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# The Central Point



Newsletter of the Central Region | Boy Scouts of America

The May 2018 edition of the Central Point, the Central Region Venturing newsletter, written by the Central Region's Venturing Officers is now available on our website at <http://crventuring.org/Home/Newsletters/>.

### Articles this month include:

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# 2018 National Flagship Named

by Sea Scouts, BSA



The Boat Owners Association of the United States (BoatU.S.) and Sea Scouts, BSA recognize Sea Scout Ship 1 “SSS UNIQUE” of East Texas Area Council and Tomahawk District as the recipient of the 2018 BoatU.S. and Sea Scouts, BSA “National Flagship” Award. BoatU.S. created the award in 2002 to mark the 90th anniversary of Sea Scouting. It is presented in recognition of excellence in program quality, youth achievement, and adult commitment. It is because of these attributes, as reflected by the SSS UNIQUE’s exemplary program of seamanship and youth development, that we honor them with this award.

Chartered by the First United Methodist Church of Palestine, Texas, and the Palestine Rotary Club Ship 1 was formed in 2012, with two goals: to help rural girls through high school with no negative baggage and to give them every advantage for the next stage of their lives. Sea Scouting was chosen as the vehicle for this vision because of its focus on values, leadership development, service to others, fun water activities, and unique technical skills and knowledge. The decision to make Ship 1 all girls was made by the original group, and has been affirmed periodically over the years.

As the ship has grown it has used the crew method organized by grade. Once a girl is in a crew she is in it for life. The bonds of sisterhood that develop in the crew are founded on the Scout Oath and Law, and create a positive and supportive peer group. The power this can have is seen in the Alpha Crew who are all in scattered colleges now, but remain in daily contact to support and encourage one another and to inspire girls in the ship.

Leadership begins with training, and the girls have taken ILSS, Quarterdeck Training, NYLT, Aquatic School, SEAL, Sea Scout Academy, Safety at Sea, and RYLA. Leadership beyond the ship is encouraged, and members have held eight different positions at the council, area, and regional levels and the girls have been recognized with the Sea Scout Leadership Award at each of those levels. Two of our girls attended the National Jamboree last summer, and one was chosen as Sea Scout contingent Boatswain. Beyond Scouts, the girls have served as drum major and section leaders in band, captains of their athletic teams, presidents of clubs, church youth leaders, and staff at trainings. Many are in the top ten of their class, and our girls have competed in sports and academics through the State level. Ship 1’s motto is, “Don’t be a passenger; drive the Boat!”

Greatness comes from service to others. Serving others enriches your experience, improves your leadership ability, and deepens your understanding and wisdom. Ship 1 cultivates a heart for service in each girl by exposing them to the hardship of others from Harvey victims, to children who don’t have school supplies or food for the Christmas holidays, to veterans, to foster children, and allowing the members of the ship to find ways to help those in need. Each member of the Ship is enrolled in the President’s Volunteer Service Award program (PVSA). In 2017 each girl in the ship was recognized with either the Bronze, Silver, or Gold level of the PVSA, representing more than 2,500 hours of service.

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by Sea Scouts, BSA

Our girls are also registered with the Congressional Award for Youth program. Two of the girls have received the Congressional Gold Medal, one in 2016 and the other in 2017. The award is presented at the National Capitol, and each year Ship 1 had the only girl in the Boy Scouts of America contingent of awardees.

An inland ship, UNIQUE primarily gets on the water with Sunfish, day sailors, Kayaks, and canoes. It is believed that in 2017 one of the girls in Ship 1 conducted the first Quartermaster cruise involving kayaks. Several times a year the ship travels to Sea Star Base Galveston to work on larger sail boats. The ship has also crewed the Point Glass, an 82 foot retired Coast Guard cutter. Experiences on the water offer fun the girls relish, but importantly also build competence and confidence, two things they will need throughout their lives.

The technical skills required for Sea Scout advancement present a challenge to the girls that they readily accept. We had three girls spend their 2017 Christmas holiday away from home taking the USPS piloting and navigation course in a national experiment to determine the feasibility of presenting the course in seven 14 hour days. We've had two girls Graduate from SEAL, and we have six more in SEAL preparation. The ship alternates marksmanship between pistol and rifle each year during the winter. At the last Minto Rendezvous, our girls placed 1st and 3rd out of 58 scouts competing in the rifle, and Ship 1 was first as a team. The girls are very proud that they know things about boats, navigation, rifles, pistols, and knots that none of their friends can match. Mastery of the technical skills in Sea Scouts empowers the girls to take on any challenge.

Parental involvement is critical. Ship 1 focuses its recruiting on the parents of middle school students. If the parent doesn't see the value of the program they will not support their daughter in it. In Ship 1, girls whose parents were introduced to Sea Scouts when their daughter was in middle school have stayed with the program through high school and into college at a retention rate of 100%.

One final element was needed to complete the original vision: to fill the gaps we saw in the preparation for college our girls were getting. A target date for having colleges and scholarships identified, and essays written by the first day of 12th grade is set for each girl. The girls start resume writing with the first ship election. The ship has developed a system for organizing scholarship applications, helps girls in online applications for admissions and scholarships, and mentors girls in essay writing. The ship has an SAT/ACT prep course, and begins encouraging the girls to take either test beginning in the 9th grade.

So, does Sea Scouting for college bound teens work? What do you think? Ship 1 has 29 girls who love Sea Scouting, and will tell you so in emphatic terms. They are people of high moral character who live the Scout Oath and Law. They are courageous in taking on new challenges, and generous in meeting the needs of others. They are servant leaders wherever they are. They are drawn to the water, and thirst for understanding of its mysteries. The parents are engaged and enthusiastic for what their daughters can achieve. Twelve girls have graduated high school, not one had any negative baggage, and each of the twelve received college acceptances and scholarships. And, the girls of Ship 1 call themselves sisters.

Join us in congratulating the 2018 National Flagship UNIQUE SSS 1 for receiving this honor!

The 2018 National Flagship Fleet includes the following Sea Scout Ships for their outstanding programs for this past year:

SSS Charles N. Curtis Ship 110, Pacific Harbors Council, Tacoma, Washington

SSS Response Ship 911, Capitol Area Council, Austin, Texas

SSS Nahar Ship 626, Longhorn Council, Mansfield, Texas

SSS Del Mar Ship 711, Orange County Council, Newport Beach, California

SSS Captain Awesome Ship 1015, Prairielands Council, Champaign, Illinois

SSS Dragonlady Ship 1942, National Capital Area Council, Arlington, Virginia

SSS Decisive Ship 5011, Aloha Council, Kauai, Hawaii

# Scout Me In Collateral Available

By Sea Scouts, BSA

Yesterday the BSA announced “Scout Me In,” a new campaign to invite young people and families to be a part of the life-changing experience of Scouting. The BSA has unveiled a Sea Scout version of the logo and has released a Family Scouting Update to clarify changes to the program. More assets will be available soon.

Download these items here or at the Marketing Toolbox, and share them!



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 <b>Sea Scouts</b> - All Boys, All Girls, or Co-Ed - Ages 14-20	<b>No Change</b>
 <b>Exploring</b> - All Boys, All Girls, or Co-Ed - Ages 10-13	<b>No Change</b>

To find out more visit [Scouting.org/ScoutMeIn](http://Scouting.org/ScoutMeIn)

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## Announcement 2018-2019 National Sea Scout Boatswain



The National Sea Scout Support Committee announces the selection of **Jack Otto of Houston, Texas** as the 2018-2019 National Sea Scout Boatswain. His term of office will be from June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019. He is a member of Ship 468, chartered by the St. Andrews Episcopal Church, of the Bay Area Council, Galveston, Texas.

Jack will be the youth representative for Sea Scouts across the United States of America. He will report to the National Commodore and the National Director of Sea Scouts. He will serve as the liaison to the Regional Boatswains and all other youth leaders in Sea Scouting.

Jack is an Able Scout, working on his Quartermaster. During his time as a Sea Scout, he has served as his ship's Boatswain, and the Southern Region Area 3 Boatswain Mate. He has attended SEAL and NYLT, as well as serving on the staff of NYLT.

He has been recipient of the American Legion Award twice, is on his churches' teen leader council and currently planning the Confirmation Retreat for his church. Away from Sea Scouting, he runs on the cross-country team and takes part in the French and Ultimate Frisbee clubs. He works to better his school, helping with fundraisers and helping with fish camp or anything they need help for.

Jack aspires to get a degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering and plans to apply to Webb Institute, A&M, USNA, USCGA, University of New Orleans, and University of Michigan. He wants to do the most he can for Sea Scouts and being the National Boatswain, he feels it is the best possible way for him to accomplish it.

He sees the Sea Scouting program as strong and it teaches youth more leadership and life skills than any other program. He wants to expand the outreach that this organization has. Sea Scouts has changed his life and he wants to let it change other's lives. He also wants to eliminate that pesky question, "What is Sea Scouts?" He wants Sea Scouts to be known nationwide, by old and young. He also would like to have a greater new ship retention rate and provide them with the appropriate resources for success.

He cares way too much about Sea Scouts and has dedicated himself to making everyone he knows to be more aware of Sea Scouting and will try his best to get everyone who is eligible to join. Jack is currently in the process of creating a ship in Freeport, TX and has a prospect for another ship in Texas City, TX. The Freeport ship already has a skipper and a boat lined up, they have meetings with potential sponsors and already have potential youth.

**Join us in congratulating and assisting Jack to reach his goals to grow Sea Scouting as the 2018-2019 National Sea Scout Boatswain!**



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Hello,

We are pleased to announce that the Spring 2018, Volume 22, Issue 2, edition of THE TELEGRAPH "The Voice of Sea Scouts in the Northeast Region" has been posted for your review, distribution, and reading pleasure on our Northeast Region Sea Scout Website at <http://www.nerseascout.org/>

Please share this information with your Flotilla's Sea Scouts.

This issue includes:

**2018 Regional Bridge of Honor**

**National News**

**President's Day Training Weekend**

**Training Day at SUNY Maritime College**

**Safety Alert from the US Coast Guard**

And lots of other great info submitted by our Ships!

Check out the issue!!

Would love your feedback.

Thank you.

Deidre Buchner  
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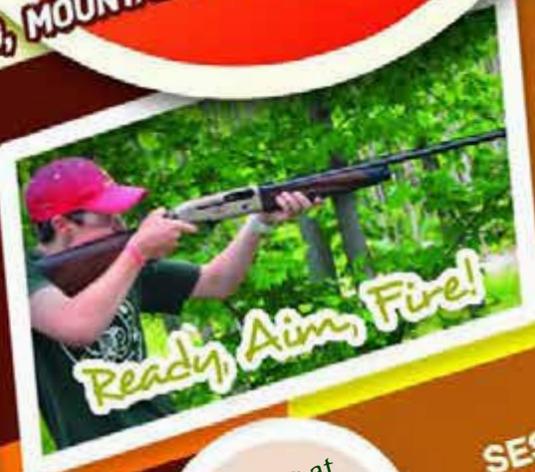
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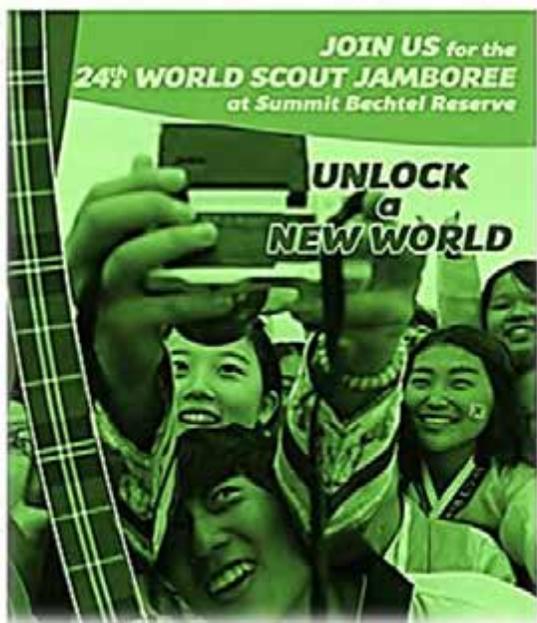
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**UNLOCK A NEW WORLD**, for young people ages 14 to 17 years from all 166 National Scout Organizations.

The BSA contingent will include 10,000 people — the largest contingent the BSA has ever sent to a World Jamboree. 80 % of the participants will come from over 160 countries, with co-ed units just like Crews!

The World Scout Jamboree has special programs for participants to learn about different cultures, sustainability, peace and community service. These activities are intended to give participants an opportunity to learn new things and to build new friendships.

The focus is more on meeting people from different cultures and countries than doing high-adventure activities. Sure, you will have plenty of opportunities to zip-line, kayak, and ride mountain bikes, but you will also have many opportunities to meet new friends and learn what Scouting and life is like in other countries.

**To be eligible to be a Venturing youth participant at the 24th World Scout Jamboree**

- you must be born between **22 July 2001 and 21 July 2005 (no exceptions to this)**.
- If you are **older** on the given dates of the Jamboree, you may be able to apply to become member of the **International Service Team**.
- The fee for participants and leaders for contingent crews in the Northeast Region will be **\$ 2,500 for Venturing Youth and Leaders** (includes travel from a designated hub) and **\$ 1,800 for ISTs** (no travel included).

*There is an early applicant discount: applicants who submit a \$250 deposit between November 1, 2017 and January 31, 2018, and make all payments on time will have a \$100 discount applied to their last payment.*

**Go to <https://wsj2019.us> for information on registration and programs**

*Jamboree units will be set up within the 27 Areas of the BSA, and leader will be recruited by the area committees. Our council is part of Area 2 of the Northeast Region, serving the following councils: Connecticut Rivers Council, Greenwich Council, Housatonic Council, Connecticut Yankee Council, Western Massachusettes Council, Rip Van Winkle Council, Hudson Valley Council, Westchester Putnam Council, Greater New York Councils, Theodore Roosevelt Council, and Suffolk County Council. The Crew will be formed from Venturers in Area 2.*

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Council WSJ Chair: **Eric Anderson** EEA-BSA@optonline.net

# 2018-2019 Boatswain Welcome Message

By Southern Region Commodore



Please welcome Ryan Trefny, Southern Region Boatswain for the 2018-2019 term. Ryan will take office June 1st.

Ryan is an Eagle Scout, a Quartermaster and a SEAL graduate who is presently serving as Southern Region Area 3 Boatswain. He is from Capitol Area Council Ship 911, SSS Response.

*Hi, my name is Ryan Trefny, and I'm very excited to be serving the Southern Region for the upcoming term. As a Quartermaster and Eagle Scout, I know what it means to be a scout – I've done it for 12 years. As time goes on, I want to take on more and more responsibilities while integrating myself further into the scouting community. I have a couple of main goals that I want to accomplish during my tenure as SR Boatswain;*

*First, I want to strengthen ships by promoting rank advancement. From my experience, every strong ship has some form of organized rank advancement program. That's why this year, I will attempt to create an incentive-based program that incites ambitious ships to have their members rank up. The ship that shows the most success with rank advancement will have benefitted and will be featured in a newsletter article.*

*Second, I want to unite the areas of Southern Region by promoting area-wide events in all parts of the Southern Region. I will encourage and assist Area Boatswains and Commodores in propping up these large-scale events – whether they be sea scout competitions, regattas, parties, or simple outings. This will unite the region as well as strengthen membership at the unit level.*

*Please stay tuned to Southern Region news as information often gets disseminated. I am looking for a Southern Region Boatswain's Mate and Yeoman – so feel free to email me at [ryantrefny@gmail.com](mailto:ryantrefny@gmail.com) if you're interested. The only requirement is that you are a sea scout chartered in a Southern Region Ship.*

*Thank you!  
Ryan*

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# Sea Scout Me in Day 2018

Dear Shipmates,

All Sea Scout Ships in the Western Region are encouraged to set September 8, 2018 as Sea Scout Me in Day. This is a day to plan a back to school open house, host a Nautical Merit Badge Midway, or help a new Sea Scout Ship to recruit their first Sea Scouts. Here is a timeline with a checklist of action items to make Sea Scout Me in Day a success for your Ship:

**May 31:** Plan a Sea Scout Me in Day activity, which can be day of sailing, kayaking, cruising, or other event where prospective Sea Scouts get on the water. Draft press release that includes date, time, location, description of event, and contact information.

**June 1:** Check with School District website on procedures for submitting flyers for inclusion in August school newsletters. Complete all required forms as required by school district.

**July 31:** Share announcement for Sea Scout Me in Day with the District Executive, District Commissioner, and District Membership Chair, for inclusion at monthly District Meeting. Send request to council marketing professional for inclusion in Council newsletter.

**August 18:** Begin Promoting Sea Scout Me in Day.

**Media:** Submit press releases to community publications, such as local newspapers and online community groups. Check with local publications for any deadlines for inclusions.

**Social Media and Online Communities:** Post announcement to Nextdoor, Patch, or similar applications.

**Instagram:** Create Instagram account for your Sea Scout Ship. Under Settings, select "Switch to Business Profile." After business account is created, begin posting weekly images promoting Sea Scout Me in Day messages. Boost posts targeted for youth interested in boating, sailing, SCUBA, and other on the water activities in your service area.

**Facebook Fan Pages:** Create a Fan Page for your Sea Scout Ship. Create an "Event" for your Sea Scout Me in Day activity. Boost the event targeted to parents of high school students. Include as "Interests" for the campaign to include Scouting, Sailing, Boating, Stand Up Paddleboard, Kayaking, and other boating activities. Test the effectiveness of your boost, adjusting your campaign each week.

**Parents:** Ask parents of Sea Scouts to share the Facebook Event on their personal pages on in any parental groups they are members of on Facebook.

**Community Boards:** Print flyers for posting at Starbucks, teen centers of libraries, and similar locations.

**September 8:** Sea Scout Me in Day – Have fun and get on the water. Follow best practices for an open house.

Work with Sea Scouts on how they greet guests. Assign a Sea Scout to collect names, numbers, and email of youth. Assign a parent or Mate to welcome parents, answer questions, and collection contact information.

**Preparing for Back to School Recruiting**

The odds are in our favor for every Ship to have a successful Sea Scout Me in Day. Below is a list with the number of high school students in many of the WR States:

California 4,536,880  
Washington 765,322  
Oregon 420,259  
Nevada 333,610  
Idaho 203,796  
Alaska 99,489  
Wyoming 62,326

Arizona 784,551  
Colorado 664,442  
Utah 410,229  
New Mexico 246,095  
Hawaii 158,182  
Montana 97,669



It is extremely important for each Sea Scout Ship to submit notices to be included in high school newsletters to promote Sea Scout Me In Day, because there are tens of thousands of high school students who can be our new shipmates. Below are resources to help your Ship prepare for back to school recruiting.

Fair winds,

Joshua Gilliland

Western Region Sea Scout Commodore

National Sea Scout Support Committee

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# Back to School Membership Drive



[Sea Scout Marketing Flyers](#) - Open House Flyers with fillable fields

[Sea Scout Me In Collateral](#) - Images and infographic

[Promoting Sea Scouts in High Schools](#) - Tips on how to submit flyers to school districts for approval in high schools

[How to Update Your Pin on BeaScout.org](#) (Great way to increase your visibility for interested youth looking for a Sea Scout Ship)

[Sea Scout Marketing Toolbox](#) (Logos, Photos, Videos, Flyers, Posters)

[Open House Best Practices](#) (Video Presentation from the New Ship Mentor Workshop)

# 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/>

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

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<http://wrventuring.org/>

## USA Scouting Service-Venturing

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

## UniformingFAQ.asp

[www.venturingmag.org](http://www.venturingmag.org)

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