



## A Word from the Southern Region Venturing President:

Thank you all for reading this edition of The Venturer. It is my honor to serve the Southern Region as the 2010-2011 Southern Region Venturing President. Information about this year's National Venturing Youth Cabinet, including bios for each cabinet member, can be found online at [scouting.org/venturing](http://scouting.org/venturing) under "National Youth Cabinet".

As the Southern Region Venturing President, I am working with the rest of the National Venturing Youth Cabinet to increase the voice of the youth in Venturing so that all of your ideas can be heard and put to work. Right now, the national Venturing website is being revamped under youth leadership. The website will become your primary source for marketing ideas and tools as well as other Venturing resources. Accordingly, feel free to contact me with ideas concerning the website as this project is currently underway and I want to hear from you and incorporate your ideas.

A Standard Operating Procedure for all of Venturing will soon be published standardizing

the leadership positions and the Venturing Officers' Associations at all levels in order to provide unity and organization. Communication will be simplified and position duties will be clarified. Part of the procedure includes the creation of three new Venturing Vice President positions at the Southern Region level; Emily Copeland, Emily Dighton, and Sarah Polan will fill these three positions. Emily Copeland, who will be serving as the new Southern Region Vice President of Administration, is from the Greater Alabama Council and formerly served as the Venturing President for Area 9. Emily Dighton, former Area Venturing President of Area 1, from the Istrouma Area Council will step in as the new Southern Region Vice President of Programs. Sarah Polan, who is the editor of The Venturer, will accept the position of Southern Region Vice President of Communication.

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With two former Area Venturing Presidents accepting responsibilities as Regional Venturing Vice-Presidents, I would also like to announce the new Area Venturing Presidents for Area 1 and Area 9. The new Area 1 Venturing President will be Josh Kern from the Gulf Coast Council. Rajpal Sagoo from the Atlanta Area Council formerly served as the Vice President of Administration for Area 9 and will now become the Area 9 Venturing President.

Additionally, the Area Venturing Presidents for Area 5 and Area 6 have chosen to resign. I would like to personally thank Jovahna Graves and Becca Mitchner for their hard work and devotion to this program. Their efforts and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated. Stepping into the position of Area Venturing President in Area 5, we have Nathaniel

Hensley from the Daniel Boone Council where he also serves as Council Venturing President. I look forward to the selection of Becca's successor in Area 6. I encourage all of you to look for upcoming opportunities to participate in and develop all levels of the Venturing program.

Thank you for your support and involvement in Venturing. I look forward to working with you to further the Venturing program. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments at [srventuringpresident@gmail.com](mailto:srventuringpresident@gmail.com).

David Frolander

2010-2011 Southern Region Venturing President, Boy Scouts of America

INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING OPPORTUNITY - WORLD JAMBOREE, SWEDEN 2011

Hey guys and gals, if you are interested in going to what is promising to be a great event you MUST act soon!!!

Announcements at the annual national meeting in Dallas at the end of May told us a lot.

First of all, every effort is being made to hold down the cost. There will be no pre-Jambo shakedown, you will only be required to have one full uniform and there will be no pre or post Jambo tour. Even after all of that the participant cost will be \$3500. IST cost will be \$1750 under 25 and \$1950 over 25.

If you want to go as an adult leader the best way to insure that you are selected is to recruit eight youth.

Currently the BSA contingent is only at about 50%. We are one year out and that is not much time. The proposed Sea Scout Ship and Venturing Crews from each region are in even worse shape..Only minimal interest has been shown to date.

If you are under eighteen you can go as a participant, over eighteen you are an IST or adult

leader. There are plenty of opportunities in all categories.

A good drop dead date to look at is 31 October 2010. Applicants after that date may not get a space within their region and therefore will have to get themselves to the assigned departure city (that could add a substantial cost to your trip).

Remember, the only way to apply is to go online through MyScouting and create an account. The initial application fee of \$10 must be paid at that time. For those of you who may have already done this and been notified that you have been accepted, start making your payments NOW. Technically you are way behind according to the posted materials but later guidance was to wait for your acceptance notice.

Please feel free to contact me or your council International Representative.

Yours in Scouting,  
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**AREA 9**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND TUKABATCHEE AREA COUNCIL?**

After a rigorous day of kayaking down the Coosa River, exhausted crews headed back to camp. Just a short time later, they were all laughing and talking together over a hot and delicious dutch oven dinner. As the weekend came to a close, excitement tingled in every spine over the future of the Tukabatchee Area Council VOA.

On October 29-31, the VOA will launch its first "Adventure Weekend" event. Participants will be able to participate in high and low COPE elements, take archery courses, and build catapults using

pioneering skills. We hope that this event will increase awareness of the Venturing program in Central Alabama and give Venturers unparalleled opportunities to experience the outdoors through challenging, high adventure programs.

Go Venturing!

Taylor Foxx  
Tukabatchee Area Council VOA President





BIKE TRIP TO STONE MOUNTAIN, GA -- CHRISTINE GEORGAKAKOS

Fourteen members of Venture Crew 370, which is sponsored by St. James UMC, met at the Inman Park MARTA station on September 9th to begin their monthly outing. This time, the destination was Stone Mountain Park and the mode of transportation; bicycles. The group rode 18 miles through city parks and neighborhoods on one of the PATH Foundation's bicycle/pedestrian routes. After their long ride, the crew enjoyed a Dutch oven dinner, explored the park after the laser show, and camped overnight at Stone Mountain, before loading bikes, gear, and scouts onto the bus for a ride back home. The crew's next outing will be backpacking in October.



**Ahoy Mateys!**

All Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, and Troops!

The all new Commodores Cup is for you! February 25-27 2011 Camp Seminole 3301 S.W. 142 Avenue, Davie, Florida 34450

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# The Southern Currents

At the 2010 National Scout Jamboree, a group of Sea Scouts and leaders from around the country ran a Sea Scout booth to promote the Sea Scout program. Under the leadership of Ron Sunker of the National Sea Scout Support Committee, 12 adults and 10 youth ran the booth. In addition,

the Sea Scouts to Newport News to tour the Mariners' Museum. Final setup was done on Monday.

This year's booth, while part of the National Exhibits, was located to the west of the main

exhibit area down Thomas Road, closer to the National Park exhibit and QBSA. This gave us more room for our exhibit, which focused not just on the Sea Scout program, but also boating and water safety. Our main tent had info and displays on the Sea Scout program. We had a sailing simulator, and the US Power Squadron had exhibits with a power boat simulator, fire extinguisher, and displays on boating safety. Scouts who worked with the Power Squadron got a special patch.

We gave each scout a special Jamboree Sea Scout whistle when they left the main booth.

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there were several members of our partner organizations, the US Power Squadron, US Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary, and US Army Corps of Engineers also involved in the booth.

Everyone showed up on Thursday before the Jamboree began to start setting up the booth in triple-digit heat. As we were ahead of schedule, on Sunday we took a break and several leaders took



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During the Jamboree, we setup a Facebook page for the booth, called “SeaScoutsatJamboree”, which we updated with photos and information. We will keep this page up as a promotion for the next booth, so check it out. Plans are already underway for the Sea Scout Booth at the 2013

Next up, we had a small pool with radio-controlled boats that scouts could run. After that, we had booths with the USCG & Auxiliary and Corps of Engineers which focused on knots, use of life preservers, and other water safety topics. In addition, we had an info booth set up to answer any

questions about Sea Scouts, but more importantly, help scouts and leaders find Ships in their area, and give information on how to form new Ships.

During the Jamboree, we had a couple of special events. One evening we ran a session of the new Sea Scout Leader Specific Training, conducted by several members of staff, which had almost 50 participants in attendance. On another evening we had a Sea Scout gathering where dozens of Sea Scouts and Sea Scout leaders came out. A highlight was a gathering of several Quartermaster recipients as well as a group of English Sea Scouts who came out.



**AREA 4 SEA SCOUTING**

The weekend of June 11-13th, the South Florida Sea Scout Squadron hosted the annual Southern Region Commodore's Cup Regatta in Ft. Lauderdale. Ships participating included Ship 339 (Boca Raton), Ship 814 (Miramar), Ship 956 (Tampa), Ship 238 (Lighthouse Point), Ship 1946 (Coral Gables) and Ships 811 and 118 (Altamonte Springs). Ship 339 was the overall winner of the Cup. Events included sailing, canoe race, communication, first aid, sail boat id, heaving line, and more. The 2011 Commodore's Cup Regatta will be held in February of 2011.

The South Florida Venturing Officers Association held its elections for the 2010-2011 term. Officers elected include Bethany Nilson, President; Clayton Fischer, VP-Administration; Erica Helie, VP-Program;

and Hunter Michko, VP-Communication. The VOA meets monthly and plans out all council Venturing events. Our VOA President is now a member of our Council Executive Board, representing the Venturers of the council. Our major event we are planning is our annual Venturee in January.

The first Venturing event of the new year was our Council Venturing Roundtable in September. Program was a video/photo contest, with crews submitting photos, slide show presentations, and the like for judging. We had a good turnout, and even had a raffle.

-Michael R. Brown, Council Venturing Chair

