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Central Region Exploring

Exploring Alum on CBS This Morning

Check out the CBS This Morning segment featuring law enforcement Exploring alumnus Officer Daniel Rodriguez from Orange County, California. "It came full circle for me. Working with the kids and trying to do my best at mentoring them, and using the skills that I kind of grasped from Jason, and trying to do what he's done for me, for all the other kids." In the video from CBS This Morning, watch the two officers explain how the Exploring program benefited both of them.

READ MORE (<https://www.exploring.org/blog/exploring-alum-shares-his-full-circle-journey-on-cbs-this-morning/>)
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2017 Recipients

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WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE 2019



Sea Scouts at the 24th World Scout Jamboree

By Sea Scouts, BSA



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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.

Introduction to Powder Horn

Powder Horn is a resource course designed to introduce Scouting's adults and youth to the exciting high-adventure program possibilities for their unit. The course supports the mission of strengthening units so they can achieve the mission of the Boy Scouts of America. One common denominator of successful courses is that creativity and variety play a role in the delivery of the curriculum. Each course is somewhat different, and that is a good thing.

Some courses have had participants arrive by canoe, horseback, or bike, or even on skis. Creativity is fun, too! The ultimate goal is for the participants to leave the Powder Horn course with a list of ideas to help their program, along with the contacts and resources needed to implement them. This will lead to a more exciting and robust program, which in turn should lead to increased membership and a higher retention rate in our units.

It is important to understand that Powder Horn is not a personal development course or a team-building experience. Its purpose is to educate the youth and adult Scouting leaders about specific high-adventure skills, to connect them to resources to deliver those skills, and to get them excited about delivering those skills in an exciting, challenging way to youth.

Seek out a course in your council or any course in your region for this adventure.



A Venturer Reports: A Scout Like Me

By Gen

I am, technically speaking, a Boy Scout. I have attended numerous Boy Scout camps and programs, such as camping and staffing at Goshen Scout Reservation, since I joined the Boy Scouts of America, or BSA, two and a half years ago. However, I am not a member of the Boy Scout program; I participate in Venturing. Now, I am 99.99% sure you've never heard of Venturing, since the only people who *have* heard of this organization are, or were once, members.

To summarize what this program involves, Venturing is a high-adventure-based program for young men and women aged 14-21, or for those who have already completed the eighth grade. We do activities from rock climbing to canoeing to backpacking to white-water rafting while learning essential outdoor and leadership skills. We are also very service oriented.

I began my time in the realm of scouting as a young, insecure, and timid sophomore in high school. Preceding this drastic change in my life, my main focus was my sport, swimming, and my schoolwork. To disinclude the mountains of homework sitting atop my desk, the weekly combat attack on my mind and body consisted of waking up at four o'clock every weekday morning for a two-hour swimming practice. On weekends, I got to sleep in, the alarm didn't go off until 5 o'clock for my two-and-a-half-hour Saturday morning swim practice. As a result of my day-to-day activities, I had a difficult time socializing with others. When I joined Venture Crew 27, I was faced with about 60 human beings with whom I had never met. The very thought of this, at one time, made me want to curl up into a tight ball forever.



Crew 27 Meets Colonel Charles Magee, WW 2 Fighter Pilot

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So, what changed? How did I begin my career as an outgoing, committed Scout if I could hardly handle socializing with the crowd? Well, ladies and gents, to tell the story, it all began when I took interest in applying to the US Air Force Academy. I, being prospective Air Force Academy Cadet, attended an open house (of sorts) at the Air Force Association to learn more about the Academy. The presenters at this event consisted of a few current Academy faculty, cadets, and volunteers. The presentation that most interested me, however, involved that of medical disqualifications. As a bit of background that I don't mind sharing, I have **TER-RIBLE vision. Terrible. Did you hear me? Terrible. So awful that I could've been medically disqualified by the Air Force, resulting in the premature termination of my Air Force career. As a bit of reference, I can't see anything past an inch of my nose when I'm not wearing my contacts!**

After sitting silently through an hour's worth of presentations, I placed myself in the back of the "medical questions" line intending to speak of my concerns with the flight surgeon by the name of Col. Pete Mapes, or Pete. Yes, we did briefly speak of my vision concerns, but I was definitely not expecting that my life would soon be forever changed. He suggested that I join the Boy Scouts of America to get out of my 'swimming monoculture' and develop my leadership.

I thought the man was crazy.

Nevertheless, the following weekend, I found myself at his house, picking up my new Venturing uniform-- a horrible mixture of baggy '60s-style forest-green pants, a matching forest green shirt, a white belt and an itchy, bright red, wool jacket -- then heading off to my first meeting.



**Gen preparing to serve as
VP-Admin for 2017 NSJ Crew 5107**

The week leading up to my first Crew 27 meeting I felt mostly apprehensive, yet somewhat excited, since I was so unsure of myself at the time but wanted new social opportunities. Today, when I think of that week, the once- and still-famed Eminem song comes to mind: "his palms are sweaty, knees weak, arms are heavy...." I definitely felt like I was going to "lose myself;" many of my typical emotions of happiness gave way to fear.

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At the time, all I thought I knew about the BSA involved the recurring image of young scouts camping out in the rain and telling goofy ghost stories around the campfire; therefore, I simply couldn't see the point of joining such an odd organization. Perhaps my judgment was clouded, since I was at war with myself: should I ditch my plans, or should I continue?

I charged into the situation without looking back. When that fateful Sunday evening finally arrived, I, wearing a bright pink Sectional team T-shirt, jeans, and UGGs, plopped myself down in the first chair I could find, and began sweating slightly. I sat there quietly with my legs crossed and stared at my useless hands in my lap. Then, I felt a friendly tap on my shoulder, turned, and was overwhelmed with a mass of dark brown hair. "Hi there!" said the voice. "My name is Johana. May I sit here?" She pointed at the seat next to mine. I smiled and nodded. After striking up a conversation with this bubbly spirit named Johana, we became close friends right away. I now consider her one as of my best and most loyal friends. After the meeting was over, I was in good spirits. I was still that shy sixteen-year-old; nobody can change that drastically in an hour-and-a-half span! However, I remember thinking that I had scaled, then rappelled down, the 40-foot mental brick wall I had subconsciously built myself in the week preceding the meeting. So, I had already begun to take small baby steps towards gaining more self-confidence.

As some more background on me, at this point in my life I had never flown in a plane. Nunca. Never. So, what do I wind up doing? Signing up to help teach the Aviation Merit Badge to twelve-year-olds, of course! My goal was simple: get some service hours for advancement and learn a little about planes in the meantime. It would be quick: just out to the airport and back for the day and, heck, I would be as good as gold and could go home and much-needed sleep.

Well, think again my friends! I received a call from Pete the night before my volunteering venture, informing me that I would have the opportunity to *fly* his plane when the course ended! I definitely felt very nervous, since I had never flown in my life, but at that point it was too late to turn back. When I clambered up the stairs and into the tiny doorway of that 1962 Cessna 175C the following day, my heart was racing a million miles a minute. My hands were clammy. My legs were shaking.

Nonetheless, Pete talked me through checking the plane, starting the plane, taxiing, using the steering and brakes and finally rolling down the runway for takeoff. Suddenly we were off the ground, and all I felt was pure liberation. He was telling me what to do, but not even touching the controls. The river looked like a glistening blue ribbon, the trees and homes like a 3D diorama, and the road like a children's playset: a line of cars driving atop an infinite stretch of black play-doh. At that moment, all I could see was the tiny scale of the world and the even tinier scale of my problems; life was put into a much bigger perspective. When we finally touched down after nearly three quarters of an hour in the air, I felt exhilarated. *I could conquer the world.*

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Gen in the pilot's seat of a 1953 Piper Tripacer with a huge smile!

Venturing has changed my life for the better; today, people wouldn't guess at how withdrawn I used to be. My takeaway message is to take on every opportunity you are handed, no matter how difficult, scary, or even insignificant. I wouldn't trade my experience in scouting for the world; I am so glad that I met Pete Mapes, overcame my fear, and attended that meeting at Twinbrook Baptist Church.

Now, nearly three years later, I proudly wear the RANGER Rank and I am planning a joint Summit Award Ceremony with another of my great friends from Crew 27 – Maggie. For background, about 1 Venturer in 1,000 earns the RANGER Rank and there have been less than 130 Summit Awards earned nationwide in the history of Venturing. The fact that two of us in one Crew qualified within three weeks of each other is nothing short of a miracle. Maggie is unusual too, she was one of only six Venturers in the National Capital Area Council to receive the Venturing Leadership Award in 2018. She is a senior in high school and last summer was elected Governor at Maryland Girls State. That position is the highest honor an attendee at Girls State can achieve. I am the second Venturer in my Crew to earn the Summit Award and the eleventh to earn the RANGER Rank. Maggie is the third Venturer in our Crew to earn Summit.

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By Gen



Gen at Goshen Scout Reservation's COPE Course with Crew 27

Now, on the topic of overcoming fear, let me tell you a little bit about the Corps of Cadets at Virginia Tech...!

Gen

Gen has been a member of Crew 27 in the National Capital Area Council since 10th grade. She has written several articles for 'The Forum' including one about Tuskegee Airman: Colonel Charles Magee, and one about the 2017 National Jamboree where she served as VP - Admin for Crew 5107. Gen earned RANGER after three weeks in the Goshen Scout Reservation Venturing Program over two years and a lot of challenging effort on her own in the summer of 2017. She was Crew 27's eleventh RANGER. She sat for and passed her District Board of Review for Summit in December of 2018 and is receiving the Summit Award on Sunday the 14th of January 2019. These two advancements make her one of Scouting's rare 'double Eagles.' Now a Freshman at Virginia Tech, Gen is in the Corps of Cadets and maintaining straight A's as an honor student in Mechanical Engineering. A competitive swimmer during high school, she held a number of pool records in northern Virginia. Gen has worked as staff at Goshen Scout Camp and has an incredible fund of knowledge about leadership and the outdoors. She also has . . . a sense of humor!

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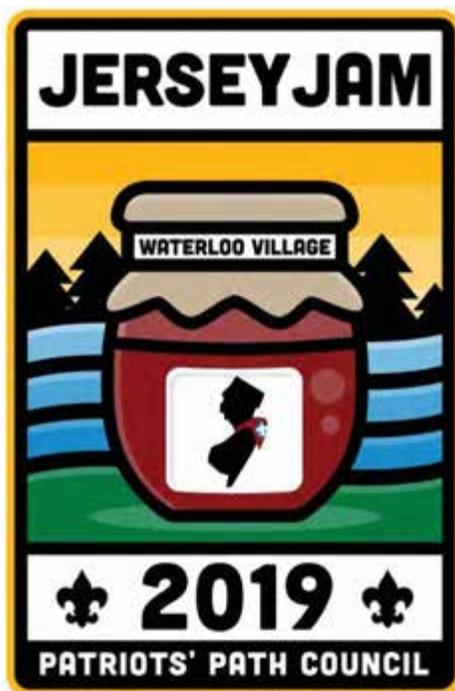
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Sail Aboard the USCG Eagle

By Sea Scouts, BSA



Every summer for over a decade, the Coast Guard has partnered with Sea Scouting to offer a weeklong sailing adventure aboard USCGC EAGLE to a select group of Sea Scouts from around the nation.

What exactly is it like to sail aboard the Eagle? Katie Bruton, a Quartermaster Sea Scout, provided a firsthand account of her 2015 life-changing adventure.

We began our voyage in Boston, Massachusetts where we boarded, had a safety briefing, and were assigned to our sleeping areas. During our safety briefing we were reminded that we would get as much out of the opportunity as we put in and that we were expected to do everything with the first year cadets. Some of our duties included preparing meals in the swaying messdeck for the 200 people on board, scrubbing the teak deck with Simple Green and water, polishing the brass for public tours, trimming sails for maximum speed and changing direction, and trying to stay awake in the scorching engine room at 1am. The multitude of lines we heaved and hoed during the week in order to trim the sails left us with dirty and callused hands. During our shifts, we also climbed aloft in some of the 6 miles of standing and running rigging to prepare the twenty-three sails to be set and stowed, used celestial navigation to pinpoint our location, and attended interactive trainings. These trainings included preparing for fire emergencies, man overboard, abandon ship, and weather safety.

The week of exhausting hard work did have its perks. At the beginning of the week, I, along with many of the cadets, stared at the whale-speckled horizon. We watched dolphins dance through the waves off the bow, did sunrise workouts, laughed at a 2-hour long talent show, and gazed at the glorious sunrises while standing in the rigging above the ship's deck.

I did not fully realize how amazing the opportunity was until I was 40 feet in the air watching the sunrise come over the surprisingly calm horizon of the Atlantic Ocean between Boston and New York. I knew how uniquely I was seeing the world and I was awestruck by the beauty of it.

Among an endless laundry list of things the experience taught me, is how so many people can come together to accomplish a common goal. Sailing on Eagle gave me a new view on life and I would not trade the experience for the world."

If you want to see more, check the Sea Scouts, BSA Facebook group from Aug 2018 for photos and posts about the 2018 cruise. You can check the USCGC EAGLE Facebook page as well, but please do not ask the EAGLE about this program on Facebook because they do not administer the selection process for the program – Sea Scouts does.

Do you think you have what it takes to join the crew of the USCGC EAGLE? Apply today!

Invitation to apply for Area, Regional, and National Boatswain

By Sea Scouts, BSA



I have always viewed the leadership positions that I held as opportunities to help other people. From Ship Boatswain's Mate of Program to National Boatswain, that position on leadership has never changed. As a youth led program we all have the unique opportunity to help others at the Area, Regional, and National levels. By serving as a Boatswain, you will be serving others in the Scouting program as you learn and grow as a leader.

After a being in Sea Scouts for only a month, my ship held elections and I ran for Boatswain's Mate of Program. I spoke about how I would like to see the ship increase the amount and diversity of our program offerings with more small boat days and even some camping. I didn't have the experience and qualifications that the other scout had, but I got elected because others saw that I wanted to help the program and the scouts.

Many of you probably don't know this but in 2017 I ran for Regional Boatswain, didn't get it. I also ran for Southern Region Area 3 Boatswain and didn't get that position either. In the end, I was selected to be the.

Southern Region Area 3 Boatswain's Mate and instead of beating myself up over not getting those positions, I decided to do as much as I possibly could for Sea Scouts. I started to form Sea Scout Ships and run area activities as smooth as possible, but I wasn't focused on blustering my resume. I was focused on helping Sea Scouts enjoy the program like I did.

These boatswain positions aren't about who has the longest resume or who can be the best public speaker, but rather what the applicant wants to do to improve our program. If you are someone who wants to help other people, or help the Sea Scout program grow, I urge you to apply for these positions. We need people who want to make that difference and make our program the best that it can be.

The application can be found at the end of this letter and the deadlines to apply are as follows:

National Sea Scout Boatswain:	February 15
Region Sea Scout Boatswain:	March 1
Area Sea Scout Boatswain:	March 15

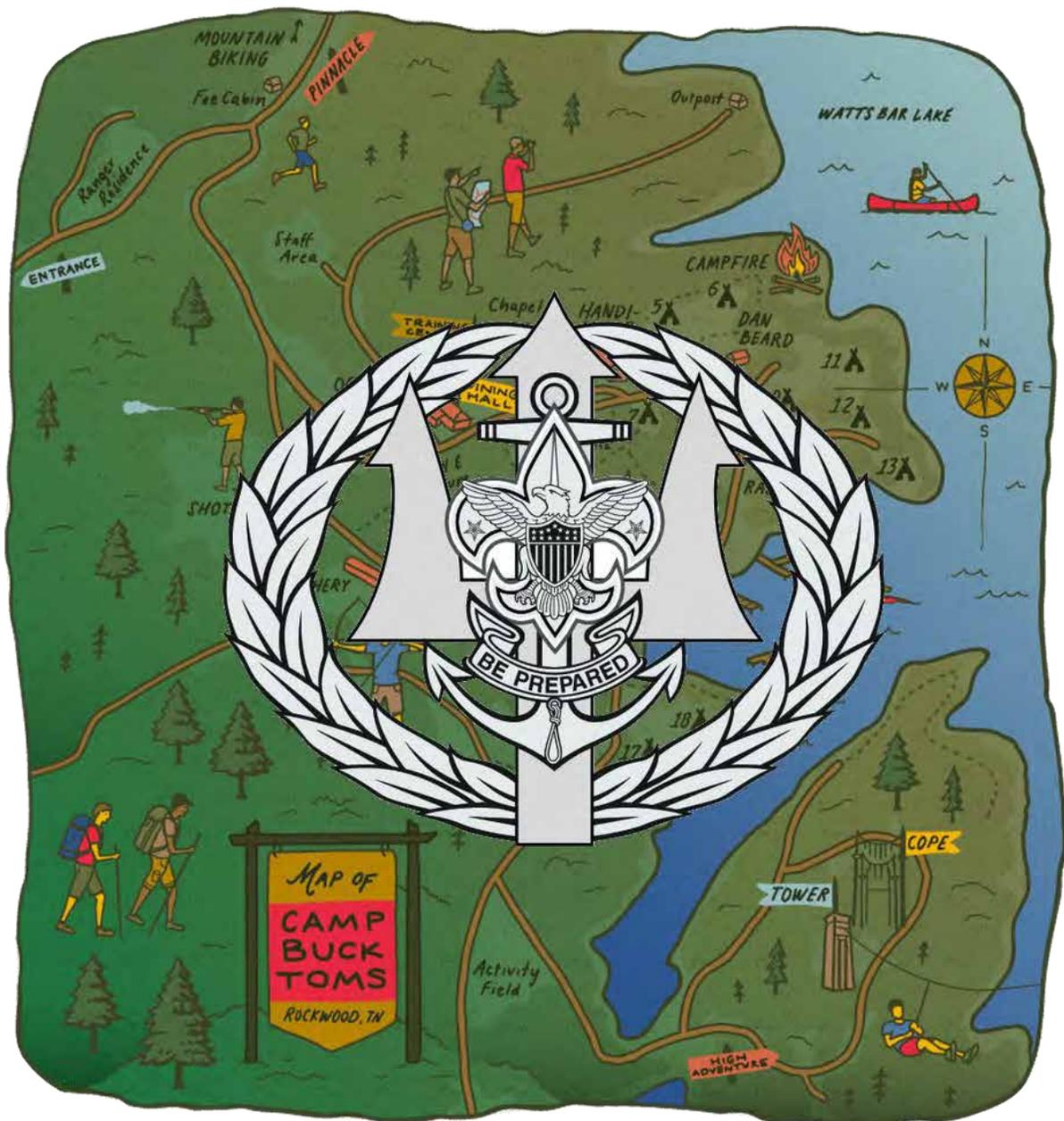
I look forward to seeing your applications and what your vision for Sea Scouting is!
Jack Otto

[BOATSWAIN APPLICATION CLOCK HERE](#)

Southern Region Seabadge Opportunities

by Southern Region Commodore | Jan 13, 2019

Registration is now open for Seabadge to be held in May hosted by Great Smoky Mountain Council near Knoxville, Tennessee. The Florida Seabadge at the end of January has been full for some time. A Seabadge is in the planning stages for North Texas in the late 2019/early 2020 timeframe but details are not available yet. So if you'd like to attend Seabadge in Southern Region this year, the Tennessee course is your best bet. See <http://tn.seabadge.info> for more information and for the registration link.



Marketing Material

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/>

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/>

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

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