



Venturing Voice

Gulf Stream Council Venturing & Sea Scout Committees

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REMINDERS

- VOA Meeting
Date: April 13
Location: TBA
Time: 1:00pm
Represent your Crew/Ship at these monthly meetings!
- Committee Meeting
Date: April 13
Location: TBA
Time: 1:00pm
Youth meeting and adult meeting!
- VLSC Training
Date: April 18-19, 2008
Location: Tanah Keeta
- Venturing Links
National Scouting Site: www.scouting.org
Venturing Youth Protection: olc.scouting.org/info/yptv.html
Regional Venturing site: www.srventuring-bsa.org

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V/S Challenge Results

Written by: Chuck Haythorn

The Overall Winners were:

- Ship 801 - First Place
- Troop 599 from South Florida Council - Second Place
- Crew 832 - Third Place
- Troop 395 - Fourth Place

Even though there were places, everyone was a winner that attended the weekend.

Great comments about the whole weekend, and the best

complaint of all, not enough time to do everything.

Two Events had blindfolds involved to help teach the youth about Diversity and those who don't have sight.

The High Cope received High praise, as well as the ranges and the waterfront.

Another event that received very high praise was, Val Wilson's Wilderness First Aid.

Unfortunately no pictures were taken to show what was going on due to the small scale size of the staff.

We had blindfolded climbing, blindfolded kayak races, canoe tug-of-war, a scavenger canoe race, Shotgun and 22 Rifle shooting.

The next V/S Challenge is September 26-28, 2008. We want to hear from all of you and get a record number of Crews and Ships to attend. Be there or be square! :)

Contact Chuck Haythorn at chaythorn@comcast.net for more information and to volunteer.

17th Annual River Raft Regatta

When: April 18-20, 2008
Where: Tanah Keeta
Cost: \$25.00 p/p; \$25.00 per raft

Mark your unit calendars – April 18-20 is the dates for this fun-filled weekend. This event is open to all Troops, Ships, Teams, Crews and Posts (within Gulf stream Council & all other Councils are also invited to join the fun.)

The purpose of this event is for the Scouts to have fun while learning to work to-

gether as a team while, designing and building their own rafts; then while attending a campout race there rafts.

This event is designed to be a laid-back, fun-filled weekend. The camp pool will be open for swimming test and longer if we have proper supervision.

There will be a Venturing Grille that will be selling hot-dogs, drinks, hamburgers and snacks (at a nominal charge) at the waterfront area at lunch time.

This event price per Scouts & Scouters is \$25.00, which includes a patch, a cracker barrel on Friday night, and a Roast Pig B.B.Q. dinner Saturday. Awards will be given out after dinner.

As a special treat we'll be entertained by a live Rock band on Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Awards will be given for first, second, third places for design, for weekend spirit; and for race completion time.

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As a Venturer, I promise to do my duty to God and help strengthen America, to help others, and to seek truth, fairness, and adventure in our world.

Top 10 Signs It's Time For The Boy Scout To Join A Venturing Crew

10. Perfume, Gasoline & the other fumes, have become more important than Scouting
9. Can't seem to find his sleeping bag for this weekend's big trip
8. Fails the pop quiz on the last good turn he did
7. Not involved in the Troop Leadership - at all, anymore
6. Brings his iPod or electronic games to Troop Meetings for something to do
5. He's 16 and he is still a Star Scout
4. Been more than a year since he earned his last merit badge
3. Doesn't even wear the tan shirt anymore
2. Troop Meeting attendance has become non-existent
1. Co-Ed !! - Enough Said!!

Top 10 Reasons Girls Should Join A Venturing Crew

10. Rock Climbing, Bouldering, White Water Rafting, and Snowboarding
9. Kayaking, Canoeing, Fishing, Camping, and Backpacking
8. Mountain Biking (read FLY Downhill!), and Campfires
7. Learn to SURVIVE in the woods and know YOU can be self sufficient
6. Pee in the woods!!
5. See every star in the sky from a mountain top over 10,000 feet up, with 9 of your best friends ever
4. Learn how to plan and execute a week long hike through a National Forest
3. Practice being a Leader - you will be able to tell the guys which way to go!
2. Learn to SCUBA dive, then go get your own lobsters for dinner!
1. All the best guys are Eagle Scouts!!

Venturing 10th Anniversary Photo Contest

What images do you think best reflect the essence of Venturing? Capture them with your camera and then enter your favorite photographs in the "Venturing 10th Anniversary" photo contest.

The contest is open to all registered youth members of the Venturing program. Photos will be judged in four categories:

1. Wildlife
2. People
3. The Spirit of Venturing
4. Spirit of Patriotism

Our judges will be looking for the photographs that best exhibit creativity, originality, and visual beauty. A winning photograph will be selected for each of the four categories. From the four winners, one photograph will be selected as the Grand Prize Winner.

One winner from each of the four categories

will receive a \$200 BSA Supply gift card.

The Grand Prize Winner will receive a \$400 BSA Supply gift certificate, and a three-day, all expenses paid trip with his/her parents to New York City to attend the annual Explorers Club meeting as the guest of Richard Wiese, the youngest ever president of The Explorers Club.

Members of The Explorers Club include: Neil Armstrong (space), Robert Ballard (ocean exploration), Scott Carpenter (space), Jim Fowler (zoology), William Koch (sailing), Steven Squyres (space, Mars), Charles "Chuck" Yeager (test pilot). For more information on The Explorers Club, go to www.explorers.org.

The winners and their photographs will also be shown on the Venturing web site.

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Sea Scouts Receive Lifesaving Award

From the December 2007 OCom minutes:

The Recreational Boating Safety Committee reported that Sea Scouts assisted in saving the life of a USPS member during a Sea Scout boat safety training mission. The chief entertained a motion to approve a Lifesaving Award for Andrew Bohuslav, Sea Scout Ship 77; Conner Bost, Sea Scout Ship 468; Gabriel McCorkie, Sea Scout Ship 1942; Melissa Roesner, Sea Scout Ship 1993; and Samuel

Walker, Sea Scout Ship 512. The OCom ADOPTED the motion. (2007-OC-57)

C/C Marshburn entertained a motion to approve a Lifesaving Award for P/D/C Lee Popham, AP, Miami/8; Patricia Walker, Vero Beach/8; and Peter McKenna, S, Rockville/5. The OCom ADOPTED the motion. (2007-OC-58)

From GSC Commodore: Andy Flack

The Injured person was a truly

special Sea Scouter. We lost a great person when he died. The youth and adults that revived him were part of a SEAL (Sea Scout Advanced Leadership) Course when the incident occurred south of Miami.

The awards were held in Dallas in February at the National Power Squadron Meeting.



Southern Region To Host Seabadge Conference

Written by: Barry Ekle, SR Commodore



I'm pleased to report that the Southern Region will be hosting our next Seabadge

Conference SR-32 the weekend of April 11 - 13 at the Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center in Covington Georgia. The Conference fee is \$175, which includes room (2 participants each) and board. The

Conference will be limited to 32 participants based upon the order of deposit receipt at the region office.

The Sea Scout Leader Specialized Training course will be offered on April 11th for those who have not been able to obtain the course locally. If anyone is interested in taking just the Specialized Training from 1pm - 5pm on April 11, please contact me directly at: barry@theMystics.org to see if those arrangements can be

made. Any other questions regarding the conference should be directed to either myself or the Conference Director Al Rother, who can be reached at: al_rother@yahoo.com.

The Conference Fact Sheet and Application Form can be obtained from:

<http://sregion.seascout.org/forms/SBCFTSHSR32.pdf>
<http://sregion.seascout.org/forms/SBCAPPLSR32.pdf>

"Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it."

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Venturing and Sea Scout Websites

Here are several useful and helpful Venturing & Sea Scout websites:

Venturing Info:
www.venturing.info/

National Venturing Cabinet:
www.nationalventuringyouthcabinet.org/

Southern Region Venturing:
srventuring-bsa.org/newsite/

Powder Horn:
www.powderhorn-bsa.org/

Kodiak/Kodiak X:
www.kodiak-bsa.org/

Venturing Quest Award:
www.venturing-bsa-quest.org/

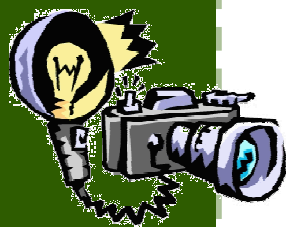
Sea Scouts National website:
www.seascout.org/

Southern Flotilla website:
sregion.seascout.org/

The Ship's Store (Sea Scout uniforms & supplies):
www.ships-store.org/

Photo Contest continued...

RULES FOR ENTERING CONTEST



Open to all registered youth members of the Venturing program. Entries must be received between March 1, 2008, and August 1, 2008.

No more than three entries per person.

Contest entrants may go to the link provided by www.scouting.org/venturing to upload their digital images for this contest.

All entries should be submitted digitally. Digital photographs should be taken using the camera's highest quality setting.

Pictures cannot be altered in any way, including using software such as Photo-shop, etc.

All photographs must be submitted with:

1. name
2. address
3. daytime and evening

4. phone numbers
5. unit number and position (if applicable)
6. council name
7. e-mail address

For the purpose of the contest, all entries become the property of the Boy Scouts of America. Winners must certify that photographs are their own original work.

The decisions of the judges are final.

River Raft Regatta, continued....

Plus, the "Regatta Champion" award will be presented to the raft team with the best total score from the design, spirit, and race.

The Raft teams will check-in Friday night, set up camp, get your race position and begin BSA swim test; all persons going in the water must pass a BSA swim test. (The cheering section and shore crew are exempt.)

There will be a leader meeting after the 8:00 PM cracker barrel.

Saturday morning you will build or finish building your rafts. Safety inspections and

design judging will be going on, as well as, finishing up the BSA swim tests.

The race starts after the lunch break around 1:00 p.m. We will have three race divisions, 11-14 years old & 14-20 years old and a Adult division w/ 1 Adult team per district & 1 per Professionals.

Remember to have your registration and deposit to the Council Service Center postmarked by April 4, 2008. If you have any questions, call director, Mick Desjardins at (561) 310-6892, or Lighthouse District professional advi-

sor, Adam Rose (561) 694-8585 at the Council Service Center.

Again, the cost for this weekend is \$25.00 per person plus \$25.00 per raft entered into the competition.

Family members, friends and general spectators are welcome to attend the Roast Pig B.B.Q. and live entertainment for a fee of \$7.00 per adult, \$4.00 for children 4 - 11 years old, Children under 4 years are free.

Additional patches will be available for \$3.00 each

"No man ever
steps in the same
river twice, for it's
not the same river
and he's not the
same man."
- Heraclitus



Very Successful Open House

Venturing Crew 2125 of Wellington hosted a very successful beach party and open house, recruiting event March 15th, at Kruesler Memorial Park, at Lake Worth Beach. Three other Venturing Crews, 2005, 2020 and 303, participated and together helped 2125 attract (we hope) three new female members!

Assuming all three candidates or more join the crew, it will be Crew 2125's fastest, most successful planning exercise to date, having started as an idea only 11 days earlier at a crew meeting. Flyers were printed and handed out to friends at

Wellington High and at the Trade Winds District Roundtable. The only sizable expense was for hot-dogs, buns, fruit, pretzels, and condiments, which cost \$150.

Even if only one of the potential new members joins our crew, all involved had a great time surfing, skim boarding, playing volleyball, bocce ball, eating free hot-dogs, soaking up some Florida sunshine, or just relaxing in a shaded chair, with excellent conversation. I predict that this event will find a home on our crew's

activity calendar at least once, and perhaps twice a year!

The Crew would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Gagne for providing an excellent sun shade and the field kitchen for the event, and Messrs. Bradford, Jilek, Houseman, Tymczyszyn, Pendleton, and Madams Vandamas, and Pendleton, for transporting our venturers! A special thank you goes out to Scouter Chip Houseman of Troop 160! THANK YOU!



VOA and Venturing Committee

Written by: Chuck Haythorn,
ACC Venturing/Sea Scouting

Youth and Adults of the Venturing/Sea Scouting program of the Gulfstream Council, there is a way you can make a difference. You know who you are. The one's who opt out of Council events. You are part of the problem and not part of the solution. Yes that is harsh but truth hurts. I have watched since the inception of Venturing in this Council how a small group of people have struggled to make it work. If you want to see events like the ones at other camps then you need to step up to the VOA if you are a youth or step up to the committee if you are

an adult and make this happen. It is great to sit on the sidelines and quarterback, how about stepping up making your voice heard at the committee meeting or the VOA.

Both of these entities have agreed we need to move these meetings around the Council. Well help us out. Find us a venue where that can happen. We would like for it to have a place for a meeting and then something fun to do.

Look around your District's and let us know by attending the meetings so we can plan for it. With the price of gas these days no one like to drive far. Well for this to be a success we need to make it where it is fair to everyone. We have a lot of great talent and great po-

tential out there but it seems to want to stay on the couch.

Let's get off the couch come to the meetings change the negative to a positive and get this program on the map.

We ran four major Disciplines at the VS Challenge and the complaint was not enough time to do everything. Just imagine you could have been apart of that.

For those that said they were coming to help and be there and didn't your loss. Now it is up to you.

Contact Chuck Haythorn at chaythorn@comcast.net to find out how you can get more involved.

Announcements

New Crew! - Crew 2111 meets on Thursdays at various locations within Royal Palm Beach. For information contact Crew President, James, at 687-2990.

Crew 2005 - Secretary: Man, that La No Che trip (Central FL Venturing Training weekend) was awesome! I can honestly say that everyone who went really enjoyed themselves, shooting or mountaineering. We learned a lot about safety

and that crews should review ways to stay safe in all situations every six months (Youth Protection about "acquaintance rape" and sexual harassment).

Crew 2465 - Advisor: Members of Venturing Crew 2465 of Ft. Pierce, FL, who are also members of the St. Lucie County Community Emergency Response Team, participated in a county emergency disaster simulation exercise on Friday evening Jan. 25th 2008. The youth learned

mouflage make-up techniques from the adults and also participated in this exercise as victims. The adults off the disaster simulation team were also utilized as exercise observers. This gave us the opportunity to critique the other teams while learning techniques to improve our overall future performance in an emergency situation. The youth did a fantastic job and made excellent victims.

As an American, I will do my best to...

Be clean in my outdoor manners I will treat the outdoors as a heritage.

I will take care of it for myself and others.

I will keep my trash and garbage out of lakes, streams, fields, woods, and roadways.

Be careful with fire

I will prevent wildfire.

I will build my fires only where they are appropriate.

When I have finished using a fire, I will make sure it is cold out. I will leave a clean fire ring, or remove all evidence of my fire.

Be considerate in the outdoors I will treat public and private property with respect.

I will use low-impact methods of hiking and camping.

Be conservation minded I will learn how to practice good conservation of soil, waters, forests, minerals, grasslands, wildlife, and energy.

Join the GSC Venturing List Serve

Want to find out what's going on in Venturing/Sea Scouting within in council and around the country?

The Gulf Stream Council Venturing/Sea Scout Committee has established a Yahoo Group for the purpose of communicating events & program updates to all those involved in the Ven-

turing/Sea Scout programs in the council. This will enable Crews and Ships to be informed of events, allow members to discuss the program, and be informed of updates.

To join, send an email to gscbsaventuring-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Once you've joined, messages

sent to gscbsaventuring@yahoogroups.com will go to everyone on the list! We will be moderating the list to ensure that only legitimate message go out.

While not required, it is a good idea to also obtain a free Yahoo ID to access the full resources



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