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Central Region Exploring

Exploring and Lt. Governor Husted Prep for In-Demand Jobs Week



The Black Swamp Area Council's Exploring program will have three In-Demand Jobs Week events in early May, as workforce development continues to be a talking point statewide

The first event will be on May 7, at the Marathon Petroleum Corporation, alongside the Information Technology Explorers. This event will see Steve Stiles, Assistant Professor of Business, Technology & Public Service at Rhodes State College present opportunities in Cybersecurity. Post Advisor Evan Barnitz spoke to the need in this profession, "The possibilities with IT are endless. We all know the projections for the career field are high and Exploring helps us motivate students to reach these heights."

Marathon will also be hosting another event on May 9, as Engineering Explorers will learn about civil engineering from the Ohio Department of Transportation. This event is open to the public and starts at 6:00 p.m.

The Paulding County Sheriff's Office will be hosting an open house of May 8, starting at 5:00 p.m. With Exploring, students are offered the opportunity to gain exposure to various law enforcement fields through on-the-job observations and interactions with professionals in the field. This event is also open to the public.



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Deputy William Lyons, Post Advisor of the Paulding County Exploring Post, is committed to making an impact upon local youth, “Explorers will not only be studying criminal justice and police work, but we work towards helping the students become better community members. Exploring at the Sheriff’s Office allows Explorers to see the inner workings of the jail, dispatch center, courthouse, and road patrol through observation and ride-alongs

When asked about the impact Exploring has locally, Greg Amburgey, Manager of Marathon Petroleum’s Marketing & Transportation Engineering group said, “Local students get to experience what engineering really is by actually spending time with engineers of multiple disciplines.” Amburgey went on to say, “It pays dividends in multiple ways, from the satisfaction of helping others to creating a relationship between an employer and a potential future employee.” Julie Kolodziej, the engineering Post Advisor, has been impressed by local students, “A lot of times they go above and beyond the initial requirements and it’s awesome to see their creativity really shine.”

In-Demand Jobs Week is a statewide celebration of jobs, skills and industries that are in-demand in Ohio. Lt. Governor Jon Husted has championed workforce, being named Director of the Governor’s Office of Workforce Transformation on April 4, 2019.

“The purpose of In-Demand Jobs Week is to highlight the great careers available in Ohio and how to get the education and training you need to get started.” said Lt. Governor Jon Husted. “Businesses need talent and if you have the right kind of skills and training it can lead to a rewarding career. We want to help Ohioans, young and old, build the skills they need to earn more and support a good quality of life for themselves and their families.”

If you want more information on any of the events or Exploring, contact Exploring Executive Matt Kibler at (567)-245-1259 or email [Matt at matt.kibler@scouting.org](mailto:Matt.kibler@scouting.org). Or head over to <http://omj.ohio.gov/indemandjobsweek/index.stm>

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Sea Scouts at the 24th World Scout Jamboree

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Are you ready to “Unlock a New World?”

The USA Contingent to the 24th World Scout Jamboree in 2019 is accepting applications for participants, adult volunteers, and International Service Team (IST) members. We hope that you can join us for an adventure of a lifetime. Not sure what a World Jamboree is? Simply put, the World Jamboree is a 12-day party, with 50,000 scouts from 169 countries who all came together to meet, bond and begin life-long friendships.

Sea Scouts can apply to join the United States Sea Scout Contingent by selecting their home ship when completing the application. This group of 36 Sea Scouts and 4 adult volunteers will come from across the country. Special coordination with Sea Scouts from other countries is being explored now. If you have already applied to attend as a part of a Scout Troop or a Venturing Crew and want to attend as a Sea Scout contact Mike Philbrook at wsj2019@seascout.org.



Dates: July 22 – August 2, 2019 (USA Contingent will arrive on July 21, 2019)

Location: Summit Bechtel Scout Reserve West Virginia, USA
Eligibility: Birthday between July 22, 2001 and July 21, 2005 – Youth participants (boys and girls) must be age 14-17

Birthday before July 22, 2001 (age 18 and older)

- **Adult unit leaders (age 18 and older)**
- **International Service Team (IST) age 18 and older**

How to apply: The USA Contingent application system is open now at wsj2019.us/apply.

Application Process: Participants, adult leaders, and IST will complete an online application. Applications will be reviewed on both a Council and National level.

Fees: Total fees, along with a payment schedule, and scholarship information was published on the web site.

If you do not make the age cutoff, there are plenty of IST opportunities which include water sports positions.

If you have any questions about joining the Sea Scout Contingent, contact the Sea Scout coordinator, Mike Philbrook at wsj2019@seascout.org. For more information on the Jamboree or US Contingent be sure to check out wsj2019.us.



Jersey Jam 2019

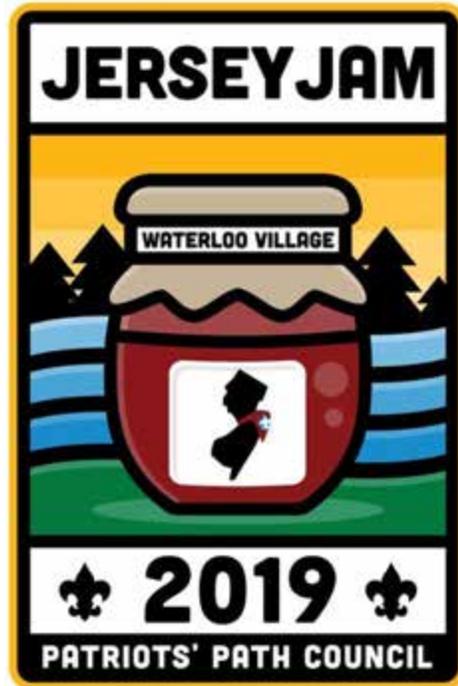
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Spring Break in Washington DC, Annapolis and Baltimore for a Great Lakes Crew

By Jamie, Hanna, Rhea, Lewis, Hunter, Erykah & Violet
(Crew 7, Water & Woods FSC, Michigan Crossroads Council)

Jamie – Day 1 – Departure from Oscoda and first day of driving

On Friday night Rhea, Erykah, Violet, Hanna, and Hunter stayed at our Advisor's house in Oscoda, MI so they didn't have to travel as far in the morning. They walked over to the movie theater a block away and watched Captain Marvel. I arrived Saturday morning at 6:30 for a departure at 6:58. Our first destination was Wilmington, Ohio so we could divide the long drive to Washington, DC into two days.



Crew 7 Southbound on the American Legion Highway In Michigan

One of the former Venturers from our sibling Crew in DC now lives in Ohio and she offered to put us up for the night on our way to and from Washington, DC. On the ride to Ohio we stopped at McDonalds for breakfast and lunch. As we got into the Dayton area, we stopped at the Wright Brothers Memorial on Wright-Patterson AFB. The Memorial overlooks Huffman Prairie where the Wright Brothers established their testing ground for powered flight and taught themselves how to fly in 1904 and 1905. The Memorial includes a museum for the Wright Brothers who were the first people to create a plane capable of sustained powered flight. While we were in the Museum, we watched a

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movie about them and the trials they endured while they created the world's first successful powered aircraft. We took lots of pictures, particularly from the Monument. Wilbur Wright was present at the Commissioning of the monument in 1940 and we were able to see the bench where he sat.



Crew 7 COR and Advisor at The Wright Brothers Memorial overlooking Huffman Prairie, Ohio

From the Wright Brother's Memorial, it was about a 40-minute drive to our host's home. We arrived about 5 PM, got a warm welcome there and an introduction to the dog and the pet rabbit. It was cold out so we really appreciated being able to sleep inside. We cooked up a dinner of 'Pete Slop' and chowed down. 'Pete Slop' is macaroni and cheese, tuna, corn and peas all mixed together. For some of us it is a Crew favorite. Our seventh Venturer travelling with us had gotten off to a late start because he had a robotics competition. He left Alpena, MI about 1 PM and finally pulled into Wilmington, OH at about 10 PM.

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Hanna – Day 2 – departure from Wilmington, Ohio and second day driving, arrival in the Washington DC Area

We woke up about 6 AM and got the van packed by 7. A few minutes later we were at McDonalds for breakfast and then on the road eastbound. At 10 AM we stopped at a rest stop to use the bathroom and stretch. By 1 PM we were in Sabraton, WV (Just east of Morgantown, WV) where we stopped for lunch – McDonalds again! Two hours later we found ourselves in Hancock, MD where we got out to stretch our legs along the historic Chesapeake and Ohio (C & O) Canal. The Canal parallels the Potomac River and is a lovely National Park. The towpath is perfect for bicycles. The locks and aqueducts are lovely and made of closely fitted stones. They were mainly erected by immigrants from Italy who were expert stone masons. The canal extends 184.5 miles from Cumberland, MD to Georgetown in Washington, DC. It was made obsolete by the railroads but it played an important role in the building of our nation by providing an inexpensive way to move coal and agricultural products downriver along the Potomac's Maryland shore. Twenty minutes further east was our next objective, Fort Frederick State Park in Maryland. Fort Frederick is unique. It is a star shaped fort with four rays that dates to the mid 18th century when it represented the western boundary of European expansion in Maryland. The stone construction looked similar to what we had previously observed at Fort Michilimackinac on Mackinac Island in Michigan although that fort was built 100 years later than Fort Frederick. Fort Frederick is the only fixed fortification left standing in the US from the days of Colonial America. At one point, it was partially disassembled and its stones used for farmer's fences but when the State of Maryland created the State Park, the Fort was painstakingly reassembled from paintings and photographs that existed of it using the original stones.



Crew 7 at the gate of Fort Frederick

After about an hour at the Fort, we were back on the road. We arrived at our Washington, DC hosts house by 6 PM and put up our tents in the back yard. Mel's family has an office in the back of the

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house and so they had an extra bathroom that they could allow us to use. That night we got to visit with three Venturers from Crew 27 (our sibling Crew). Carl and Alex came over and of course Mel lives there. We had a little campfire, cooked some-mores and chatted away into the evening. It was great to spend time with other Venturers! We cooked beef stew for dinner and went to bed about 11 PM after everything was cleaned up. We used three large tents, one for five girls, one for two guys and one for our Advisor and his wife.



Crew 7 Campground courtesy of our Crew 27 Host family in Garrett Park, MD

Jamie – Day 3 – Touring the West end of the National Mall, Washington, DC

On Monday we left our host's house in Garrett Park and headed for 'The Mall' in Washington DC. No, it is not a shopping mall. The National Mall is an expanse of greenspace in the shape of a cross lined by monuments, museums and government buildings. The Mall is laid out in the shape of a cross with the upper part of the cross on the west end. At the center of the cross is the Washington Monument on a rise with the peak of the obelisk 555 feet up in the air. About a third of the way up is a line that marks a change in the source of the stone. All of the stone below the line was laid before the American Civil War (from 1861 to 1865) and all of the stone above the line was laid down after the Civil War. At the bottom of the cross sits Capitol Hill crowned by the US Capitol and home to the Senate and the House of Representatives. On the North side of the cross is the White House and between the White House and the Washington Monument is 'The Ellipse.' It is on the southeast corner of The Ellipse that we discovered the memorial to the Boy Scouts of America!

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Hunter & Lewis at the Boy Scout Memorial on The Ellipse in Washington DC

The southern extension of the cross ends at the Jefferson Memorial and crosses the Tidal Basin where the cherry trees were just short of blooming. At the western end of the cross is the Lincoln Memorial and we were dropped off just on the north side of it. So it was that we started our first full day of touring at the Lincoln Memorial where The Reverend Martin Luther King delivered his 'I have a Dream' speech in 1963.

For a number of us, the Lincoln Memorial was a chance to use the bathrooms. We split into three groups and started our exploration of Washington, DC. There were all sorts of things to take in. Rhea had a name to look up on the wall at the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial and she burst into tears when she found it. The skies were clear and there was not much wind so the reflecting pool lived up to its name and provided excellent reflections of the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial.

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The Lincoln Memorial at the West end of The Mall in Washington, DC

All of us took in the various monuments around the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument and the Ellipse on the south side of the White House. The Boy Scouts of America Memorial is located at the southeast side of the Ellipse. It is a large bronze statue of a man, a woman and a Boy Scout in front of a fountain with benches around it.

From there it was off to the museums. Most of us spent our time in the Smithsonian Museums of Natural History (Dinosaurs and gemstones) and American History (The Star Spangled Banner and the history of the United States). Our pickup point at 4:30 PM was the south side of the Air and Space Museum so some of us took in the Smithsonian Castle and Air and Space.

We headed back to our Host's back yard and collapsed for the night after fixing dinner. The weather was really cold so some augmentation to our sleeping bag insulation became necessary. We earned the polar bear award on at least three nights of this trip.

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Hanna – Day 4 – Touring the East end of the National Mall, Capitol Hill and The Holocaust Museum.

The majority of us awoke by 6 AM but we delayed getting out of our tents until the sun was up because it was a super-cold night. Breakfast was scrambled eggs or oatmeal. Pete had tried to get us Holocaust Museum tickets on Monday but couldn't acquire any because too few were on offer. Fortunately, this morning, he was able to get what we needed on line at 6 AM, using his iPad, for the 1330 to 1430 museum entry times.

Nona dropped us off at the Union Station on the north end of Capitol Hill on the east end of the National Mall about 9:15. During the American Civil War, this area had been a tent hospital for injured soldiers. Clara Barton had probably walked the very ground we trod. We split up into two groups with Pete, Hunter and Rhea in one group and Lewis, Hanna, Jamie, Erykah and Violet in the other. Pete took his group into Union Station to see the ornate architecture and the confluence of rail tracks. Both groups ascended Capitol Hill and saw the Capitol, the Supreme Court and the Library of Congress.



Rhea and Hunter in front of Union Station, Washington, DC

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My group headed to the Air and Space Museum after checking out Capitol Hill. On the way we stopped at the Native American Museum. We had lunch at the Air and Space Museum then started the long trek west to the far southwest corner of the National Mall where the Holocaust Museum is located.

Meanwhile, Pete's group stopped at the National Botanic Gardens before swinging by Air and Space and then heading for the Holocaust Museum. Rhea is also a CAP Cadet so Air and Space was 'must see' for her.



Rhea and Hunter at the National Arboretum

At the Holocaust museum there was a bit of confusion before the two groups reunited. Pete's group went to the west side and had lunch while my group went to the East side and hung out. A few phone calls put us back together in time to make the 1330 entry window to the Holocaust Museum.

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Erykah at the National Holocaust Museum

The Holocaust museum was breath-taking. It documents the death of 6 million Jews during Hitler's 'Final Solution' and the deaths of 3 million other people who were either special needs, Roma's or others swept up in the chaos of World War II. The death camps and firing squads took the lives of over 10 million noncombatants in Nazi held territory during the war.

As the death camps were discovered during the allied advance into Germany after D-Day, the magnitude of the slaughter became clear. General Eisenhower personally visited the camps and noted that it was important to do so to be a witness to the inhumanity of the Nazi regime. We spent two and a half hours in the Holocaust Museum then headed to the Air & Space Museum so Nona could pick us up. The ride back to our campground was quiet as we processed what we had seen.

On the way home we stopped at the Unique Thrift Shop on New Hampshire Avenue, just north of the Washington 'Beltway' (I-495). I had money that I had earned from good grades on my report card. Violet bought a wonderful dress for a couple of bucks. When we got back to the campground we made up 'June Bug Special' in the Dutch oven. It was very tasty and then we went to bed.

Rhea – Day 5 (AM) – The National Cathedral

Another cold and clear frosty morning dawned and kept us shivering in our sleeping bags until the sun started peeking up over the railroad tracks on the east side of the campground. This was our third opportunity to earn the polar bear patch in a row. We got up and had breakfast of dry cereal and oatmeal, then piled into the van to head for the National Cathedral.

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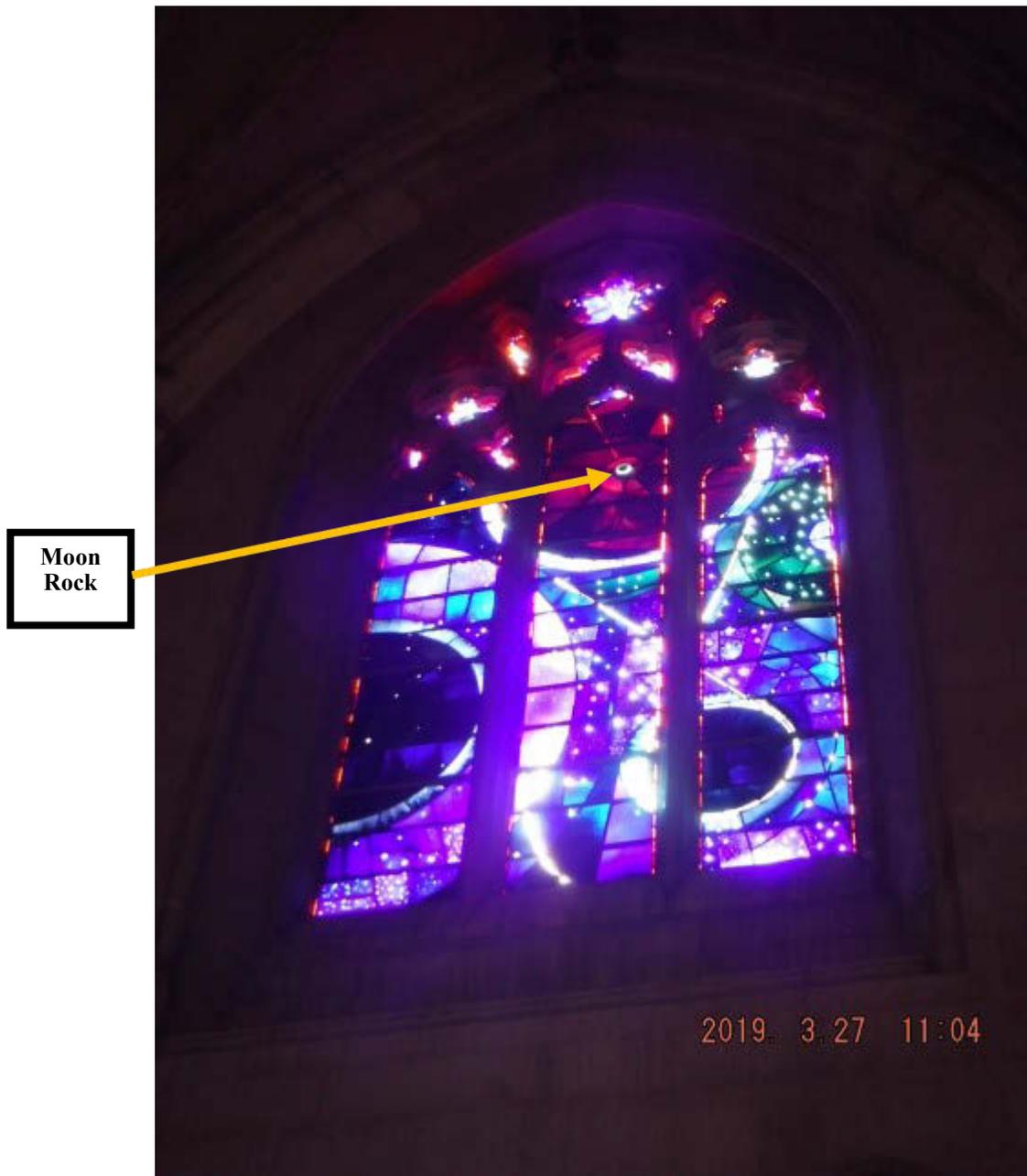


Crew 7 at the National Cathedral

The National Cathedral is an amazing stone structure built in the Gothic style using hand cut stone. The architectural details and the stained glass tell many stories about our great nation. In a crypt off the main hall, President Woodrow Wilson is entombed and just west of him, high on the south wall, an actual rock from the Moon, brought back by an Apollo mission, forms the centerpiece of a stained-glass window themed about planetary space. Hundreds of feet to the east, up the steps and through the choir, the frieze behind the high altar glows in brilliant white marble inset in ornately carved sandstone.

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Space Window at the National Cathedral with Moon Rock in the center

The Cathedral is operated by the Episcopal Church in America but accepts people of all faiths, or no faith. Most services are ecumenical and welcoming to all. During national celebrations and periods of mourning, the church supports the needs of the American people to come together as they recently did during the period after the death of President George Herbert Walker Bush.

I was amazed by the beauty of the stonework and the stained glass. The cathedral had a real impact on me. It is stately, soaring and altogether lovely.

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We elected to attend the noon service in the Bethlehem Chapel under the choir in the depths of the cathedral's foundation. Our Advisor, Pete, served for 38 years in the United States Air Force and when he retired from active duty in 2010, he did it at a service right here in the Bethlehem chapel. The service came from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer and included communion. It was very refreshing. Most of the Crew participated. Although I am new to Crew 7, on this fifth day of the trip I felt close to my fellow Venturers and the service inspired me to work more extensively with the Scouts and stick with my Crew.

Lewis - Day 5 (PM) – The National Zoo

We left the National Cathedral and started east on Woodley Avenue, downhill, towards Connecticut Avenue and the National Zoo. Erykah wanted or needed food and I had lots of it. She ate all of my gummi bears except the clear ones. She did share a few of them. We entered the Zoo on the west side off Connecticut Avenue and walked on the south side of the main road to see the Panda's. The real treat there was seeing Rhea's reaction to them. The day prior, just thinking about them had caused her to burst into tears. Well, we were not disappointed, she watered the Zoo while we were at the Panda's. By the time we got to the Panda enclosure, one of the Panda's was sunning himself on his back while sitting on a square of interwoven nylon straps. Each strap was about a foot wide and the platform was about ten feet on a side. They feed the Panda's at 2 PM and we were there for it as the Panda's made a beeline for the enclosure where lunch was waiting for them. The Panda's were definitely a highlight of the trip!



Panda at The National Zoo

After the Panda's, the Crew split up using the Buddy system. I saw all the exhibits except the small mammals. The zoo held lots of animals. We got to see the lions, a tiger, elephants, giraffes, rhinos and a host of smaller mammals, reptiles and birds including some very chatty primates. It was definitely an afternoon well spent! Hunter and I capped off a great day by investing in and ingesting 'Dippin Dots.'

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Nona picked us up across the street and took us back to the campground. The weather warmed up substantially by the afternoon and our cold snap was over.

Hunter – Day 6 (AM) – Baltimore’s Fort McHenry

Our usual routine is now up at 7 AM, cook breakfast and be in the car by 8 AM. Today we drove to Fort McHenry on the east side of Baltimore and arrived by 9:10. At 10 AM every morning at Fort McHenry the small storm flag comes down and, if there are enough people and the wind isn’t too high, a much larger flag is hoisted up the Fort’s flagpole. The largest option is the 30 foot by 42-foot replica of the actual Star-Spangled Banner we had all seen at the Smithsonian Museum of American History on Monday. The second largest option is a 17 foot by 30-foot Star Spangled Banner. The weather would have supported the larger flag but we only had enough people to hoist the 17 by 30-foot flag. In addition to our Crew and the usual visitors, a group of students were visiting from South Korea. We all worked together to get the flag up the pole. It was an impressive sight.



Hoisting The Star Spangled Banner at Fort McHenry

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After raising the flag, I got to explore the fort with Violet and Jamie. The fort has many cool displays, like the timbers that were buried to support the actual flagpole in 1814 and examples of how the rooms of the fort were furnished so we could imagine ourselves being transported back into history and learn how things actually looked. The fort was used as a prison and a hospital in the American Civil War. Some of the guns on the turrets date to that conflict.

Before we left Fort McHenry, we went to the visitor's center and watched a movie about the Battle of Baltimore. In September of 1814, the British had just burned Washington, DC. Our Nation's Capital had little strategic or economic importance then but Baltimore was one of the busiest ports in the nation. The United States mustered 15,000 troops, mostly militia, in its defense. These troops erected earthworks along an east-west line to the north of the city. The Patapsco river approaches to the south of the city were guarded by significant artillery and the keystone protecting the entrance to Baltimore Harbor was Fort McHenry. As a last resort, the harbor was also protected by a huge iron chain and sunken ships that had been scuttled to impede the British. As the British fleet sailed up the Patapsco River, they anchored 2 miles southeast of the Fort. This put the fort within range of the British missiles and long-range guns but was too far for the Fort's guns to reach the British fleet since their range was only 1.5 miles. The British sent a land force of 4,700 soldiers under Major General Robert Ross on a route north of the fort towards Baltimore. The United States sent an opposing brigade of 3,200 militia commanded by Brigadier General John Strickler. Ross was killed and the Americans killed two British for every man they lost but Ross's second in command, Colonel Arthur Brooke astutely defeated the American left flank and then attacked the American center. General Strickler retreated to a second defensive position and then withdrew into the City of Baltimore. As Brooke's Scouts followed up the American retreat, they detected the American earthworks and the 15,000 defenders. Brooke withdrew back to the fleet.

In the meantime, sixteen British ships detached from the fleet and moved in to bombard Fort McHenry. The bombardment began on the morning of the 13th of September and lasted 25 hours. When they got close enough, Major Armistead's artillery at the fort opened up and sent them scurrying back to safety. At this point, Vice Admiral Cochrane decided to launch smaller ships with an invasion force of marines to the southern approaches of Baltimore west of Fort McHenry. Once again, these ships were detected by the Fort's guns and by gun emplacements south of the City. They found themselves coming under punishing fire and had to abandon their mission as they withdrew. On the morning of the 14th of September, as Francis Scott Key strained through his telescope lens to determine the outcome of the night's festivities, Armistead raised the 32 by 40-foot Star Spangled Banner. When Key saw his nation's colors, he was overcome with joy and relief. He started a poem that he finished later that day in a Baltimore hotel. The title was 'The Defense Of Fort McHenry.' That poem, set to the music of the British drinking song, 'To Anacreon In Heaven', became the National Anthem of the United States of America in 1931 under it's more well known title, 'The Star Spangled Banner.'

Erykah – Day 6 – National Aquarium (Baltimore)

Thursday was my favorite day by far! After departing Fort McHenry, we hiked to a Baltimore City Park close to where we had parked the vehicles and had lunch. On this day, we had been joined by Alex from Crew 27 who got permission from his mom and his school to spend some time with us. While

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the rest of the Crew ate at picnic tables, Alex and I finished our sandwiches on opposite sides of a see-saw. After finishing our lunch, we joined Lewis and Violet on a different piece of playground equipment that spun around like a merry-go-round. When everyone was done eating, we loaded up the vehicles and drove to Baltimore's Inner Harbor and the National Aquarium. The inner harbor has lots of attractions including the WW 2 US submarine 'Torsk' and one of the original six frigates of the US Navy – 'Constellation.' Constellation is a sister ship of 'Constitution', AKA – "Old Ironsides." Constitution is one of the most famous ships in the world and is still on active service with the US Navy. Constitution is based in Boston. If you want to learn more about these famous progenitors of our modern navy, read the book '6 Frigates' by Ian W. Toll.

On arrival to the Aquarium, we again broke up into groups. One group consisted of Hanna, Lewis, Rhea and Hunter while the other consisted of Jamie, Violet, Alex and me. Pete was with us initially but then broke off to sit quietly and read. We explored the aquarium and saw lots of neat things. Our first stop was the penny machine to create souvenirs. It cost a dollar and 1 cent to stretch the penny and imprint an image from the aquarium on it. What a racket! One of the exhibits was a large coral reef with lots of underwater life. We saw sharks, fish, jellies, corals, frogs, rays, crabs, snakes, turtles and even monkeys. The aquarium cost over \$30 each to visit but the tour was well laid out and full of interesting exhibits. We ascended to the top of the three-story building and then descended via ramps and escalators through the various displays. The aquarium was designed to let us interact with lots of interesting maritime creatures. We petted horseshoe crabs, rays, starfish and a special kind of jellyfish known as the moon jelly. We learned that the moon jellyfish can only be petted gently on its back and that we had to avoid the sensitive underside of the creature. After petting the Jellyfish, we went to see the dolphins.



Dolphin Tank at the National Aquarium in Baltimore, MD

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The dolphins were having a great time. They were playing with pink rubber balls and swimming in a huge tank where they interacted with their keepers. We all found them very amusing. They do a show every day at 3:30 PM but we had to leave a little after 3 PM so Pete could get his taxes done. We met Nona just outside the Aquarium and returned to our campground. The National Aquarium was really wonderful.

Violet – Day 7 (AM) – Annapolis Hike

The Annapolis Hike was a really fun event and I think we all enjoyed it aside from all the walking but it kind of goes along with hiking so we dealt with it. Our journey Friday morning started at 7AM. We got up and had a delicious breakfast of cereal and oatmeal. After this, lunch was made, everything was cleaned up, and we headed on our way. We left at 8:05 and arrived an hour later. Pete parked in the Naval Academy Stadium which cost 10 dollars to park per day (Thankfully we were only parking there for the day). After reaching a parking spot we grabbed our day packs and disembarked from the van. Our huge group of about 9 people made our way towards the bus station. This city bus was a new experience for almost all of us. The bus dropped us off close to the State House of Maryland. This is where the Hike begins. The hike we participated in was called The Colonial Annapolis Historic Trail. This particular hike comes with a series of 49 questions that if answered 80% correctly earns you a medal. It takes you around all of Annapolis, Maryland. The questions allow you to learn more about Annapolis and all the history behind it. If you pay close attention while going on the hike you might come across a sign that says “On this site in 1897, Nothing Happened”. The hike is said to be 8 miles (unless you travel with Pete). After we completed our 8-mile hike at about 6 PM we traveled back to where we were camping to eat dinner and get ready to leave to go back to Michigan the next morning. That night we had chicken tacos for dinner and a Crew 27-member, Carl Stolberg, showed up to say goodbye to us before we left.

Rhea – Day 7 (PM) – United States Naval Academy

“Don’t Give Up The Ship”

Those immortal words of Captain James Lawrence were cried with his dying breaths as he faced the British frigate Shannon outside Boston Harbor aboard the US frigate Chesapeake on June 1st of 1813. They still ring up and down the halls and chambers of the United States Naval Academy as the fighting spirit of our future naval officers is inculcated into the Midshipmen. When advised that the British were boarding Chesapeake, his response was to order the ship to be blown up. The Brigade of Midshipmen have a deep-rooted legacy of honor and service they choose to live up to. Captain John Paul Jones, possibly the fightingest Captain in US Naval History, reposes in a crypt under the Naval Academy Chapel where he was reinterred in 1913 after being returned from France in 1905. Widely known and respected as ‘The Father of the American Navy’, Captain Jones died in Paris in poverty after a stint serving the Russian Navy. He is best remembered for defeating the British warship Serapis in 1779. He joined the American Navy in 1775 as the revolutionary war began to heat up. A native Scot, he had no love for John Bull (England) due to the British treatment of the Scots during his youth. As his ship, Bon Homme Richard, received serious damage from Serapis, he intentionally collided with Serapis and had the two ships lashed together. When the British asked if he meant to surrender, he famously replied, ‘I

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have not yet begun to fight.’ Later, when Bon Homme Richard’s colors were shot away, the British again asked if he intended to surrender and he replied, “I am determined to make you strike.” Jones ended up taking Serapis, a ship far better armed, manned and equipped than Bon Homme Richard. He led an incredible number of attacks on the Crown and took over 60 ships as prizes. Jones died in 1792 in Paris while making plans to return to the United States.

The first part of our Naval Academy Hike was guided by Midshipman 3rd Class (Sophomore) Chris Park. Chris is a graduate of Venturing Crew 27 in Kensington, Maryland and he is sure that his Venturing leadership training and experiences played a significant role in gaining admission to the United States Naval Academy. Our Advisor and his wife are both retired Air Force officers so they were able to get us access to the Naval Academy grounds and escort us to the Visitor Center where Chris met us. Chris did an ‘inner loop’ tour with us starting at the Visitor Center at 1 PM and walking around Bancroft Hall on the west side to the chapel where we saw the worship area and descended into the Crypt of John Paul Jones. A plaque on the wall listed Captain Jones accomplishments for the Revolutionary War Navy of the United States. At 2 PM, we attended the Admission’s department briefing in the Field House and met a very squared away Lieutenant who had graduated from Annapolis six years ago. She spent 45 minutes with us explaining the admissions process for the Naval Academy and telling us about the college. At 3:30, Chris turned us over to Midshipman 2nd Class (Junior) Allison Annick from California. Allie took us on the ‘outside loop’ tour to the Yacht Club and the east side of Bancroft Hall. She showed us the statue of Admiral James Stockdale who famously was taken prisoner by the North Vietnamese and led a spirited resistance among the POWs in Hanoi. Allie revers his service and explained to us that Admiral Stockdale injured himself rather than let the North Vietnamese take credit for treating US prisoners well. He was a POW for over 7 years and the senior naval officer captured by the North Vietnamese. Allie also took us to the area commemorating the first accurate calculation of the speed of light. This experiment by Albert Michaelson was conducted at the USNA in 1877. Reported in 1878 and repeated at USNA in 1879, the Michaelson experiment eventually won him the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1907. He was the first scientist from the United States to receive this prize. Allie took us to the Herndon Monument where the Midshipmen Fourth Class ascend a lard covered obelisk every year to replace a plebe’s hat with an upperclassman’s hat. This act signifies the end of the plebian system for the class and their ascendancy as upper-class Midshipmen. Another monument that we saw was Tecumseh’s bust from the carving that was the figurehead of the USS Delaware. The Statue is not actually Tecumseh, but Tamanend, Chief of the Delaware. He was renamed ‘Tecumseh’ by the Midshipmen as they found themselves more inspired by the warrior chief of the Shawnee who allied with the British and died at the Battle of the Thames in 1813 during the War of 1812 than they were by the pacifist Chief of the Delaware. Allie told us that she plans to commission with the Marines when she graduates. Aliie has a scouting background as well, as a girl in California, she earned the Girl Scout Gold Award while in High School. Annapolis seems to value people who have been Scouts!



Mid'n Chris Park with Bill The Goat & Crew 7

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Mid'n Allie Annick at Herndon with Crew 7

Both Chris and Allie were amazing hosts and we loved our time at the USNA. I hope to attend the Air Force Academy in the future and have an opportunity to serve alongside these great people as a member of our nation's military. At the end of the day we took the bus back to the stadium and drove back to our host's backyard campground.

Day 8 – Violet - First day of travel back from DC to Ohio

Our first of 2 travel days back to our home state were a little less eventful but still fun. Everybody got up around 6:40 through 7 and left the house of the people who were hosting us about 9. Along the way we stopped at McDonalds for breakfast in Rockville and Morgantown for lunch. Our next stop was gas in Hancock, Maryland and then onto to my favorite part of the trip: our rest stop place. We stopped at the Anti-cline in Maryland, better known as Sideling hill. It is 2,311 ft. in Elevation and has a bridge across interstate 68. The pattern of the rocks at the anticline where the road cuts through the mountains is the reverse of what you would guess. Instead of the anticipated '^' pattern in the rocks of the hill, the strata have adopted a 'U' pattern.

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Anticline at Sidling Hill Maryland, west of Hancock on I-68

Before we left, Pete ordered the medals that we got for going on the Colonial Annapolis Historic trail and answering all of its questions. They arrived by our meeting in mid-April and are extremely nice. Driving through Maryland to West Virginia was quite different than Michigan. A majority of Michigan's land is flat while in Maryland there are a lot of hills and mountains that make up its terrain. This was an interesting experience seeing the different terrain and experiencing the highs and lows of it. The traffic was crazy but we did well on travel time. We exited Maryland and entered West "by God and President Lincoln" Virginia (in Pete's words – harking to the 1863 creation of West Virginia from Virginia during the American Civil War) at 12:54 PM. After that our seemingly endless journey allowed us to enter Ohio at 3:15 PM with another rest stop shortly thereafter. We stopped at a truck stop where a truck next to us held cattle. Mother nature decided that we were dehydrated I guess because it started to rain at about 4:30 PM and continued to pour. For dinner, Pete graciously allowed us to have Wendy's rather than the usual McDonalds. We sat down to eat and then proceeded to our final stop for the night in Wilmington, Ohio. We arrived at the house of our Wilmington, OH hosts around 6:30 PM played a couple of board games before heading off to bed around 10:30.

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Day 9 – Erykah – return to Oscoda from Wilmington, OH

We woke up dark and early, packed the van and headed for breakfast at McDonalds. The ride home was subdued and punctuated by snores from various Venturers. Our mood was somber because after a wonderful week, we had to return to the classroom. Somehow, I felt that we had learned more on this trip than we would have learned in a month of school. We had a lunch stop and pulled into Oscoda about an hour before our regularly scheduled Crew meeting time of 6:30 PM. Only the Venturers on the Spring Break trip showed up. It was nice to be home but we all missed the wonderful things we had seen in Washington DC, Baltimore and Annapolis. It is really cool that Venturing is all over the United States and that Crews in different parts of the country are willing to host crews from far away to keep their trip costs down. We could not have done this without our hosts in Wilmington, Ohio and Garrett Park, MD. We are sending them each a half a gallon of ‘Pure Michigan’ maple syrup! We got wonderful cooperation from the US Naval Academy and the time we spent there with Chris and Allie was ‘golden.’ It was a great week and now we have 2 weeks of Venturing summer camp at Goshen Scout Reservation’s Camp Bowman and 2 weeks at the 24th World Scout Jamboree to look forward to this summer. Those of us also in Scouts BSA have 2 weeks of horse camp at the D Bar A Scout Ranch on our plates as well.

The Authors from Crew 7

Erykah- Currently serving as Crew 7’s second President is in her third year of Venturing. She holds the Discovery Award and Outdoor Bronze Rank. She hails from Greenbush, Michigan and is looking forward to [the 24th World Scout Jamboree and Venturing Summer Camp in Virginia at Goshen this summer.](#)

Violet- New to Venturing in the last couple of months, she holds the Venturer Award and is looking forward to [the 24th World Scout Jamboree and Venturing Summer Camp in Virginia at Goshen this summer.](#) Violet is from Greenbush, MI.

Jamie- Crew 7’s first President, Jamie holds the Venturing Award and is looking forward to attending the 24th World Scout Jamboree this summer. Jamie is from Oscoda, MI.

Rhea- New to Crew 7, Rhea is also a CAP cadet. She is from Alpena, MI and looking forward to a Scouting Program about Aviation Maintenance this summer being conducted at the Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport.

Hunter- Violet’s brother, Hunter is Crew 7’s newest Venturer having turned 14 last month. The Spring Break Trip was his first Venturing adventure. He looks forward to Venturing summer camp at Goshen Scout Reservation in Virginia this summer. He is from Greenbush, MI.

Lewis- One of Crew 7’s original 5 Venturers, Lewis is Crew Secretary and holds the Venturer Award and is looking forward to the 24th World Scout Jamboree and Venturing Summer Camp in Virginia at Goshen this summer. Lewis is from Oscoda, MI.

Hanna- Currently Crew 7’s Vice President, Hanna is an original member of Crew 7. She holds the Discovery Award and the Outdoor Bronze Rank. She is from Oscoda, MI and is looking forward to the 24th World Scout Jamboree and Venturing Summer Camp in Virginia at Goshen this summer.

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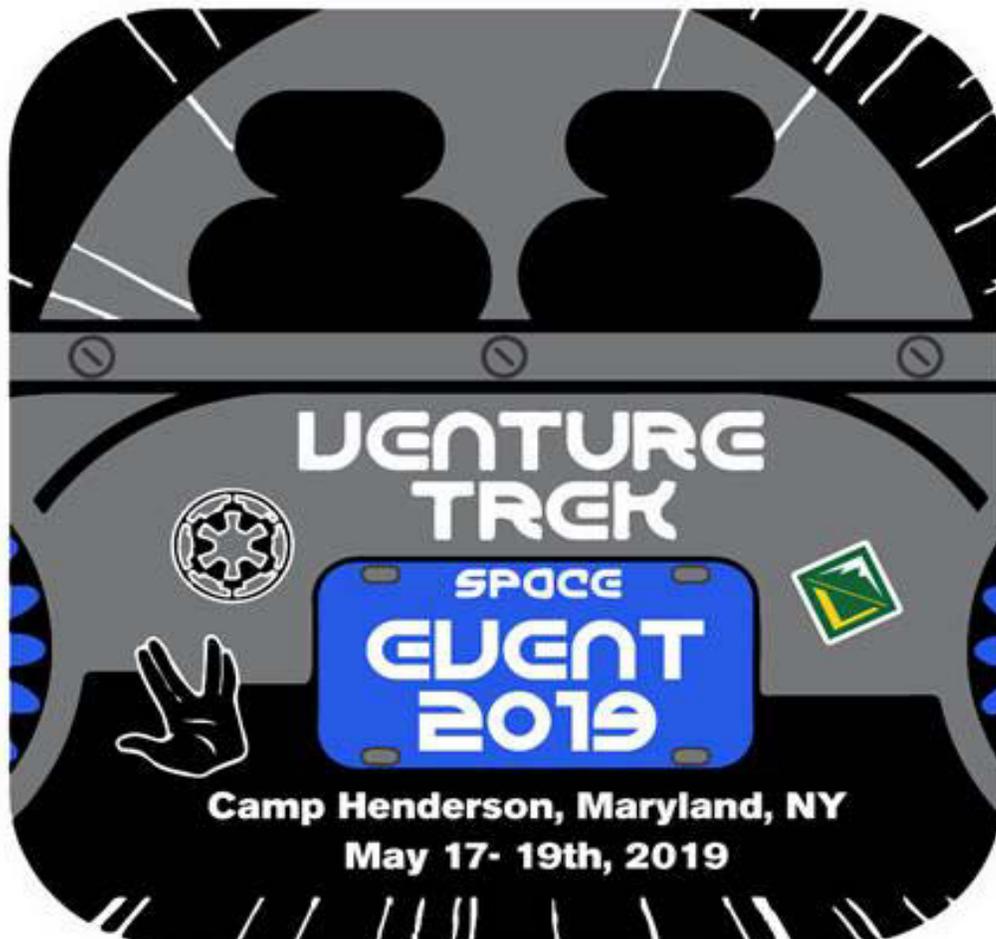
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Ronald Cain selected as Southern Region Boatswain 2019-2020

It is the pleasure of the Southern Region Sea Scout Committee to announce that Ronald Cain from Ship 106 "Loggerheads" of Greater Tampa Area Bay Council has been selected as our next Southern Region Boatswain. Ron has been serving as Area 4 boatswain since June 2018 and has helped charter multiple new ships in creative ways. For example, Ron helped charter four new ships in his home council and one in the North Florida Council. Additionally, Ron completed Sea Scout Adult Leader Basic Training and SeaBadge in 2018. He is heavily involved in the Order of the Arrow, serving as the Lodge Chief of Uh-To-Yeh-Hut-Tee lodge 89 from 2017 to 2019 and is a Vigil Honor member. He is an Eagle Scout and an Ordinary Sea Scout.

It is my honor to pass the Boatswain Lanyard to Ron this coming June. When I met Ron last July, carried himself professionally and had many brilliant ideas and plans for Regional Sea Scouting. He will surely exceed expectations and lead the Southern Region to success.

Please congratulate Ron for his appointment and reach out if you have questions for him.

Yours in Scouting,

Ryan Trefny

Southern Region Boatswain 2018-2019



Southern Region Sea Scout Leadership Awards for 2018

Please join me in congratulating the recipients of the Regional Sea Scout Leadership award for 2018 – Regional Boatswain Ryan Trefny and Area 7 Commodore Jane Tallis. The region can award only two of these awards each year. This year's recipients are especially deserving.

Regional Boatswain Ryan Trefny, a Quartermaster, has served ably as Regional Boatswain this term. One of his most significant accomplishments is the establishment of a Regional Flagship recognition and the initial award. He has led the Regional Quarterdeck, assisted at various events such as Koch Cup and the National Meeting, and has been actively involved in the National Quarterdeck.



Area 7 Commodore Jane Tallis has led the region in consistent Sea Scout growth in both number of ships and enrolled youth for 3 years. She has worked to re-establish long-standing events such as Davy Jones Rendezvous and Sea Scout Academy, and has started an annual area Commodore's Cup regatta.

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Summer Cruise Opportunities

The most important part of any ship's program is the annual long cruise. If you have not begun planning for this summer's cruise, read on to see what resources are available to you.

Long Cruise Planning Resources

The Passport to Adventure Long Cruise Guide is the one stop shop for any ship to plan and execute a successful cruise. Its eight chapters are packed with topics including Before You Go; Who Will Go; Trip Planning; Travel, Budget, and Insurance; Promotion and Preparation; Equipment; Underway Procedures; Sail Safely; and Wrapping up Your Long Cruise.

Two online training modules for planning and executing successful cruises are available in the [BSA LearnCenter](#), which is part of My.Scouting Tools.

Provisional Cruise Opportunities

Sea Scout Ships that are new, landlocked or looking to cruise in a new area can find a cruise at seascout.org/cruising. A map of cruising locations and a calendar of planned cruises is available. If your unit has open space on your summer cruise, consider listing it so others can join.

Specialty Cruise Opportunities

Every summer a handful of scouts embark on SEAL training or cruise aboard the USCG Eagle. SEAL is a week long, on the water, leadership development course that is being offered in five locations this summer. More information is available at seascout.org/seal. If a scout is interested in a career in maritime service, they should consider applying to sail alongside U.S. Coast Guard Academy cadets on The *Eagle*, a three-masted barque-rigged ship. More information is available at seascout.org/news/sail-aboard-the-uscg-eagle.

2020 Sea Base Opportunity

With the generous support of a Sea Scout leader, we have secured two Florida Sea Base sailing vessels each summer, beginning in 2020, without having to participate in the lottery and commit two years in advance.

Ideally, we are looking for two Sea Scout Ships, consisting of six Sea Scouts and two adult leaders each, who want to book their 2020 Summer Cruise at the Florida Sea Base, and sail the Lower Florida Keys, including Key West, and the Marquesas. Once registered, they will raise their funds, pay their deposits and fees. The cost and additional information is available at bsaseabase.org/Adventures. Interested Ships should contact contact Janice Downey at seascouts@scouting.org.

Marine Technology Society Partnership Opportunities

By Sea Scouts, BSA

The Sea Scout program and the Marine Technology Society have a Memorandum of Understanding to allow Sea Scouts to take part in educational opportunities; conferences/trade shows in the marine industry; and internships with member organizations. Sea Scouts have attended conferences/hearings on marine incidents (like the Mercado oil spill initial report when it was still on-going) and participate in the annual scholarship opportunities for funding of college that includes graduating High School seniors and/or attending summer camps and internships where the college age Sea Scouts are exposed to the equipment and technology used in marine science and engineering such as *Remote Operated Vehicles (ROV's)* and *Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (AUV's)*. In the past years, several Sea Scouts have received college scholarships as raising college freshmen and others have attended conferences.

The Marine Technology Society is one of the oldest marine science, academic and industry trade associations that operates globally. The Society has numerous active committees on all concerns in the marine fields including the new committee on cyber-attacks on maritime transmissions and navigation systems. The MTS Manned Underwater Vehicle Committee is the only global organization that coordinates/reports all of the world's civilian and research submersibles/submarine technology and operations with an annual meeting symposium. This Committee is currently writing the Consensus Standards For The Operation Of Submersibles/ Submarines that will be the basis for new USCG and IMO Regulations/ Laws and will also be used as the basis of underwriting by Lloyds Of London insurance syndicates. A Sea Scout Leader is even the Coordinating Editor of this industrial standard.

Marine Technology Society has numerous regional student sections that coordinate with the Association's industry/academic members and explore the possibilities for careers in the marines sciences and industry.

Upcoming opportunities

Northwestern Michigan College Undergraduate Camp – May 20 -24: Please join us for a week-long, hands-on experience using several marine technologies. Participants will log time on research vessels, collect data using ROVs, sonar, sensors and buoys and learn about the multiple applications of these technologies.

Rutgers University Undergraduate Camp – June 10-14: Please join us for a week-long, hands-on experience using underwater glider technologies. Participants will be introduced to the underwater robots while gaining hands on experience prepping, ballasting, deploying and piloting.
Scholarship Information- Deadline Extended

Students may also apply for a scholarship to attend one of the 2 summer camps below by completing an application form and a recommendation form. Act fast, the deadline for scholarship applications is Friday, March 22, 2019.

Further information can be found at www.mtsociety.org.

Summer Cruise Opportunities



KEY WEST SUMMER CRUISE 2020

Set sail from the Florida Sea Base and cruise along the lower Florida Keys, including Key West, and the Marquesas.

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Does your ship want to do a Long Cruise but lacks access to a boat? Beginning in 2020, two ships have the opportunity to participate in a Sea Base adventure without having to go through the traditional lottery. The ideal unit makeup is 6 youth and 2 adults. Cost and additional information is available at bsaseabase.org/Adventures.



Contact Janice Downey at seascouts@seascout.org to apply

Sea Scout News

Across the Western Region

Jordyn Alexis Selected as the Western Region Boatswain for 2019 to 2020

Jordyn undersail on the *Maui Diamond*. Please join us in congratulating Jordyn Alexis of Sea Scout Ship 550 "Malolo" from the Long Beach Area Council in California as the next Western Region Boatswain. Jordyn is 19 and has been a Sea Scout for six years. She is currently the Western Region Boatswain's Mate for Marketing and has served on National and Regional projects to improve the overall program. Jordyn's term begins at the end of May 2019. Here are Jordyn's goals for her term as Western Region Boatswain in her own words:



1. One of my primary goals is to improve communication across our region. Along with my regional boatswain mates, I will write monthly letters and update our status across our region, as well as provide valuable information, tips, and share exciting news with our scouts. This will create a stronger relationship with the ships across our region, as well as provide many opportunities that scouts may otherwise miss.

2. I also want to recruit more prospective scouts and drop-list scouts into our program by creating marketing material more available to our youth and adult volunteers. This can be accomplished through joint-ship goals, improving our relationship with additional branches of the BSA, and creating a large variety of marketing photos for any ship's primary activities.

3. Finally, we need publicity. I want to increase social media use across all ships on the region. I strongly encourage an active and dedicated Social Media Specialist. This is primarily a youth's job, and should include Facebook pages and Instagram business accounts. Through these accounts we can network and grow with the other branches of the BSA by following them and engaging with them. This also provides the opportunity to engage with the community through boosting posts and advertising open houses.

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Underway on *Old Fireboat #9* in Long Beach, CA for MOB Drills.

Jordyn's past experiences include serving as her Ship's Boatswain, Yeoman and Boatswain's Mate. Jordyn has travelled to Northern California, Arizona, and Texas to visit special Sea Scout events to gain a wider perspective of our program. Additionally, she has helped staff multiple Sea-badge courses and is signing up to attend one in 2020. She was recently elected into Order of the Arrow, and is an Ordinary Sea Scout working toward the rank of Able, and will then work toward completing the rank of Quartermaster.

Outside of Sea Scouts, Jordyn is in her 3rd year of school working toward the completion of her PhD in psychology and is on the East Los Angeles College speech team.

She plans to apply to multiple Cal State and University of California campuses to finish her degree.



Landship training at Seabadge Las Vegas.

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Sail Aboard USCG Eagle

The Coast Guard has partnered with Sea Scouts, BSA to offer a weeklong sailing adventure aboard USCGC EAGLE to a select group of Sea Scouts from around the nation. Interested Sea Scouts can apply for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity with the [USCG Eagle Cruise Application](#) on [SeaScout.org](#)



Sea Scout News

SEAL 2019 Applications



Applications for the [2019 SEAL Courses](https://www.seascout.org) are now available on [SeaScout.org](https://www.seascout.org). The SEAL training program is designed to teach leadership skills while underway. SEAL is designed to “jump start” the junior leaders of new Ships and to sharpen the skills of Sea Scouts from experienced ships. It is a demanding and remarkably rewarding hands-on leadership experience. New and experienced Sea Scouts will succeed at SEAL so long as they are willing to learn and work hard at preparation

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Summer Cruise 2019

Sea Scout Ships can list summer cruise opportunities on SeaScout.org. Now is the perfect time to share summer cruise plans, so Ships that are land-locked or looking to cruise in a new area can find a Ship for this summer.

Here are some tips for promoting your summer cruise: Think of summer cruise like going to camp. List dates and ports of call, advancement opportunities, and information about where you will be cruising.

The next step is to visit the [Calendar page on SeaScout.org](#), select "Add Event," provide the information about your summer cruise, including how many Sea Scouts that can cruise with your Ship, and select the Category "Provisional Long Cruising." Be sure to include contact information.

It is extremely important to not violate the *Passenger Safety Vessel Act* of 1993 and to charge all Sea Scouts, whether they are members of the Ship or visiting Sea Scouts going on a provisional long cruise, the same price for the cruise to cover food, fuel, and supplies. For more information, please see the [Revised Safe Boating and Sailing Standards](#) and [59 FR 792 - Passenger Vessel Safety Act of 1993](#)

Let's make sure every Sea Scout who wants a summer cruise can have one this summer



Sea Scout Safety Moments Videos

We have a new [Safety Moment video series](#) done in partnership between Geico and the Boy Scouts of America. Check them out on [SeaScouts.org](#).

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New Sea Scouts Uniform Online Learning Module Available

The Official Sea Scout Uniform (TOSSU) is now the standard for all Sea Scouts.

ScoutingU announced the new Sea Scout Uniform module was launched in the BSA Learn Center and contains the latest uniform information. Links are also provided where insignia and uniforms may be purchased.

The module is contained within the Sea Scout Adult Leader Basic Training Learning Plan. The module is built using a new template that is more mobile friendly than previous e-learning courses.

The Official Sea Scout Uniform was adopted because it eliminates barriers to entry, namely new Ships no longer have to navigate through extensive obstacles to acquire Navy uniforms, is low cost, and available everywhere.

Sea Scout Ships wearing legacy uniforms can do so as long as the uniforms are serviceable. There is no requirement to change to the Official Sea Scout Uniform, unless your Ship wants to be considered for the National Flagship, attend National events such as SEAL or serve as Seabadge staff, or serve in leadership positions such as Area, Regional, or National Boatswain. However, converting over to The Official Sea Scout Uniform shows we are part of the Boy Scouts of America by having a uniform that looks consistent with the rest of Scouting. All Sea Scouts wearing the same uniform strengthens our identity within Scouting, which is vital for new Ship growth and supporting existing Ships. Our mission is to provide relevant program to youth of today and The Official Uniform meets that goal.

Websites

National Venturing

<http://www.scouting.org/venturing.aspx>

National Sea Scout

<http://www.seascout.org/>

Central Region Venturing

<http://www.crventuring.org>

Northeast Region Venturing

<http://nerventuring-bsa.org/>

Northeast Region Sea Scouting

<https://seascout.org/regions/southern/>

Southern Region-Venturing

<http://srventuring-bsa.org/wordpress/>

Southern Region Sea Scout

<http://srventuring-bsa.org/wordpress/>

Western Region Sea Scouts

<https://wrseascouts.wordpress.com/>

Western Region Venturing

<http://wrventuring.org/>

USA Scouting Service-Venturing

<http://www.usscouts.org/usscouts/venturing/>

UniformingFAQ.asp

Venturing Magazine

www.venturingmag.org

National Exploring

<http://www.exploring.org/>

Yahoo Groups

Central Region

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/crventuring/>

Northeast Region

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nerventuring/>

Southern Region

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/srventuring/>

Western Region

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wrventuring/>

National

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/venturinglist/>



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