

2008 Fall Quarterly Report – Southern Region Venturing President

GOALS

1. Continue to develop the organizational structure of Southern Region Venturing
2. Support the 2008-9 SR Boatswain in achieving her goals
3. Support the National Venturing President, and be an active leader on the National Venturing Cabinet.
4. Promote Regional Venturing service projects
5. Expand leadership development opportunities for all Venturers
6. Promote environmental activism throughout SR Venturing
7. Promote international Scouting
8. Model my personal commitment to the Venturing program by completing the Ranger, Quest, Hornaday, and Quartermaster Awards
9. Represent Venturing at SR Events, and at national events as requested

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Continued to develop the organizational structure of the Southern Region VOA by:

- Participating in the recruitment of Southern Region Area VOA Presidents and persons to fill other Regional VOA positions; all positions on the Regional VOA were filled by mid-September, 2008
- Providing orientation for new Area 8 President, Jason Arthur, (whose installation completed the recruitment of Area Presidents)
- Assisting the Area VOA Presidents in identifying the Venturing leaders of the Councils in their Areas
- Beginning a series of meetings with the leaders of successful Council VOAs, (in visits in Georgia and Oklahoma), to learn how they have recruited leaders, organized their VOAs and accomplished growth
- Drafting a working paper on setting up Council VOAs
- Making multiple presentations at the Southern Region Area Advisor training event in Oklahoma City, during the Southern Region Board meeting, Sept. 25-6
- Making a presentation to the Atlanta Area Council Venturing Roundtable on organizing the AAC VOA
- Making the keynote address to the annual meeting of the National Association of Presbyterian Scouters at the Presbyterian General Assembly on starting Venturing Crews and Sea Scout Ships as part of their youth ministries; (this event was picked up by the General Assembly news corps, run in the GA News, and distributed to the congregations of the Presbyterian Church, USA.)
- Giving the luncheon speech and co-teaching courses on Venturing at the Piedmont-Appalachian College of Commissioner Science
- Beginning the process of organizing a "virtual VOA" in the Direct Service Council of Area 2/3 by contacting the two Crews in that Council through the International Division
- Modeling leadership in growing Venturing membership by continuing to mentor an urban Atlanta Ship (which I'd begun in November, 2007) and beginning to mentor a second new Ship in a mid-town Atlanta church
- Beginning recruitment of additional Crews in the Direct Service Council of Area 2/3 by writing letters to the leadership of existing Boy Scout troops in that Council through the International Division of the BSA, and by initiating communication with the administrators of American Schools located in that Council
- Moderating the summer meeting of the Regional VOA (a teleconference)

- Expanding the usefulness of the SR Facebook group as a Regional Venturing communications tool by increasing membership by 37 % between July 15 and Sept. 25
- Contributing to communications in Southern Region Venturing/Sea Scouting on the SR Venturing/Sea Scouting Yahoo! group with online posts and offline responses
- Preparing for the first edition of a Southern Region Venturing Newsletter by collecting and writing articles

Provided support to the 2008-9 SR Boatswain in achieving her goals by:

- Completing "The Boatswain's Book of Suggestions", an orientation manual for the SR Boatswain
- Providing orientation for new SR Boatswain, Chelsea DuBose

Supported the National Cabinet President, and participated as an active member of the National Venturing Cabinet by:

- Completing National Venturing Cabinet orientation
- Recruiting new members to the Regional groups, and the Sea Scouts, BSA group on Facebook
- Submitting all requested information and reports, on time
- Communicating frequently with other Cabinet members, by phone and online

Promoted Regional Venturing service projects by:

- Arranging for staffing of the Leukemia Cup regattas in Savannah and Charleston, and beginning the recruitment of service staff for the Leukemia Cup Regatta in Austin (the 2008 SR Sea Scout service project.)
- Orienting the new SR Boatswain, Chelsea DuBose, to the Leukemia Cup Regatta project, which she has chosen to continue
- Leading a discussion about the 2009 SR Venturing service project during the summer VOA teleconference, and designed a process, currently being implemented, which will allow all Southern Region Venturers to participate in selecting the 2009 SR Venturing service project

Expanded leadership development opportunities for all Venturers and initiated promotion of environmental activism in Southern Region Venturing by:

- Appointing a task force to design environmentally themed Kodiak courses and recruit Councils to sponsor them
- Beginning the recruitment of sponsoring Councils

Promoted international Scouting by:

- Serving on the International Service Staff of the Irish Nation Jamboree
- Establishing a new tradition in Southern Region Venturing: taking up a collection for the World Friendship Fund at every Venturing event above the Crew/Ship level; Capital Area Council, Atlanta Area Council, and Indian Waters Council have begun participating in this "tradition."
- Setting up a Facebook group to recruit Venturing/future Venturing members to the World Scout Jamboree in Sweden in 2011

Modeled my personal commitment to the Venturing Program by:

- Completing requirements towards the Quartermaster Award (the 48 hour cruise, multiple teaching requirements, and an essay on contributing to the world fellowship of Scouting)
- Completing core requirements and electives for the Ranger Award, (including Advanced Open Water SCUBA certification)
- Receiving the Venturing Leadership Award at the Regional level for service as the 2007-8 SR Boatswain

EVENTS ATTENDED

- May 20-24 BSA National Meeting, SR Venturing "Key 3" Meeting in San Diego, California
- June 5 Atlanta Area Council (AAC) Venturing Roundtable (see above)
- June 7 Piedmont-Appalachian College of Commissioner Science - Banner Elk, North Carolina
- June 12 SR VOA phone conference
- June 14 Georgia Division VFW Banquet to receive the Georgia VFW Scout of the Year Award
- June 24 National Association of Presbyterian Scouters, General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (USA) in San Jose, California (see above)
- July 4 Sea Scout "Float-illa", Stone Mountain Parade, Stone Mountain, Georgia
- July 10-14 National Venturing Cabinet Training in Dallas, Texas
- July 15-16 American Indian Scouting Seminar, Cherokee Nation
- July 29-Aug. 10 Irish "Jamboree 2008" celebrating the Irish Scouting Centennial
- August 10-12 Tour of Ireland with the South Florida Venturing contingent to the Irish Jamboree
- August 17 Inaugural meeting of Ship 473 in the Atlanta Area Council
- August 30 Clean-up of Peavine Creek with Troop 18, AAC
- Sept. 12 Venturing Aquatics Event, Indian Waters Council, Columbia
- Sept. 13 Camping skills demonstration, Hightower Trail District, AAC
- Sept. 20 Savannah Leukemia Cup Regatta, joining Ship 99 in delivering the Committee boat
- Sept. 25 Venturing leadership meeting in Last Frontier Council, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Sept. 26 Southern Region Area Advisor training in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Sept. 26-27 Southern Region Board Meeting in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma