea Scout Ship in each Area 5 council.

AREA 5 COUNCILS

Georgia-Carolina, Coastal Empire, Daniel Boone, Mecklenburg County, Central North Carolina, Piedmont, Palmetto, Coastal Carolina, Blue Ridge, Pee Dee Area, and Indian Waters

AREA 7 YOUTH PRESIDENT--EMILY POLAN



Emily was a Girl Scout from age 6 until age 18. She completed her Silver and Gold awards along with almost every leadership award available. She has been a Venturer since she was 14 and has completed the Outdoor Bronze Award, Gold, Silver and is very close to Ranger. She has been Vice President of Programs, Vice President of

Administration & President of her crew and served as Vice President of Administration for Blue Ridge Mountains Council Youth Council a few years ago.

Dutch Oven Gang" at Mountain Man. She has been attending scouting events for as long as she can remember with her dad, an Eagle Scout and Scoutmaster of Troop 44. She went to Philmont in August of 2004 in the venturing conference family program.

Emily is 20 and attends New River Community College in the Forensic Science Program. She was homeschooled from birth on, but started at NRCC when she was 16. This year as President of Area 7, Emily hopes to improve communication between councils and garner more interest in Venturing from the councils in Area 7. She would also like to achieve a lasting Area 7 VOA to pass on to future youth leaders in her last year as a youth member.

Emily went to Boy Scout Summer camp for two summers, once to New River Adventure and once to Mountain Man. She also spent many summer Sundays helping to cook with Troop 44's "Torchy's

AREA 7 ADVISOR--W. SCOTT SMITH



Scott is an Eagle Scout and earned the Explorer G.O.L.D. Award as a youth in Blue Ridge Mountains Council #599. He is a Vigil Honor Member of Tutelo

Lodge #161, served as an Order of the Arrow Section Chief, and was honored with the OA Founder's Award in 1995 and the Distinguished Service Award in 1996. His involvement with Venturing began when serving on the National Outdoor Venturing Committee at the program's commencement in 1998, where he played a small role in developing the Ranger Award and focused on working with Venturing Crews specializing in outdoor living history. He also served as the Adviser of Venturing Crew 1776 (which began as an 18th century

living history crew, and morphed into river-based service and high adventure) for about ten years. He has a wife Emily and an 18 month old son, Carter.

During the upcoming year, Scott plans to support his youth President in her endeavors, develop a sustainable VOA for Area 7 (and encourage the 12 councils in the area to do the same), improve inter-council communications and event participation, and help create meaningful opportunities for youth leadership in Virginia and North Carolina.



AREA 7 COUNCILS

Old North State, Oconeechee, Tuscarora, Cape Fear, East Carolina, Old Hickory, Colonial Virginia, Tidewater, Shenandoah, Blue Ridge Mountains, Heart of Virginia, and Stonewall Jackson

STONEWALL JACKSON
AREA COUNCIL NRA
SHOOT-AROUND

Emily Polan
Area 7 Youth VOA President

September 20th 2008, if you were anywhere near Camp Shenandoah in Swoope Virginia you would have needed a pair of earplugs. Venturers from the Stonewall Jackson Area Council in the Shenandoah Mountains of Southwest Virginia were shooting all kinds of firearms at all kinds of targets.

Friday night kicked off the event with a cracker barrel and a basic shooting safety meeting. Accommodations that night were tents pitched in the regular platform tent areas of the camp. Bright and early Saturday morning, after a hearty breakfast in the camp dining hall, the groups were given their schedule for the day. I was in the green group and my day went sort of like this.



Our first stop of the morning was archery, a personal favorite of mine. The bows provided by the camp were a nice set of Genesis compound bows. Also available was a crossbow provided by a local equipment supplier. After a wonderful hour of trying for bulls-eyes we moved on to muzzleloading rifle, another personal favorite. Balloons were the target of choice for this

discipline and a new experience for most in my group. One of these girls was afraid to try the rifle, but after the first shot she



was hooked. On to handguns now! Two rounds of ten at paper targets was the order of the day. I am really bad with a semi auto handgun, so for my second round I was provided with a beautiful .22 revolver. My second target was much improved. Air rifle was our last station of the morning and my favorite so far. No earplugs are necessary for this discipline and several of us were pretty good. Shooting was done prone here, unlike the standing and sitting positions at earlier stations.

Lunch time! No dawdling however, we were on our way to the next station in 45 minutes. Here is where the day got unusual. The first afternoon station for the green group was a paintball obstacle course. This challenging station gave us Boy Scout legal experience with paintball guns as there was no shooting at people, only unruly 5 gallon buckets. Weaving around small pine trees and stopping twice to shoot 5 paintballs at two buckets, then running back down the hill to hit the tires to get to the next spot to shoot a bucket. Balance on the beam then shoot a bucket. Under the army netting, shoot the bucket. We went over the 6 foot plywood wall to shoot the last bucket and race to the finish line.

We were all exhausted after this feat. Fortunately the next station was fly-fishing where we learned how to tie flies and cast a line. Our group got so wrapped up in this station that we were a few minutes late for shotgun. Once we got there it was great fun. The time I tried shotgun before, I was really bad at it. These teachers made it fun and I was significantly better then before. The last station on this whirlwind day was .22 rifles. We shot at anything and everything from balloons and spinning targets to paintballs, golfballs and shotgun shells. When we had finally exhausted all of the toys we all got ten shots at a paper target for score.



When everyone came in from their stations, dinner was served and we all filed down for a campfire awards ceremony for the best shooters of the day. Unfortunately I had to leave at this point, but I know Sunday was going to be a lot fun with NRA qualifying rounds at what ever discipline you chose. I had a blast at this event and I can't wait till next year. I was the only out of council attendee this year, but I am bringing more people with me next time!

JAMES RIVER ORIENTEERING CLUB (JROC)

JROC is an orienteering club in southeastern Virginia. JROC promotes orienteering and all navigation sports from Richmond to Williamsburg to Virginia Beach. JROC does this through education and recreational programs.

Orienteering is the sport of navigation, using a map and compass to navigate to checkpoints marked on your map. Traveling through the woods, on and off trail to find your way. Whether you are out for a leisurely hike or a competitive run, there's a challenge for you in orienteering.

Mick Meyer
Crew 48 Advisor
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WAKEFEST

Wakefest 2008 at Claytor Lake Aquatics Base in The Blue Ridge Mountains Council was amazing. There was a great group of Venturers at Claytor Lake Adventure Base (C-LAB) for the last weekend in

September. Those who attended participated in loads of fun activities including water skiing, wakeboarding, tubing, wake skating, Riding the Rocket, dock jumping and wake surfing. We listened to some great music, we ate some great food and had an all -together awesome time. Go to youtube.com and search "BRMC WAKEFEST 2008" to see a video from the weekend. If you missed us this year, keep an ear out for WAKEFEST 2009!

AREA 7 VENTURING SUMMIT

Area 7 did something landmark on November 8 in Greensboro North Carolina! Emily Polan, Scott Smith and Richard Bogan put together a Venturing Summit to hear about what the crews and councils in their area wanted to see. Plans were made for VOA's, and bylaws were approved. They decided on many key deadlines and answered the questions of the attendees concerning enrollment and policy. It was a very informative event that had not happened in the Southern Region before. Watch for a followup article for more details!

VENTURING CHALLENGE AT PIPSICO SCOUT RESERVATION

The Tidewater Council (southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina) hosted its first Venturing Challenge at Pipsico Scout Reservation during September 19-21, 2008. The Venturing Challenge was a great weekend that promoted team spirit and outdoor skills development. Teams were made up of 2, 3 or 4 people that competed on a timed five mile course following a map and directions. Along the way they participated in: map & compass navigation, climbing tower, orienteering, canoe paddling, mountain biking, swimming and archery.

Friday evening we had pizza and a movie (Monty Python "In Search of the Holy Grail") and Saturday evening featured a DJ and toga party (TOGA!). Everyone had a great time.

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending next year's Tidewater Council Venturing Challenge during September 18-20, 2009.

Best regards,
Mick Meyer
Crew 48 Advisor
www.crew48.com



AREA 9 YOUTH PRESIDENT--CATHERINE DEROTH

Catherine DeRoth, the Area Nine President in the Southern Region, started loving the outdoors at a very early age. She started girl scouts when she was in the fourth grade. However, she always went with her brother's troop on all of their camping trips. She was fourteen when she joined Crew 573. In Crew 573 she held the positions of secretary, vice-president of programming, and president. Her crew is very diverse in its activities. In 2007, she became the Venturing Youth Representative on Northeast Georgia council's executive board. As the president of the Northeast Georgia council, she is working on setting up and running a Venturing Officer's Association. Also, she served as the Venturing Youth Chairman of Winterfest in 2008. She believes that these experiences have taught her amazing leadership and responsibility skills.

She is one of six children and she loves being in such a big family.

She went to North Gwinnett High School, where she graduated in 2008 as an honor grad.

She is currently attending the University of Georgia where she is majoring in Business Management. After graduation she plans on attending law school, and then she plans on practicing corporate law.

This year, she plans on increasing communications of the councils in her area, and she hopes to create good relationships between the council and the region. With more communication, she hopes to see more events occur. She is going to help the region president and the national president with anything they may need in order to accomplish their goals while in office.

AREA 9 ADVISOR--KENT GALYON



SR Area 9 Venturing Advisor Kent Galyon is now an executive board member of the Chattahoochee Council in Columbus, Georgia.

Kent serves as the 2009 Muskogee District Chairman, 2008-2009 Council Venturing

Chairman, 2008-2009 Eagle Banquet Chairman, SR Area 9 Venture Advisor, and the SR ABS (National Association of Baptist for Scouting) VP. Kent also serves on the National "Black Shirt" Team which helps put on the BSA National Meetings and Top Scout Executive Trainings around the country. Kent has been recognized with the Silver Beaver, Silver Antelope (SR), Good Shepherd, Marvin M. Lewis (national community service award for service to the BSA from the BPOE Elks) Awards, and a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow.

Kent was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, lived & owns K & B Contractor in Fayetteville,

Tennessee & active with the Middle Tennessee Council BSA for 18 years. He has been in the service to the jewelry industry for over 30 years as a master jeweler & moved his business to Columbus, Georgia in February of 2007. Kent has a 29-year-old Eagle Scout son & a 30-year old Gold Award Girl Scout daughter, along with 3 grandchildren (granddaughter Cara is a Girl Scout). Kent also serves as the VP of the Columbus/ Ft. Benning Elks Lodge #111.

Kent along with Catherine DeRoth, SR Area 9 Venture president, have set some lofty goals for the Area and are working very diligently, with several other in the area, to make those happen.

AREA 9 COUNCILS

Greater Alabama, Tukabatchee, Black Warrior, Chattahoochee, Atlanta Area, Flint River, Central Georgia, Northwest Georgia, and Northeast Georgia

YOUTH BOATSWAIN--CHELSEA DuBOSE

Chelsea DuBose, the 2008-2009 Southern Region Boatswain, lives in Austin, Texas. She has been a Sea Scout since June 2005 and has experience on sailboats 13' to 45' and at least five weeks logged on the Point Glass, an 82' former Coast Guard cutter now crewed by Sea Scouts. She is currently of Able rank, though she plans to earn Quartermaster by the end of 2008. She has been the Boatswain of Ship 12 in Austin for over two years and is also the Specialist for Ship 77 in Dallas. She is a member of her council VOA. Chelsea is a SEAL graduate from Chesapeake Bay, 2008. She has attended two Texas Sea Scout Academies.

Chelsea is a high school senior and plans to attend college fall 2009 with an engineering major (mechanical or engineering physics) and hopes to participate in a nanotechnology program. She is an avid reader and writer, and loves singing and musical theater.



CARDINAL WARDROOM

Cardinal Wardroom is a loosely organized Sea Scout task force for Areas 5 and 7 of Southern Region, BSA. We have about 25 Sea Scout ships in the two areas that are actively providing a nautical Scout program for the youth we serve.

Our mission is to promote and grow Sea Scouting by assisting in the organization of new Sea Scout ships and supporting and strengthening existing ones through encouragement, sharing of resources, training events, inter-unit communications, and joint activities.

We conduct an annual Sea Scout Training Weekend for youth and adult members at the US Coast Guard Base in Portsmouth,

VA. Our 9th such event will be held there on April 3-5, 2009. We just completed our first annual Davy Jones Rendezvous at Charles T. Hagan, Jr. Sea Scout Base and Raven Point on High Rock Lake in central North Carolina. This is a fun weekend of competitive events that was enjoyed by Sea Scout ships and Venture crews on August 29-31. Our tentative dates for 2009 are September 18-20. Typical activities include Rubber Ducky Regatta, Tire Tube Joust, No Paddle Canoe Race, Canoe Tug-O-War, Boxing the Compass Relay, Knot Tying Relay, Piloting Competition, Heaving Line Competition, Motorboat Man Overboard Drill, Motorboat Slalom, kayaking, canoeing, tubing, motorboating, and sailing.

A newsletter is distributed to our Sea Scout ships and others on our mailing list 2 or 3 time a year. Cardinal Wardroom NEWS! is an opportunity for our Sea Scout ships to share their activities, challenges, and successes with each other. It is usually very interesting reading and is generous in the use of photographs.

A website is also maintained at www.cardinalwardroom.org.

Yours in (Sea) Scouting,
R. Carroll Sasser, Coordinator
Sea Scout Task Force for
Areas 5 and 7, Southern Region,
BSA
Raleigh, NC



HURRICANE IKE EFFECTS SOUTHERN REGION SEA SCOUTS IN TEXAS

HOUSTON - Hurricane Ike came to call in late September, and the eye of the storm went up the west side of Galveston Bay.

Guess where the boats of Sam Houston Area Council and Bay Area Council are berthed! The west side of Galveston Bay! Due to the foresight and care of leaders of our many Sea Scout ships, damage was minimized. We did have good news and bad news though.

The bad news was that most of the boats at Houston Yacht Club (right on Galveston Bay) were totaled. That was a couple decent 25' sloops, and several vessels of marginal or no real value. In point of fact, some of those boats have never been found, unless they are part of the general debris that washed up on shore in unidentifiable piles.

Ship 468 of Bay Area Council had six boats at Lakewood Yacht Club. Three of them, including the two vessels used for Gulf Coast SEAL, weathered the storm OK. Two of them sank at their moorings, but within a day or two the ingenious sailors of S468 had inserted some home style air mattresses in the cabin, raised them above the gunwales, and pumped them

out. We think they will be OK. One vessel was holed by a piling and is lost.

The good news was most of SHAC's boats were at Watergate or South Shore, on Clear Lake as is Lakewood. That provided some shelter from the storm surge.

Of the 10 vessels at the two marinas, none of them suffered more than cosmetic damage. However, there were some close calls. The vessel next to Defiant sank, after first climbing onto the finger pier. For a month, My Escape had an unplanned neighbor, perched on the top of the pier, supported by four bollards. Had it not caught the bollards just right, but instead landed on our Sea Scout lineup, we would have a different tale to tell.

We also had quite a number of boats on inland lakes, 50 miles north of the Bay. These also came through with flying colors. We attribute the relative lack of damage to conscientious skippers who followed the hurricane preparation checklist in our SHAC fleet manual. Other vessels right next door suffered significant or catastrophic damage, we think because they did not take the extra care to rig extra mooring lines and remove sails and biminis.

Chelsea DuBose, SR Boatswain

NEWSLETTER YOUTH EDITOR--SARAH POLAN

Sarah Polan signed up for Venturing on her 14th birthday and left for a Crew 44 backpacking trip the next day. Since then she has backpacked a fifty-miler, worked at boy scout camp, won first place in backpack cooking at Winterfest and been to every event that she could. Sarah is 16 and is in her second semester at New River Community College.

Before going to New River she was homeschooled in Blacksburg VA. She has written for the teen page of the local newspaper for a year and a half. She is the editor of her school newspaper, The Knight Rider and wants to major in journalism at a four year school. Sarah has been a volunteer as long as she can remember.

She was a Girl Scout for 10 years but stopped after she earned the highest award for her age level. She is a senator on her college's Student Government Association and recently went to a leadership conference with her Student Government and saw many techniques to bring more interest to a group of people and how to resolve conflict and get things done. She is excited to use these techniques in Venturing as well.

She is the costume manager for her belly dancing club and performs with them several times a year. In her limited free time she enjoys reading, writing, blogging and listening to music.



In the coming year Sarah hopes to inform as many Venturers as she can about what is going on with the Venturing program and how they can get involved by using the newsletter!

NEWSLETTER ADVISOR--DR. JEFF JUSTICE



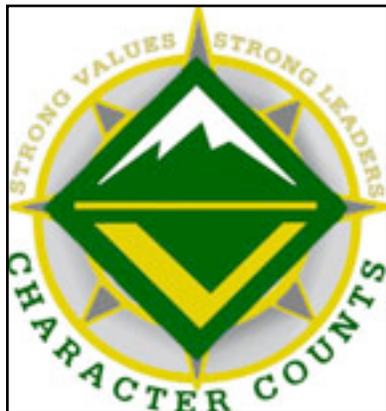
Dr. Jeff Justice has been appointed as adviser to the Southern Region Venturing Newsletter. Known as J.W. or Jay to his friends, he is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow. He hails originally from Texas and now

resides in Kentucky. He serves as assistant district commissioner and an associate lodge adviser in Lincoln Heritage Council, Louisville, KY. As a youth, he was responsible for both lodge and sectional OA newsletters and will bring this experience to his new advisory position. He also held a variety of district and council positions as a youth and adult, including OA lodge chief, district advancement chairman, unit commissioner, and assistant council commissioner. He has also been an OA section officer.

Dr. Justice is assistant professor of political science at Campbellsville University. He teaches a variety of courses on American and European politics and political philosophy. He has

previously taught at Truman State University (where he served as adviser to Venturing Crew 403, Great Rivers Council), Wayland Baptist University, and Texas Tech University. He has a Ph.D. from Texas Tech and completed his undergraduate degree at Midwestern State University in Texas. He is an active member of the American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, and Southwest Social Science Association. He frequently reviews books and articles for a variety of academic journals.

Dr. Justice's interests include camping, hiking, soccer, ice hockey, baseball and other sports, computers, travel, reading, and writing.



FROM THE EDITOR:

Dear Scouts,

I hope that you enjoyed our first issue! This issue had a “get to know the officers” mindset and I hope that we reached that goal and that you now feel like you could have a conversation with these dedicated Venturers and Sea Scouts.

We look forward to a wonderful year of newsworthy events and Venturing pictures. We are still formatting so expect a few changes in the way that the newsletters look. We do not have schedule set yet but the more events that you send to us the more often we can publish!

As you can see from John Washburn’s introduction and the short biographies of the volunteer officers we are trying very hard to get youth involvement in Venturing to escalate.

I hope that each issue inspires you to try a new event with your Crew/Ship or to bring in new members.

If you want to submit a story or if you have a correction or suggestion, please feel free to contact us!

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To the Presses!

Are you doing something news worthy? Write about it! We need articles, pictures and updates from Areas, Councils, Crews and Ships! If you send pictures please give names of people pictured. We also love ideas and contacts for people who are “In The Know”! If you have an idea please pass it on to Sarah Polan at

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