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## New Standard Operating Procedures

*by Sea Scouts, BSA | Jan 25, 2017*

***Last week, in a letter to Sea Scout Volunteer Leaders along with Council/Area/Region Volunteers and Professionals, National Director, Keith Christopher, and National Commodore, Charles Wurster, released a set of Standard Operating Procedures for the Sea Scout Program. Why are these important and how will they help your ship?***

***The "Standard Operating Procedures" were developed to help Boy Scout Councils, Areas, and Regions with new and existing Sea Scout Ships to thrive. District Executives and Council Commissioners have repeatedly asked, "How do we support Sea Scouts?" The new Standard Operating Procedures are designed to support the core values of all Sea Scout Ships, whether the Ship focuses on sailing, cruising, paddle craft, scuba, or any other activity where Sea Scouts get on the water.***

***Sea Scout Ships nationally have similar programs and challenges, whether the Ship is on a coast or landlocked. The goal of the Standardized Operating Procedures is to provide solutions to challenges and strategies for success.***

***We welcome feedback from our Boy Scout Councils with successful Sea Scout Committees. If you have any best practices you wish to share that can be incorporated into future versions of the SOP, please do not hesitate to contact the Operations Group.***

**See Attachments**

## **Announcement 2017-2018 National Sea Scout Boatswain**



The National Sea Scout Support Committee announces the selection of Mercedes Matlock of Frederick, Maryland as the 2017-2018 National Sea Scout Boatswain. Her term of office will be from June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018. She is a member of Ship 59, SSS Sea Dogs, chartered by the YMCA of Frederick, Maryland, of the National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Mercedes will be the youth representative for Sea Scouts across the United States of America. She will report to the

National Commodore and the National Director of Sea Scouts. She will serve as the liaison to the Regional Boatswains and all other youth leaders.

Mercedes is an Able Scout, and has completed her quartermaster project and is waiting upon approval from council to have her board of review. During her time as a Sea Scout, she has served as her ship's Boatswain Mate of Program, Boatswain, and Purser, and the Northeast Region Boatswain Mate and Boatswain. She has worked as a camp counselor for three years at Boy Scout Camp Airy. She has served as a youth leader for Camp Lifeguard and is also a member of crew 1998, a shooting sports based crew. She has earned her religious emblem and the Girl Scout Bronze and Silver awards.

Mercedes has participated in several training programs to develop her skills as a leader. She graduated from both NYLT training (National Youth Leadership Training), and SEAL training (Sea Scout Advanced Leadership) courses. She has developed her seamanship skills by completing the Maryland Boating course, and competing in sailing regattas. She has earned the Mile Swim Award. She has earned certification as both a BSA, Red Cross lifeguard and Red Cross Waterfront lifeguard training. She has participated in the 2014 and 2016 William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup and the 2013 and 2015 Northeast Regional Sailing Championships, earning 2nd and 3rd place finishes.

She attends Hampton University as a Pre-Med Biology Major in hopes of gaining her M.D. PhD. to become a Pediatric Cardiologist and complete medical research. She was recognized for academic achievement by being placed on the Dean's list. She is a member of the Hampton University Varsity Sailing Team, Biology Club, Chemistry Club, Pre-Medical Club, and MAPS (Minority Association for Pre-Medical Students).

Mercedes' overall goal is to expand awareness and recognition of sea scouting and represent Sea Scouts across the nation in the best possible manner. Her goals are to broaden the program by increasing the number of scouts, connecting the youth leaders from all regions, and increasing awareness of the program using social media by developing content for a Sea Scout YouTube channel.

**Join us in congratulating Mercedes as the 2017-2018 National Sea Scout Boatswain!**



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To learn more about Sea Scout Ship 100 “Dominion” please visit [www.ship100.wordpress.com](http://www.ship100.wordpress.com).

The 2017 National Flagship Fleet was selected and wishes to recognize 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 Dragonlady Ship 1942, National Capital Area Council, Arlington, Virginia**

**SSS Decisive Ship 5011, Aloha Council, Kauai, Hawaii**

**Congratulations to each of these ships for their great programs in the past. We look forward to their continued involvement with the Sea Scout program around the country.**



## **Go Nomad!** *(This is not a cheer for your local sports team)*

Go Nomad is the theme for the 2017 Asia/Pacific Region (APR) Jamboree being hosted by the Mongolian Scout Association in late July, early August 2017. Nomads wander and roam the countryside and this is still the habit for about one half of the population of Mongolia.

Mongolia is about one quarter the size of the USA but we have 100 times the population so that going around in Mongolia it seems very large and empty. About one half of their three million population live in the capital city of Ulaan Baatar (there are many acceptable spellings of this name in English).



The Jamboree is going to be held just outside the city limits of the capital city in the national children's center, a facility built by the Soviets in the late 1970s. The theme of Jamboree will celebrate Mongolian culture which includes horse riding, camel riding, archery and other cultural activities and exchanges including a visit to the dinosaur museum. Did you know that more dinosaur remains have been found in Mongolia than anywhere else?

It is expected that about 10,000 Scouts from APR Scouting organizations and other countries will be in attendance.

The weather in Mongolia has two extremes, very hot and very cold. July and August is the hot part and temperatures are usually in the high 90s and dry.

Although the Jamboree is short in duration, the BSA contingent will be gone roughly three weeks. Here's the plan: We will travel in a group, probably leaving from Salt Lake City to Beijing, China. A three day stop in Beijing to visit the Forbidden City, the Great Wall and other sites then board the train for an exciting overnight ride to Ulaan Baatar. Arrive in Mongolia and move directly to the Jamboree site.

Since Mongolia is so spread out the post Jamboree stay is planned for five days. This will offer the opportunity for home stay, sight seeing in UB (even the Mongolians shorten it) and side trips to various points of interest around the country. There will be an opportunity to develop a menu of options for visiting coming in future updates.

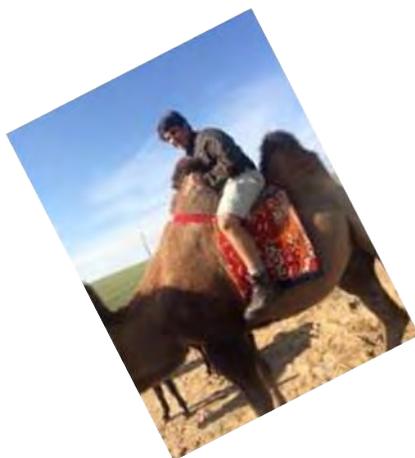
One must see is the giant (80 meter high) statue of Gengis Khan built on the site where he got his vision to spread conquer the world.

UB is a modern city in the midst of rapid growth. A special Scouting connection is that the lead architect for the design team on both the new international airport and the largest building in the country is a Scout and served as an International Camp Staff member in Camp Daniel Boone, NC in 2009.

After the Jamboree and visiting afterwards, we will fly directly from UB back through Beijing to Salt Lake City and then to your home towns. This travel will require both a valid US passport with at least six months remaining before the expiration date and a Chinese visa. Mongolia does not require a visa for short stays.

Head of contingent for this trip is Pete Armstrong, [28-654-9920](tel:28-654-9920), [peteberet@aol.com](mailto:peteberet@aol.com). This event is a Daniel Boone Council event not a BSA national event.

Since this is the bottom line I will tell you what I believe will be the bottom line, \$3000 all inclusive. Unfortunately this is an estimate because it is still too early to make the travel plans.





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Hello,

We are pleased to announce that the Spring 2017, Volume 21, Issue 2, 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:

**Regional Bridge of Honor and Sea Scout Ball**

**Flotilla Training Superfecta Reports**

**Marine Safety Alert from the US Coast Guard**

**“Mark Your Calendars” for the upcoming  
Regional Sailing Qualifiers and the  
Fall Seabadge 34-NY-2017 in Watkins Glen**

And lots of other great info submitted by our Ships!

Check out the issue!!

Would love your feedback.

Thank you.

Deidre Buchner  
Editor, The Telegraph

# The Recipe for a Successful Venturing Program

By Amy, President, NCAC/082, Crew 27

With strong youth leadership and support from parents, Crew 27 is proud to sustain a successful program. It takes more than excitement and interest to achieve consistency, it takes goals, vision, long range planning and trained youth leaders who put all this together for an exciting schedule. We often give credit to our never-ending roster of sixty-nine Venturers, but to smaller units who want to flourish, here's Crew 27's secret: planning in advance.

Each year, Crew 27 holds a planning meeting in early March. This takes place shortly after the newly-elected president takes office. The task is to plan the Crew's schedule from August through the following August and to insert long range activities like the 24th World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia in 2019. Last years leadership gave us a program through this summer so we have some breathing room to plan. Before the meeting, an interest survey is taken by the crew members, to gauge interest in various activities. During the planning meeting, crew leaders convene to develop the year's calendar through the following summer.

First, the Crew's goals must be identified. This year, the Crew wrote a list of four SMART goals based on advancement, fundraising, increasing mini crew activities (our adaptation of patrols), and development of scout skills. This is essential to maintaining direction and purpose.

Second, the top 15 activities from the interest survey were identified. We tried to pick activities that would help us satisfy particular goals - many were linked directly to advancement. For example, a backpacking activity fulfills Ranger requirements, and would support our development of scout skills. Activities with the most interest and achievement potential were prioritized high on our list. Some activities were combined: like fishing and canoeing.

Next, we identified the resources we would need for each activity. We knew that rafting required warm water and outfitters. A winter sports trip requires snow, and a ski resort. This is important because it allows us to take weather into account. The season of the activity drives the amount of time we have to plan for it.

Finally, we were able to create our calendar. Traditionally, Crew 27 does one major activity per month. Because we had identified the resources needed for each activity, we were able to prevent disaster. Remember, you can't kayak on ice. As always, our summer calendar included summer camp at Goshen, National Youth Leadership Training, our summer vacation trip, and a high adventure trip.

By the end of the day, the youth leaders of Crew 27 had constructed a calendar through August of 2018 and included the World Jamboree because sign up for that starts in September of 2017. Our ability to plan ahead has served us well, and provides a structure and consistency that is unique to our program.

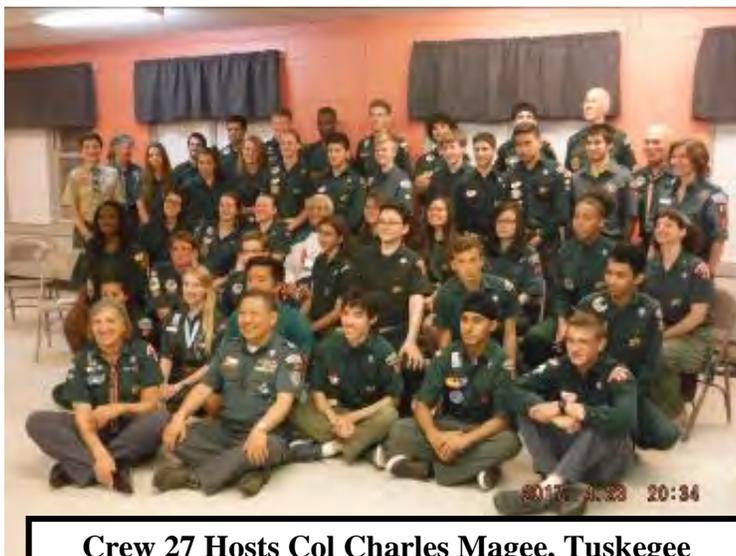
Amy took over as Crew 27 President in February of 2017 and quickly assembled the Crew into 6 miniCrews and a group of 'inactive' Venturers who were away at college or too busy to be in MiniCrews. This left roughly 10 in each group. Amy is a rising Junior at Poolesville High School in Maryland and holds the Discovery Award. She was elected Crew President on the first ballot in January in a field of three with a clear majority. Amy also serves as a MiniCrew Leader of the 'Centaur' MiniCrew of National Capital Area Council National Scout Jamboree Crew 5107. She is a graduate of NYLT and plans to attend NAYLE this summer as well as the National Scout Jamboree. She loves STEM and wants to be an Astrophysicist when she grows up.

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**Seth flies as a Young Eagle**



**Crew 27 Hosts Col Charles Magee, Tuskegee Airman**



**Crew 27 at the Medical Museum**



**Crew 27 Geocaching in Patapsco River State Park**



**Crew 27 at the 2017 NCAC Orienteering Camporee**



**Crew 27 at the 2017 NCAC University of Scouting**



## SEAL 20 17

Sea Scout Experience Advanced Leadership (SEAL) training teaches leadership skills while underway. It is designed to “jump start” the junior leaders of new Ships and to “fine tune” leaders of experienced Ships. It is a physically and mentally demanding and a remarkably rewarding hands-on leadership experience.

### Qualifications to Attend

This course is open to any Sea Scout or Scout or Venturer at least 14 years of age on the first day of the course and not yet 21 on the last day of the course. To attend a participant must be at least Ordinary for Sea Scouts, Pathfinder for Venturers and 1st Class for Boy Scouts by June 1st prior to this course.

### Skills Taught

Evaluation	Managing, Supervising & Commanding
Team Building	Motivating
Leadership	Counseling
Training	Problem Solving
Communicating	Planning & Preparing
Goal Setting	Implementing & Re-Implementing

### 2017 Course Locations and Dates

Additional course locations and dates might be added if required.

- Chesapeake Bay, MD June 23 – July 2, 2017
- Galveston Bay, TX June 30 – July 9, 2017
- Newport Beach, CA July 6 – 16, 2017
- Seattle, WA July 6 – 15, 2017
- Long Island Sound, NY August 5 – 13, 2017

### Cost

Costs are from \$250 to \$290 not including transportation to and from the course.

### Additional Information and Application

<http://seascout.org/youth-training-and-education/seal/>

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## Getting the Fleet Together at Sail Daze By Southern Region Commodore—Apr 21, 2017



It wasn't even Sunday and everyone was in a sun daze at sail daze. A few times a year the scouts and officers of the Sam Houston Area Council Fleet come together for a variety of joint Fleet activities and exercises. Every April or May, SHAC Fleet has traditionally hosted what it likes to call Sail Daze. At Sail Daze, scouts from all across SHAC come together for a day of sailing and fun on the water activities. There were a variety of activities held at Sail Daze and there was lots going on.

One of the most fundamental aspects of Sail Daze is in the name, the sailing! Ships from all around the council tow in trailers every year to Shell Beach at Houston Yacht Club loaded down with sunfish and lasers. Sunfish and lasers are awesome boats for Sail Daze for a couple of reasons. Firstly, they are fantastic boats to learn to sail on. Learning the basics and fundamentals of sailing such as boat nomenclature, points of sail and sailing techniques are usually far better understood by first time sailors when shown to them on a sunfish as opposed to a 30' sloop. It made it possible to bring in Boy Scouts and non-scouters to teach them about sailing and introduce them to the Sea Scout program. It allows them to make mistakes and learn without necessarily having to face the harsh consequences that can come with making mistakes on larger vessels. Additionally, they are small and easy to transport which makes them desirable vessels for this kind of event. A couple larger sailing vessels were trailered in, just being only slightly larger than a sunfish.

In addition to all the sailing, Sail Daze would not have been possible without the chase boats. The Fleet asked for 2 to be in attendance but had over 5 on stand by and they were definitely needed. Adventurous sunfish sailors ventured beyond the protected area off Shell Beach and soon learned their lesson. Strong winds throughout the day capsized, turtled and pushed astray countless sunfish, keeping the chase boat coxswains busy. After lunch a 3 point sunfish race was held. There was a



little confusion over the location of the markers due to increasing swell sizes. The race went on with relative success anyways and seemed to be enjoyed by all involved. Everything wouldn't have been possible without the work of Skipper Peter Cushman and Ship 208 in all getting everything ready for Sail Daze. From buying the food for lunch to organizing life guard watches and making sure all the equipment necessary was procured, it all wouldn't have been possible without their hard work. I think it is safe to say that Sail Daze was definitely a success.

By: SHAC Fleet Boatswain Nick Kramer

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By Sea Scouts, BSA -Apr 28, 2017



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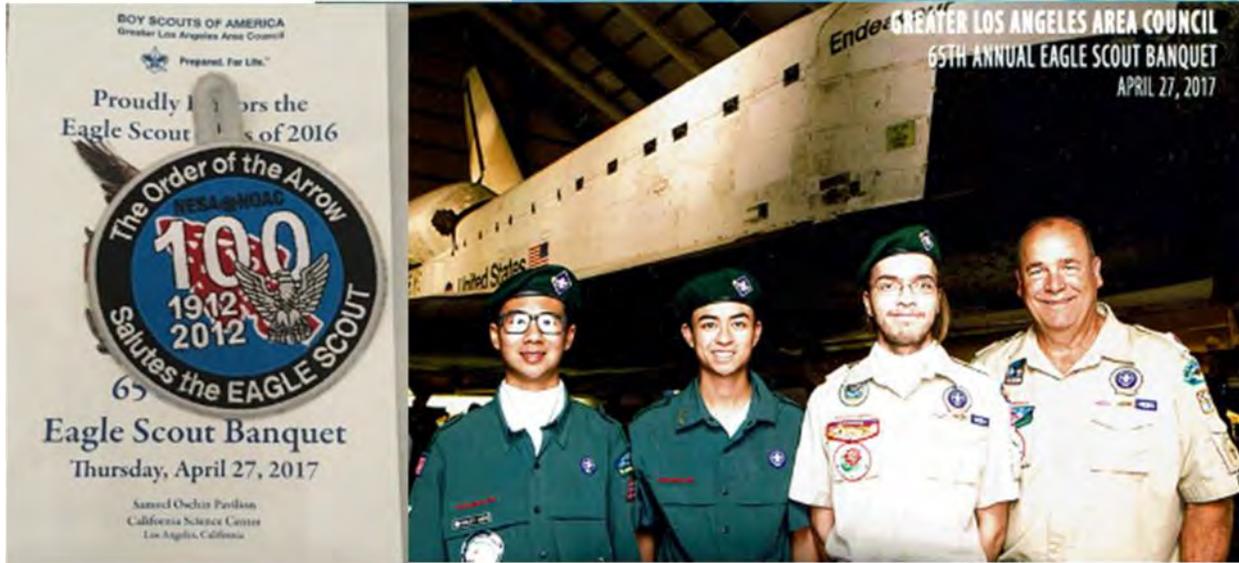
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## 2017 Greater Los Angeles Area Council 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Eagle Scout Banquet

Annual Eagle Scout Banquet held on April 27, 2017 at the California Science Center, Space Shuttle Endeavor Pavilion in Los Angeles, CA.



Venturing Crew 561 Honor Corps, Rose Bowl District, Greater Los Angeles Area Council. From left to right: Bailey, Brandon, Bryan, and Adult Leader Steve Rose.



Venturing Crew 561 Honor Corps performing the opening ceremony playing "Assembly" and "To The Colors".

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# 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

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

## Southern Region-Venturing

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

## Southern Region Sea Scout

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

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

## National Exploring

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

## Yahoo Groups

### Central Region

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

### Northeast Region

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

### Southern Region

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

### Western Region

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

### National

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



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