

2009 Winter Quarterly Report – Southern Region Venturing President

GOALS

1. Continue to develop the organizational structure of Southern Region Venturing
2. Support the 2008-2009 Southern Region Boatswain in achieving her goals
3. Support the National Venturing President, and be an active leader on the National Venturing Cabinet.
4. Establish Regional Venturing service projects
5. Expand leadership development opportunities for all Venturers
6. Emphasize environmental activism throughout Southern Region Venturing
7. Promote international Scouting
8. Represent Venturing at Southern Region events
9. Model my personal commitment to the Venturing program

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

- Orienting new officers of the Southern Region Venturing Officers Association (SR VOA) (newsletter editor and new Advisors)
- Distributing an "occasional" (monthly or more often) informational letter to the SR VOA
- Communicating individually with the nine SR Area Presidents
- Moderating SR VOA group communications: teleconference and service project survey
- Beginning a Southern Region Venturing newsletter by recruiting an editor, and soliciting and writing articles for the inaugural and Winterfest issues
- Supporting the SR VOA webmaster, Hayden Roberts, in preparing the new SR Venturing website for uploading
- Posting a "Reflections" page on the National Cabinet site to encourage participation in the Southern Region Venturing Facebook group
- Preparing for Winterfest and the Area President training

Provided support to the 2008-2009 Southern Region Boatswain in achieving her goals by:

- Contributing to her developing directory of Southern Region Sea Scout (SR SS) Ships
- Representing SR Sea Scouting at SR SS events in the eastern part of the SR

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

- Participating in the Cabinet teleconference on November 6
- Assisting the National Venturing Cabinet in making arrangements to attend Winterfest
- Submitting requested reports on time

Established Regional Venturing service projects by:

- Completing the 2008 SR Sea Scout service project by staffing the Leukemia Cup Regatta in Charleston, South Carolina
- Choosing and beginning implementation of the 2009 SR Venturing service project, staffing the outdoor events of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

Expanded leadership development opportunities for all Venturers by:

- Meeting and corresponding with Council Venturing leaders to recruit them to sponsor environmentally themed Kodiak courses
- Teaching VLSC segments to new Crews and Ships

Emphasized environmental activism throughout SR Venturing by:

- Participating in, and publicizing the South Florida Council Reefball project
- Recruiting a regular columnist from the Ocean Conservancy for the SR Venturing newsletter
- Promoting the Hornaday Awards to Venturers in outdoor events

Promoted International Scouting by:

- Participating in JOTA with Boy Scouts from Troop 175, Atlanta
- Participating in JOTI with new Sea Scouts of Ship 473, Atlanta, Georgia
- Corresponding with Scout leaders in China and Venturing leaders in Kuwait
- Meeting with BSA leaders in Beijing, China
- Meeting with the administrators and students of the Nanjing International School
- Corresponding with Venturing leaders in the Direct Service Council

Represented Venturing at multiple SR events, including:

- Leukemia Cup Regatta, Charleston, South Carolina
- SHOT Show in Orlando, Florida

Modeled my personal commitment to the Venturing program by:

- Completing requirements for the Quartermaster and Quest Awards
- Receiving the Venturing Leadership Award at the Council level

EVENTS ATTENDED

- October 3-5 Leukemia Cup Regatta, Charleston, South Carolina
- October 5 Eagle Court of Honor, Atlanta, Georgia
- October 7 Court of Honor and Awards Banquet, Troop 18, Atlanta, Georgia
- October 18 JOTA
- October 19 JOTI
- November 4 Southern Region VOA teleconference
- November 6 National Venturing Cabinet teleconference
- November 8 Eagle Court of Honor, Hightower Trail District, Atlanta Area Council (AAC)
- November 20 Met with the Chair and Scouts of Troop 8848 in Beijing, China
- November 21 Met with the Chair of Troop 943 in Beijing, China
- November 27 Met with students, teacher and activity director at the Nanjing International School
- December 9 Troop 18, AAC, to teach outdoor skills
- December 16 Troop 18 Christmas Reunion
- December 31 Hightower Trail District Sea Scout Service Project: New Year's Eve Dinner at Philips Towers Senior Residence
- December 31 Ship 2318 Watch Night Service gathering

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- January 2-4 South Florida Council Venturee
- January 3 Ship /Southern Florida Council Environmental Service Project:
Reefball construction
- January 3 Organizational Meeting of the Southern Florida Council VOA
- January 5 Atlanta Area Squadron Bridge of Honor, pre-Bridge gathering
- January 6 Geocache (placement) with Hightower Trail district Sea Scouts
- January 8 Regional Key 3 teleconference
- January 9 Meeting with Northwest Georgia Area Council Key 3, Kennesaw,
Georgia
- January 14-17 SHOT Show, Orlando, Florida