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# The Central Point



Newsletter of the Central Region | Boy Scouts of America

The November and December 2015 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/>. And is included in the FORUM downloads

**Articles this month include:**  
**2015**

**Social Media Checklist**  
**Year in Review**  
**Advisor's Minute**  
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The Region's Areas also produce newsletters. To read your current Area newsletter or one of the others, go to <http://crventuring.org/Home/Newsletters/>. Back issues for the region and areas are also available here.

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# **PLANS FOR THE WILLIAM I. KOCH INTERNATIONAL SEA SCOUT CUP**

## **ARE UNDERWAY**

William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup is scheduled for July 30 - August 6, 2016 in Long Beach, California. Region qualifiers for teams are being conducted between now and late fall 2015.

If you have Sea Scouts who would like to compete in the 2016 international event, they must compete in one of their region's regatta qualifiers to be considered. We also need adults and youth to serve on the staff for the event. For more details about competing or serving on staff

For more details go to <http://seascoutcup.org/>

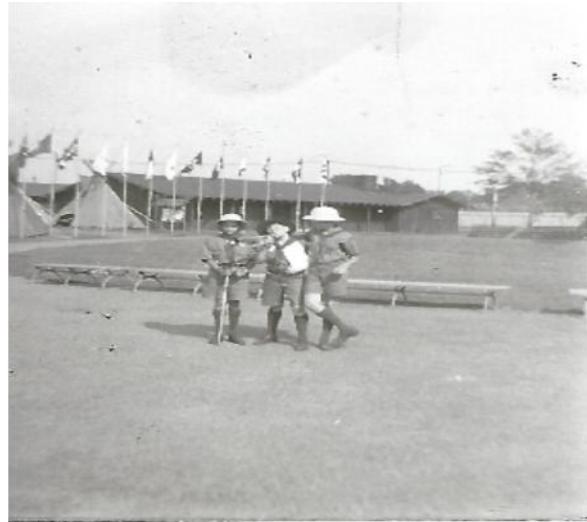


National  
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# **Return to the Past from the 1939 New York Worlds Fair from Scouter Leo Lashock**



Scout Support Staff site



Scout Support staff Dining Hall



Scout Support Staff Tent

**Leo Lashock was involved in Scouting since he was a young boy as a member of Troop 22 in West Hazleton, PA. As a Boy Scout, he attended the 1939 New York World's Fair. After serving his country in World War II Leo returned to serve as Scoutmaster of Troop 22. Leo received many awards for his service to Scouting, including the District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver Award. An 89 years old Scouter, Leo continued to support Scouting as a Unit Commissioner in the Anthracite District of the Minsi Trails Council. We will miss this dedicated Scouter.**

## **SCOUTMASTERS' BENEDICTION**

**ALL SCOUTS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO GO... NOT ONLY UPON THE EARTHLY TRAIL... BUT ALSO UPON THE HEAVENLY TRAIL...BE IT IN THE EARLY DAWN OF YOUTH...OR THE TWILIGHT OF OLD AGE...TO THIS END,  
MAY THE GREAT MASTER OF ALL SCOUTS, BE IN OUR HEARTS AND MINDS,  
UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.**

# National Program Updates



## Exploring

Latest updates can be found in the Exploring newsletter in the January FORUM.



## Sea Scouting

Sea Scouting is updating the Sea Scout manual in early 2016 and adding a paddle sports program. The revised advancement requirements have been loaded on the web site at [www.seascout.org](http://www.seascout.org).

They go into effect immediately as of November 30, 2015. A grandfather clause allows any youth currently working on the current requirements to complete the requirements between now and May 2017. After May 2017 the old requirements will be out of date.



## Venturing

**Venturing Leadership Award.** once again, can be awarded to adult Leaders on a Council, Area, Regional and National level. This new Application is being worked on. More information to come soon

# LEARNING FOR LIFE & EXPLORING NEWSLETTER

# **December 2015 Edition**

## wow- **230** Participating Councils!



Friendly reminder:

If you do not see your council on growing Participating Council list on the Exploring Explosion website ([www.exploringexplosion.org](http://www.exploringexplosion.org)), please be sure to let us know if you are still interested by filling out the [15-second questionnaire available online here](#).

## **Remaining** Orientation Webinars for your Staff Advisor and Volunteer Chair

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec 1</b>	<b>2 pm CT</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec 3</b>	<b>10 am CT</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec 7</b>	<b>6 pm CT</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec 9</b>	<b>2 pm CT</b>

# TO CONNECT

Click [here](#) to join the webinar up to 15 minutes before it's scheduled to begin.  
Use meeting number **888-557-8511** and access code **2738372**

## *Looking for TRAINING?*

## TRAVELING EXPLORING CERTIFICATION

In lieu of the Exploring Road Show, the National Exploring Team will be traveling to each area across the country to facilitate the Exploring Certification course during 2016. In an effort to support councils in their participation in the 2016 Exploring Explosion national growth campaign, there will be no course fee. For booking locations contact [Tim.Anderson@lflmail.org](mailto:Tim.Anderson@lflmail.org). For all other questions contact [Brooke.Parkinson@lflmail.org](mailto:Brooke.Parkinson@lflmail.org). To register go to [bit.ly/2016certifications](http://bit.ly/2016certifications).

Check the registration site periodically as new dates and locations for the 2016 traveling Exploring Certification course will be added as they are scheduled with the area directors.

LEARNING FOR LIFE CURRICULUM BASED CERTIFICATION

This course will be offered twice, in addition to the dates and locations in conjunction with DOB listed above.

Tuesday, May 24 San Diego, CA at NAM Register during NAM registration

Monday, Sept 12 – Tues Sept 13 Louisville, KY at Lincoln Heritage Council

Register at: [bit.ly/2016certifications](http://bit.ly/2016certifications) Call 972-580-2432 or email [Brooke.Parkinson@lflmail.org](mailto:Brooke.Parkinson@lflmail.org) for more information.

# LEARNING FOR LIFE & EXPLORING NEWSLETTER

## December 2015 Edition

### MONTHLY VIRTUAL TRAININGS

For those looking for a quick update and review of some of the basic parts and processes of Exploring and Learning for Life Curriculum Based programs – these webinars will meet your needs. Both professionals and volunteers are invited to participate. Please share this schedule with your volunteers. Contact [Kristen.Falatko@lflmail.org](mailto:Kristen.Falatko@lflmail.org) for more information. *Register online at <http://bit.ly/2016LFLwebinars>*

### EXPLORING EXPLOSION WEBINARS

In preparation for and during your Exploring Explosion campaign, the National Service Center has developed a series of webinars that will focus around the:

**4-Phase Program Start Up.** There will be a webinar focused on each phase: Phase 1- Research, Phase 2 - Leadership, Phase 3 - Program, and Phase 4 - Participation *Register at <http://bit.ly/2016LFLwebinars>*



### WHAT'S NEW AND COMING TO YOU SOON!

#### ❖ 2016 LFL Curriculum Based & Exploring Growth Kits!

The National LFL and Exploring team will soon be sending your Council the Learning for Life Curriculum based and Exploring specific Growth Kits for 2016.

Here are the two ways to receive them:

- Download from the internal (MyBSA) website: Available in December
- Email to your council Scout Executive: this will come directly from our office in December

#### ❖ New Exploring Cultivation Event Guidebook and Exploring Express Campaign

**Where will you find these?**

- [www.exploringexplosion.org](http://www.exploringexplosion.org)
- internal website (MyBsa>Resources>LFL>Exploring>Marketing)

### Tips for end of year SUCCESS

#### ✓ Renewal time

- Journey to Excellence in the name of Exploring- Scorecards available @ [scouting.org/jte](http://scouting.org/jte)
- Awards and Recognitions for staff and volunteers
  - Century Club Award for Exploring Growth: Professional and Volunteer

#### ✓ Marketing pieces

- NEW “This is Exploring” and “This is Learning for Life” sales kits are ready to order off the LFL BIN item order form.

**\*When ordering use the SKU instead of catalog # to order these through National Distribution Center**



## COURSE INFORMATION FOR SEAL 2016

	<p><b>Northeast Region SL-71-MD-2016</b> <b>Date:</b> June 25 - July 3, 2016 <b>Location:</b> Chesapeake Bay, Maryland Vessel/type: SSTV <i>Der PeLiKan</i> (44' Morgan ketch) Cost: \$280</p>
	<p><b>Southern Region SL-72-TX-2016</b> <b>Date:</b> July 1 - 9, 2016 <b>Location:</b> Galveston Bay, Texas Vessel/type: SSTV <i>Gremlin</i> (38' Little Harbor) Cost: \$250</p>
	<p><b>Western Region SL-73-WA-2016</b> <b>Date:</b> July 6 - 15, 2016 <b>Location:</b> San Juan Islands-Seattle, Washington Vessel/type: SSTV <i>Argo</i> (40' Mark 4 Shore Launch motor ) Cost: \$280</p>
	<p><b>Northeast Region SL-74-NY-2016</b> <b>Date:</b> July 7 - 17, 2016 <b>Location:</b> Long Island Sound, New York Vessel/type: SSTV <i>Resolution</i> (Hinckley 40 Bermuda yawl) Cost: \$280</p>
	<p><b>Northeast Region SL-75-MD-2016</b> <b>Date:</b> July 23 - 31, 2016 <b>Location:</b> Chesapeake Bay, Maryland Vessel/type: SSTV <i>Der PeLiKan</i> (44' Morgan ketch) Cost: \$280</p>

## A Venturer Reports: Antietam Battlefield Luminary Service – Dec 2015 By Nathan

Every December for the last 27 years, the people of the town of Sharpsburg, Maryland have remembered the Battle of Antietam with the placement of a luminary to represent each soul killed, wounded or lost on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September 1862. That day was the single worst day in the known history of the western world and the American continents.



Battle of Antietam

A luminary is a small paper bag, with sand at the bottom to keep it from blowing away, nestled in the sand is a candle in a glass. At night, the bag diffuses the light and glows brightly as the candle flickers inside. Every year, at Antietam, over 22,717 luminaries are placed on the battlefield for the soldiers and noncombatants tossed on the sea of total civil war. The luminaries are the idea of Georgene Charles who has been supervising them from their inception.

On Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> in Sharpsburg, MD, Crew 27 volunteered to serve at the Antietam Luminaries. We arrived at our campsite by 11 AM. Our campsite was located at the Agricultural Fair Ground and had been held in reserve for us by Boy Scout Troop 433. Troop 433 arrived the night before. They were one of many Units who had volunteered to place, light and collect the luminaries. We set up our tents right after we arrived. Around noon we ate a lunch of meatball subs with Troop 433 as we helped them to place their luminaries. It was kind of them to feed us. After lunch, around 2 PM, we began lighting Troop 433's candles. In the area we were working on the candles, there was a display of flags by the Sons of the Confederacy.

Our next stop was the Park Service Visitor's center so we could participate in the ceremonies and meet some of the supervisory people we would be working with. We also wanted to put our eyes on the spot where we would be greeting attendees to the luminaries. The ceremony began at 3:45 PM and we stayed near the Maryland monument until shortly before 5 PM. At the ceremony we heard Chris Wilson sing his version of 'Hallelujah' for the fallen at Antietam. If you want to hear this beautiful song, and see what the prep for the luminaries looked like, it is on 'You Tube.' Just paste this link to go see and hear it:



Candles Lit at MD Memorial

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=ZZzDQEYxig>

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Just before 5 PM, we had to go to our station while the ceremony was finishing up. Our service was to work with security at the entrance of the Antietam Luminaries where we greeted people, helped collect donations for the luminaries and handed out the pamphlets. We made a bonfire from old fences that were broken up into kindling and fuel. We started making the bonfire and dinner around 6 PM. 6 PM is also when the gates opened up to let people into the battleground to see the luminaries. We took turns greeting people with two pairs of Venturers working the gate at all times until 11:30 PM. We welcomed people, shook their hands, and provided them with pamphlets about the luminaries. Just after 9:30 PM, Liam, and his dad Tim, showed up with eighty cheese burgers. They had purchased them at McDonalds and handed them out to anyone who would take them – Venturers from our Crew on the gate and Troop 433 in their camp site. One of our Venturers, Josh, arrived late because he was selling the last of the Crew's popcorn from our fund raiser. It was good to have him helping us. Another of our Venturers, Katie, had been invited to participate with Bugles Across America (BAA) when they played Taps at the ceremony. BAA did a great job, Katie is awesome on the trumpet. Katie had to study so she could not stay and help us on the gate. We worked until everyone in the line of cars had gotten in to see the luminaries, around 11:50 PM. It was finally our turn to go see the Luminaries. Across the battlefield, over 22,000 luminaries cast a dim glow into the night. Every so often a luminary bag would catch fire and flash in a way that stood out from the rest of the display. You can see what they looked like if you watch the 'You Tube.'



Close Up Opening Color Guard 2

As we exited the battlefield, we headed back to the campsite for the night. In the morning I was very cold, not sure about anyone else, I was cold cause I wasn't prepared. When we got out of our tents it looked pretty because there was a quarter of an inch of frost on everything and fog in the air. Our activity chairs had to leave early so we went to McDonalds for breakfast as a treat from our Advisor. Once we got to Pete's house we all helped out with the cleaning up after we did Thorn's, Bud's, and Roses. There were few thorns, except for me being cold and lots of roses. Everyone had gotten along very well. As we headed home we were very happy to have been able to attend this amazing memorial to one of the darker moments in American history. The sight of the luminaries across the battlefield is one I will never forget.

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, 1862, the troops of Confederate General Robert E. Lee and Union General George McClellan faced off near Antietam creek in Sharpsburg, Maryland, in the first battle of the American Civil War to be fought on northern soil. Though McClellan failed to utilize his numerical superiority to crush Lee's army, he was able to check the Confederate advance into the north.



Clara's Rock

## A Venturer Reports: Antietam Battlefield Luminary Service – Dec 2015

### By Nathan

After a string of Union defeats, this tactical victory provided Abraham Lincoln the political cover he needed to issue his Emancipation Proclamation. Though the result of the battle was inconclusive, it remains the bloodiest single day in American history, with more than 22,000 casualties: wounded, killed, and missing/captured. For more information on the battle, see Pete's summary below.

We have a memorial for the people who fought at Antietam because if they didn't have this war we might still have slavery and our national government would be much weaker than it is currently. President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation a few days after the Battle of Antietam. The placing of luminaries at Antietam was an amazing tribute to the soldiers on both sides who gave up their lives and health there. There were women dressed as men who had taken up arms and enlisted to fight for their States. One of these women was wounded and identified by Clara Barton as she tended the wounded. There is a statute to Clara Barton (Founder of the American Red Cross) on the battlefield. Crew 27 sent ten Venturers and four adults to help with the luminaries this year. We met hundreds of people and had a great chance to be friendly Scouts. I would like to help out again next year. It was an honor to be there and help fulfill Mrs. Charles' tribute to the fallen.



Crew 27



Ranger Briefing

### Nathan

Nathan has been a member of Crew 27 for more than two years. In that time, he has attended Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC); National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)' four weeks at Goshen Scout Reservation, and numerous monthly Crew activity campouts. Because of his many experiences with Crew 27 in the National Capital Area Council, Nathan was the perfect author for this detailed article. Nathan is a Junior at Gaithersburg High School in Maryland.

## A Venturer Reports: Antietam Battlefield Luminary Service – Dec 2015

### By Nathan

#### Description of the battle of Antietam

What exactly was the Battle of Antietam? Confederate General Robert E. Lee, Commander of the Army of Northern Virginia was on the run, again. On this day in September, the Army of Northern Virginia numbered 55,000 soldiers. A master of defense, Lee was nearly always victorious when he established and held a defensive position. Union General George B. McClellan was hot on Lee's tail with the main body of the Union Army of the Potomac composed of six Corps. He had chased Lee out of his home turf and onto Union Territory in Maryland. McClellan had 75,000 soldiers at his command and an advantage Lee was unaware of. Two Union soldiers had found a misplaced copy of Lee's detailed plan of battle – and McClellan had it in his possession. Lee was on a mission. After winning the Second Battle of Manassas just over two weeks earlier, he had turned north to forage in Maryland for supplies to support Confederate offensive operations. Lee knew McClellan was close and he liked what he saw of the gently rolling terrain around Sharpsburg punctuated by the Antietam Creek, its tributaries, many stone fences, natural hollows and outcroppings of limestone. Water crossings would slow any attack on his positions and the rolling terrain masked his own movements from the Union troops. The many terrain features provided excellent cover for riflemen. It wasn't perfect, but it was good enough and Lee had everything to lose – he dug in.

McClellan was cautious – coming from the east he had run into a stiff Confederate defense of the passes over the South Mountain ridge. He was licking his wounds and was slow to get his army into the field to face Lee on the 15th. At this point, he had Lee outnumbered 3.5 to 1 and could have swept him off the field. However, with his trademark caution, he rested for a day and reconnoitered while Lee brought up the remainder of his force. This reduced the odds to 1.3 to 1 in favor of the Union and removing Lee from a defensive position would take at least 2 to 1 odds or better. On the morning of the 17<sup>th</sup>, McClellan threw the first of his six Corps, commanded by Major General Joseph Hooker against Lee's left flank north of Sharpsburg. Hooker's three Divisions commanded by Doubleday, Ricketts and Meade came at Lee with Doubleday on the west, Ricketts in the east and Meade in reserve. The north bridge across Antietam Creek was the one place Hooker could cross out of reach of Confederate artillery. Lee had read their minds and reinforced his left flank on the evening of the 16<sup>th</sup> after suffering Union probing attacks. When Hooker attacked through a cornfield, Confederate artillery that wasn't supposed to be there mowed the corn and the Union soldiers in it down. The Union brought up their own artillery and harvested corn and soldiers as well. The battle of the cornfield at Antietam was devastating. The Louisiana Tiger Brigade lost 67% of its soldiers in the maelstrom. Despite high losses on both sides, the battle of the cornfield had no winner and neither Army could capture the ground until the Union's Iron Brigade under Gibbon's entered the fray from the east and cut a hole in the middle of Lee's defensive line. Near collapse, Lee moved General John Bell Hood's Division in from the west and Anderson's Georgia Brigade from the East to support 'Stonewall' Jackson who was commanding Lee's left flank. Hood's Division suffered 60% casualties. When asked where his Division was, General Hood replied, 'dead in the field.' The Confederate reinforcements stopped Hooker cold.

At the close of Hooker's assault, McClellan moved XII<sup>th</sup> Corps under Mansfield into the field. Mansfield used poor tactics and arrayed his companies in depth that made ideal artillery targets. Jackson took advantage of the gift and slaughtered them, including Mansfield. Elements of Mansfield's Corps reached Hooker's objective – the Dunkard Church. Hooker and Ricketts were also wounded so command of both the Union I<sup>st</sup> and XII<sup>th</sup> Corps fell to Brigadier General Meade.

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McClellan now sent the Union II<sup>nd</sup> Corps into action under Sumner who arrayed them in long lines. Sumner's poor tactics allowed the Confederates under Early, Walker and McClaws to surround them on three sides and send them back to where they had started from. The fighting of the morning ended by 10 AM with 13,000 casualties on the field including two Union Corps Commanders.

By lunchtime, the battle had moved east to the center of the Confederate line. The Union XII<sup>th</sup> and II<sup>nd</sup> Corps attacked the Confederate center marked by a well used road sunken into the ground from decades of wagon wheel ruts. While the Union had a 2 to 1 advantage, the Confederate center was incredibly well protected ground. Three Union Brigades attacked the 'Bloody Lane' in succession and three Union Brigades were beaten back by deadly rifle fire. Lee committed the last of his reserves and McClellan moved up a fresh Division under Major General Israel Richardson. Eventually, Union forces occupied high ground gaining enfilade fire down the Bloody Lane and forced the Confederates to withdraw from this most stubborn position. The route was made complete by a misunderstood order resulting in the Confederates falling back into Sharpsburg to the south.

Seeing the Confederate retreat, Confederate General Longstreet rushed artillery into the path of the advancing Union forces creating yet another bloodbath and a small force under Confederate General Hill flanked the remaining Union forces and drove them back to the Bloody Lane. The 2400 foot long Bloody Lane now held approximately 5,600 corpses, 3,000 Union and 2,600 Confederate.

Lee was exhausted and his center was weak. Poised opposite were 3,500 Union Cavalry and over 10,000 reserve troops of the Union V<sup>th</sup> Corps. Again McClellan chose caution and again, the opportunity to split Lee's army was lost.

Now the action moved to the south, to the right of Lee's line. There Lee's 3,000 soldiers and 12 artillery pieces were opposed by Union Major General Burnside's IX<sup>th</sup> Corps of 12,500 troops and 50 artillery pieces. Burnside attacked across a 125 foot stone bridge spanning 50 feet of relatively shallow water in an effort that cost 500 Union soldiers while taking 160 Confederate lives. As Union forces crossed a ford to the south, The Confederates began an orderly withdrawal. Confederate sharpshooters now concentrated on the advancing Union soldiers and repulsed them, stopping them from gaining control of the bridge a second time. A third attack by the Union was necessary to cross the bridge, the Confederates had halted Burnside at the bridge for three hours, so long that it's name was changed from Rohrbach's Bridge to 'The Burnside Bridge.'

At around 3:30 PM, Confederate General A.P. Hill's light division arrived from Harper's Ferry where he had been present for the surrender of 12,000 Union troops there. The Union was not aware that Lee now had fresh troops in the field. The fresh Confederate Troops halted McClellan's advance and McClellan refused to commit his two Corps held in reserve (Vth and VIth Corps). The Battle of Antietam became a stalemate. Once again, Lee had preserved his position in a defensive battle where he was badly outnumbered by picking good ground and committing everything he had. McClellan refused to commit all of his available forces, brought his order of battle up slowly and refused to follow up or press the advantage. McClellan subsequently gave up the pursuit of Lee and allowed him to return, unhampered, to northern Virginia.

## A Venturer Reports: My summer at Summit Bechtel Reserve

By Emma, NCAC Crew 27



Glen Jean Rainy

My summer experience began with my crew advisor suggesting to me that I should work at the Summit with my crewmember Clare. My aunt also thought it was a great idea so I applied. After a few weeks I got a call from the Camp Director who gave me a phone interview and asked me if I would like to work as a camp host. I said yes and my Summit experience began. To get to The Summit I carpooled with my friend Clare and tented with her for the summer. The Summit pays a lot better than our local Council Camp for Staff but you need to be at least 18 to work there. This was not my first trip to The Summit. I was there for the 2013 National Scout Jamboree – the first National Jamboree that allowed Venturers to be full participants. It was about time – when we were there, there were roughly two thousand Venturers (1,000 young women and 1,000 young men) in sub camp 'F' with over 600 Scouts and leaders from thirty other countries. In 2017, I think the numbers will be higher, particularly the numbers of foreign Scouts and the number of countries represented. They will be looking the place over for the 2019 World Jamboree!

The Summit Bechtel Reserve is a pleasure to work at. With twenty square miles of land, it is huge. It also presented quite a few challenges. If you want a summer of unexpected adventures, The Summit is the place to work. Each adventure gave me a sense of accomplishment because I was able to rise to each challenge as it presented itself.

The variety was astounding! I was assigned to the 'Hosting' Staff. We had to: dress up in period costumes, have programs every evening for the campers, and deal with Scouts in various stages of excitement who were feeling challenged. There was a lot to my job that was demanding but in the end it was a lot of fun and something that gave me memories to last a lifetime.

A typical day for me would be waking up at 6:50 to catch the bus down to Charlie base camp for flags and announcements at 7:30. Next the Scouts would walk over to the dining hall to get breakfast with us. The rest of the morning would be spent doing all the activities at The Summit – staffed by us. As the Scouts were headed to activities, we would meet to review the days camp hosts activities. During this time we would talk about the evening program for the day and practice our roles in the program. After our meetings, we were usually free to work with our groups <of Scouts> until 4:45 PM flags back at the Charlie base camp. You guessed it, after flags, we headed to the dining hall for dinner. After dinner we would break up and go back to the activities or prepare for the evening program. At the end of evening program, we would head to bed at staff camp and the cycle would repeat the next day. One thing I didn't like was that the Hosting Staff would end up getting back at 10 PM when everyone else was done at 8 PM. This meant we had little time to hang out with anyone from outside of our department 24/7.



Emma at the 2013 NSJ

## A Venturer Reports: My summer at Summit Bechtel Reserve

By Emma, NCAC Crew 27

Every Sunday, for our opening program, I would become Mary Draper. She was a lady born in 1731 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mary's story is a story of survival. I never thought I would become an actress but the duties associated with being a camp host seemed to always have me doing things I didn't expect. One thing that was not in the job description that seemed to be an all to frequent occurrence was putting up and taking down tents that storms had destroyed in our camping areas. Or waiting to give girls scouts a tour of the summit for their jamboree. I even had to sleep in their area in case something happened during the night and they needed a staff person. There are reasons I'm a Venturer and not a Girl Scout, those reasons are much clearer now. I can remember doing wilderness survival for my Outdoor Bronze Award and camping for a couple of nights at Goshen Scout Reservation with another female Venturer in a shelter we made ourselves from natural materials without a staff member anywhere near. Let's just say the programs have completely different expectations for Scoutcraft and self reliance.

As a Summit employee, one of the very cool perks is getting to meet people from all over the United States. The staffers and the campers come from everywhere! The staffers are particularly amazing and accomplished people. I am really excited to be returning to The Summit in 2016 as a ropes course instructor. That job should give me an opportunity to put even more of the skills I learned as I earned my Silver Award to work.



Sunset at The Summit

The Summit was hard work but I would do it again because I was able to do and experience so many new things. I was able to go white water rafting with Chinese kids from the Ambassador Program and learn some Mandarin. The Ambassador Program is new and brings kids from China to The Summit to learn about Scouting and to visit America. We also had kids from the Untied States Marines Junior ROTC program there and I was able to feel like one of them after we had bonded. It was an amazing feeling to build a bond with them and to have inside jokes. It was hysterical watching my groups try to get through the water obstacle course we had at The Summit. None of the youth from outside of Scouting seemed to have the Scoutcraft skills I had learned as a Venturer. Every Friday we worked to put on a really great closing campfire and I had a blast performing skits for the kids at the campfire.

All these things I would never have been able to do if I did not work at The Summit last summer. I had awesome experiences in Venturing on the Road to Silver and it changed my life. Last summer made unforgettable memories!

Emma

Our author is in her fifth year of Venturing. She is a member Venturing Crew 27 in Montgomery County, Maryland. Crew 27 is the largest Venturing Crew <55 youth members> in the fourth largest Council in the United States. She is a graduate of National Youth Leadership Training, holds the Venturing Silver Award and has served in a host of leadership positions including MiniCrew Leader for National Jamboree Crew F508D, MiniCrew Leader, Secretary and Activity Chair for Crew 27. She has spent three summers in the Venturing Program at Goshen Scout Reservation's Camp Bowman and attends Salisbury State University in Maryland where she is in her Sophomore Year. This is her second article for The Forum, last year she wrote about the Venturing Program at Goshen Scout Reservation's Camp Bowman.

## A Venturer Reports: Hiking Gettysburg

By Dominic



Cavalry Memorial



Devil's Den

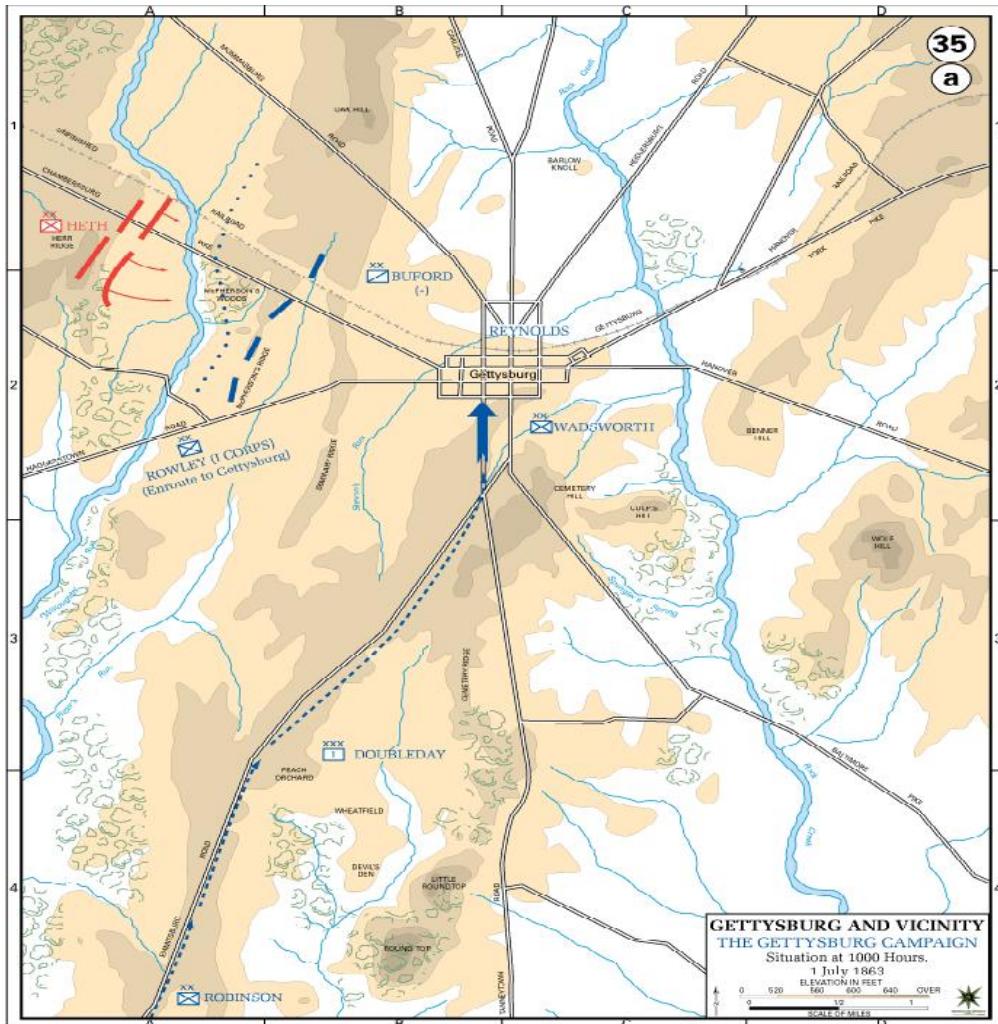
The Gettysburg adventure for Crew 27 began on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of November in our Advisor's basement where we watched the movie 'Gettysburg' based on the book: 'The Killer Angels.' The movie is a powerfully done and historically accurate depiction of the events surrounding the Battle of Gettysburg from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 1863. Gettysburg was the largest battle to take place in the western hemisphere in the history of the world and it was the turning point of the American Civil War.

On Friday evening the 13<sup>th</sup> of November, we rallied at our Advisor's home, loaded up the cars and headed for Caledonia State Park about 15 miles west of Gettysburg where we had reserved two campgrounds. The park is the lowest cost camping alternative in the Gettysburg area and very nicely maintained. We pitched our tents, had a snack and went to sleep.

On Saturday morning, the 14<sup>th</sup> of November, we woke up to the cold Pennsylvania air. One excellent breakfast and some cleanup later, we were in the cars and heading towards Gettysburg to our starting location. We started our 10 mile hike at the Lutheran Theological Seminary. This was the same one that we saw in the movie 'Gettysburg' where Brigadier General John Buford, commanding two brigades of Union Cavalry under Colonels Gamble and Devin first located Lee's advance column streaming through the Taneytown Gap from Chambersburg, PA to the west – the same route we had driven. Buford was stubborn that day, he dismounted his cavalry, brought up his artillery and engaged the first Confederate Division to appear on the field, led by General Heth, part of General A.P. Hill's III<sup>rd</sup> Corp. (Scouts will recognize the name A. P. Hill since all of our National Jamborees were conducted at Fort A. P. Hill in Caroline County Virginia from 1983 through 2010) From the Seminary we could appreciate Buford's perfect field of fire as he stacked Hill's Corp up on the road. While Heth whittled away at Buford's Brigades, the first Union Corps under General Reynolds appeared on the field to relieve Buford and the battle was joined. Buford's action saved the day for the Union and prevented the Confederates from moving through the town of Gettysburg to occupy the high ground south and east of the town. Instead, this ground became Union territory and the Confederates had to be satisfied with Seminary Ridge to the west of the battlefield, running north – south and the terrain north and northeast of the town of Gettysburg. One the first of July, General John Buford ensured the Union would have control of the best ground available from a tactical standpoint.

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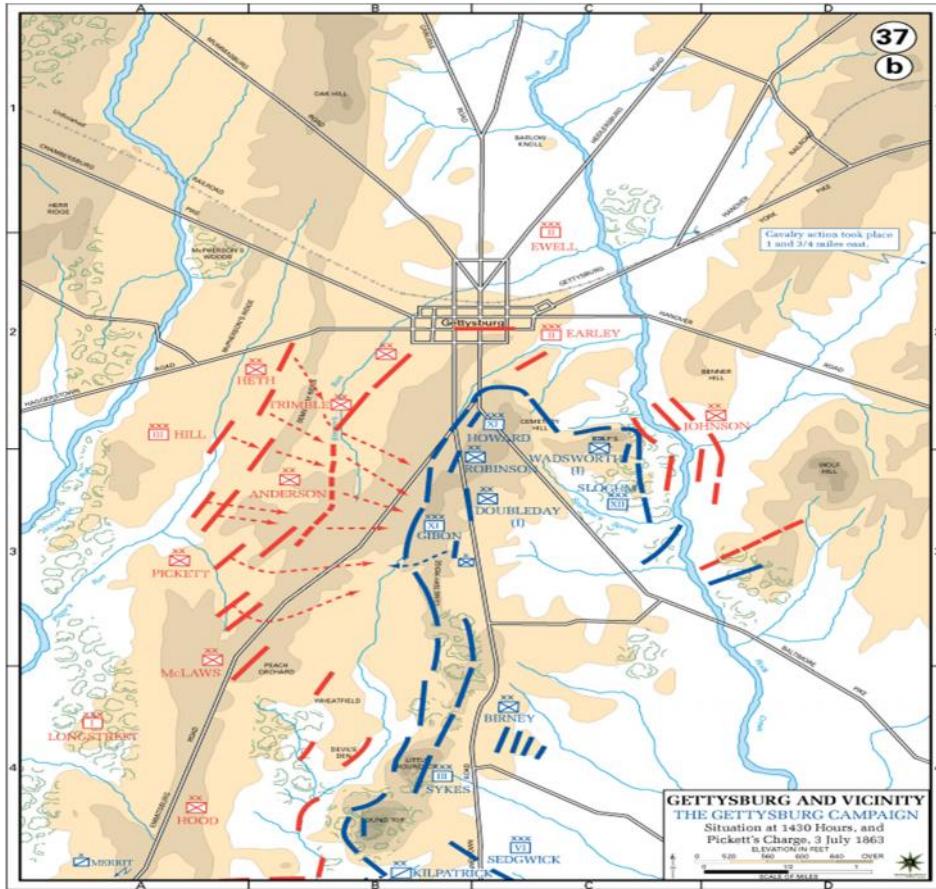
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Crew 27 hiked three miles south along the former Confederate lines on Seminary Ridge. A mile to the east, we could see the ground of Cemetery Ridge where the Union Troops under General George Meade set up their lines with a hook shaped curve on the northern flank bending around to the east and punctuated in the south by a small hill known as Little Round Top. More on Little Round Top later but during our southward march we passed the woods where General Pickett's Division consisting of Brigades under the command of Armistead, Kemper and Garnett stepped off on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July to join other Divisions of Longstreet's and Hill's Corps commanded by Pettigrew, Anderson and Trimble in the biggest mistake General Lee ever made – Pickett's Charge. At the Union center, under the command of Major General Winfield Hancock, was General Meade's reinforced II<sup>nd</sup> Corps. Meade had accurately predicted Lee's intent to attack the center of the Union line the day before Lee tried to execute the attack. The Confederates took severe casualties and the Battle of Gettysburg ended with the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia in full retreat across the Potomac River to the south. As we reached the southern end of the Seminary Ridge, we got to see the battlefield from above by climbing an iron tower with a diagram of the battlefield on it. The wind was blowing so fiercely up there that we all felt as if we were about to be blown off.

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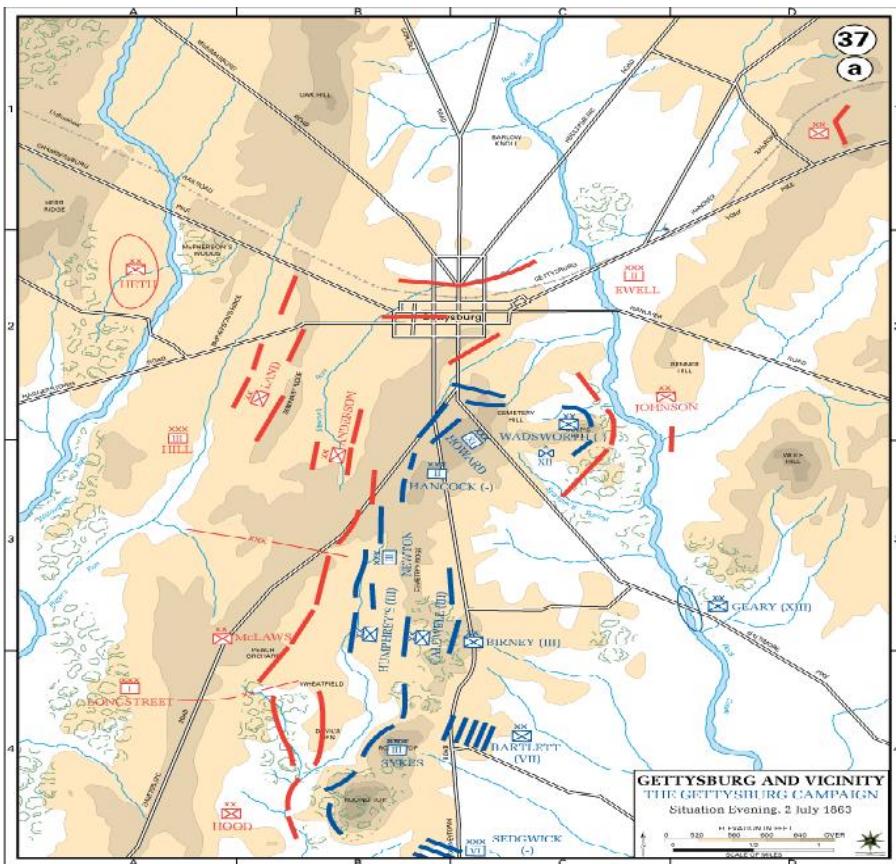
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This was not the end of our hike though. As we rounded the southern end of the battlefield, we crossed marshy ground where Union cavalry under Kilpatrick were slaughtered trying to attack the Confederate withdrawal. Cavalry is wasted on marshy ground facing massed rifles and artillery. Our next stop was Little Round Top. It was at this location where Lee ordered Longstreet to throw Hood's and McClaw's Divisions against the Union flank on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July. It was here, on the southern slope of Little Round Top that Colonel Chamberlain's 20<sup>th</sup> Maine, reinforced by the remnants of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Maine fought the Confederates to a standstill. When the soldiers from Maine ran out of ammunition, Colonel Chamberlain ordered a bayonet charge that cleared the Confederate Divisions from the hillside and ended the argument over which side would control Little Round Top. In recognition of his courage and leadership, Colonel Chamberlain was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. As the Confederates withdrew, the Union forces continued to move to the south, occupied Big Round Top and set an entire Corp under Sedgwick to protect their flank thus ending the Confederate option for an end run. We stopped for lunch just below Little Round Top, and after we were done eating, did some free climbing at the foot of the hill amongst the huge rocks left by the glaciers and referred to as 'The Devil's Den.' We then continued on our hike, stopping to see the iconic Wheatfield and memorials to those who died. Before the Confederates reached the foot of Little Round Top, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July, 1863, they had fought their way through the Wheatfield and The Devil's Den. It was rough terrain.

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The Crew now headed north up through the old Union lines. We visited General Meade's Headquarters and the National Park Service Visitor Center. We saw the impressive Pennsylvania Monument and then visited the Copse of Trees that served as the target for Pickett's charge on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July. Some of Pickett's men actually got all the way across the field of fire that day to their objective but not in enough strength to have any effect. They were courageous, and doomed.

After leaving the Copse of Trees, we headed north through the town of Gettysburg, then west back to the Lutheran Theological Seminary and arrived at our end point. The ten mile trek was laden with history. President Lincoln realized this a few months after the battle when he travelled by train from Washington to deliver his famous 'Gettysburg Address' at the dedication of the Gettysburg National Cemetery.



Little Round Top



Observation Tower

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### The Gettysburg Address

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Abraham Lincoln  
November 19, 1863



Crew 27 at Monument

Dominic

Dominic is just finishing his first year of Venturing. Active in Boy Scouts, Venturing and Exploring, Dominic loves robotics. Very knowledgeable about knots, lashings and pioneering, he earned the nickname 'MacGiver' as he showed his Crew how to create one camp gadget after another during last summer at Goshen Scout Camps. He made a significant contribution to Crew 27's ability to bring home the 'Honor Oar' two weeks in a row at the Venturing Program at Camp Bowman. Dominic is looking forward to attending the 2017 National Scout Jamboree at The Summit and heading back to Goshen this summer!



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# 2016 AdVenturee Save the date!



When: April 8-10, 2016

Where: Camp Somers, Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation, located at 750 Waterloo Road, Stanhope, NJ 07874

Who: Any registered Venturer, adult leader, or Venturing aged Boy Scout (14+)

What: The AdVenturee is a council wide get together for Venturers! Venturers from out of Patriots' Path Council and Boy Scouts of Venturing age are also welcome! The weekend will be full of super fun activities, meeting other Venturers, and even completing requirements for the Ranger Award and the new (Venturing, Discovery, Pathfinder, and Summit) Venturing awards!

Theme: Superheroes! Scouting appropriate costumes are welcome!

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Activities will include:

- Shooting Sports
- COPE
- Rock Climbing
- ATV's
- Mountain Biking
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- STEM
- Candy/Dessert making
- Many More

Not interested in earning awards? No problem! All the sessions have been designed to be incredibly fun and interesting! Sign up for whatever sessions appeal to you, and you'll have a blast!!

If you are interested in completing award requirements, simply check the session information document that will be available once we get registration up to see which sessions correspond to which award requirements.

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We are pleased to announce that the Autumn 2015 Volume 19, Issue 4, edition of THE TELEGRAPH "The Voice of Sea Scouts in the Northeast Region" has been posted on our Northeast Region Sea Scout Website at <http://www.nerseascout.org/> for your review, distribution, and reading pleasure.

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

This issue includes:

**Year End Message** by Noel Guzman, Regional Commodore

**A View from the Fo'c'sle** by Regional Boatswain's Mate Mercedes Matlock

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**Sea Scouts at the NYC Veterans Parade** by Liberty Flotilla

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**NER Sea Scouts Calendar of Events**

And a lot more entries... check out the issue!

Would love your feedback.

Thank you.

Deidre Buchner  
Editor, The Telegraph

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER: END OF THE YEAR REPORT

by Douglas Taylor, Southern Region Venturing President

As many of you know it is getting close to the end of year; the hustle and bustle of the season is picking up. With all of the craziness of the season, it is important to remember the true spirit of it.

At the end of the year most companies and government organizations give their end of the year report, but in Venturing terms we will still have 6 months to go. I feel it is important to give an update of what we have done as a region so far! These past six months has been very busy!

### ***Website, T-shirts and Council VOAs oh –my.***

At the beginning your Southern Region Officers all met in Dallas, Texas to plan out this year, and from then on we have only been raising the bar. In September I had the chance to attend the Area 5 Venturing event “The Legacy” which was an amazing time all around, and I can’t say thank you enough for Central North Carolina Council, Nancy Tipton, and the Area 5 VOA for showing such great ‘Southern Hospitality.’ They had everything from watersport to field games. A week later the entire regional VOA met in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to have the first ever Southern Region Venturing Officer Orientation. The focus was to better train the Southern Region Area Venturing Presidents to better help all the youth of the 98 Councils we serve.

After the return from orientation the Southern Region Venturing officers have been hard at work creating and gather resources to share with you. Last month, we launched our new website! It is looks amazing; thanks to the Southern Region Venturing VP of Communication, Hannah Wheaton. She worked long and hard to make a sweet, new website for you all, and she did just that. Maria Hagen, Southern Region Venturing VP of Program has been working on gathering resources to share with Council VOAs. I don’t want to say too much as she is excited to share it with everyone. We also started creating cool SRVenturing “swag” which should be launching on an online store platform just in time for the Holidays and if you want it now, email me at [southernregionventuring@gmail.com](mailto:southernregionventuring@gmail.com).

As for the 9 different Areas there are currently nine different Council VOAs being built as you are reading this! The number of Council VOAs in the Southern Region keeps growing and growing. If you haven’t had a chance to meet or talk to your Area Venturing President, you should because they are awesome and amazing people to work with. I can’t thank you them enough for all the hard work they are doing.

All in all, it has been a crazy six months and a lot has been done; but in no way shape or form is it over yet. We have a ton of cool things planned for the future!

If you going to Winterfest make sure to stop by our booth and say ‘Hi’ to us and compete in the Southern Region Scavenger hunt throughout the day! I wish everyone a very merry holiday season and a happy new year.

Douglas Taylor, Southern Region Venturing President

## **SOUTHERN REGION VENTURING PRESIDENT DOUGLAS TAYLOR**

Douglas Taylor is currently serving as the Southern Region President. He has been involved the Scouting program since he was a Tiger Cub. Since then he has grown up with the program from earning his Arrow of Light in Cub Scouts to the rank of Eagle Scout in 2013. Since joining Scouting Douglas has held many leadership positions from Troop Scribe to his Area VOA Vice President of Administration.

If there is a chance for him to experience something new, he is there. He has been to two Jamborees, once as Order of the Arrow Trek Guide staff. Douglas has also served on his council's NYLT for multiple courses. In Venturing, he has earned the Silver Award and the Area Venturing Leadership Award and is a member of the National Youth Leadership Society among other things. Outside of scouting he is currently Catawba College where he is currently a junior, double majoring in Environmental Science and Biology and serves as President of Catawba's Largest Environmental Club (ECO).

His goals for this 2015-2016 term range from establishing Best Practices to help the areas, councils and individual crews be successful to developing useful tools that help improve membership growth.

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### **Top Reasons for your Crew to make Lumpkin Adventure Base your 2016 camp experience!**

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#### **10. Plenty of program in base camp as well.**

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