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The Central Point



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The July 2017 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/
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Central Region

SURVEY REVEALS CAREER INTERESTS OF THE FUTURE U.S. WORKFORCE BY Anissa R. Hicks

Original article by Scoutingnewsroom.org



STEM Leads the Pack while Skilled Trades Fall Further Behind

- STEM leads the pack with 45 percent of respondents interested in STEM careers, followed closely by career paths in arts and athletics.
- Only 3 percent of respondents expressed interest in skilled trades.
- Gender differences persist in engineering, health, business and technology.
- Exploring program poised to bridge the gap from career interests to career experiences

Irving, Texas (June 1, 2017) – Job reports often project future in-demand jobs, but those demands may go unanswered if these careers do not align with the interests of young people – the individuals who will fill the jobs of tomorrow. Exploring, a co-ed career-development program created by the Boy Scouts of America, today released the findings of its Career Interest Survey that sheds light on what today's young people actually want to be when they grow up. The survey highlights the need for programs that help bridge young people's career interests with in-demand careers through hands-on experiences.

The survey, which was fielded in 2016 to more than 150,000 students from 6th to 12th grade, gauged interest in more than 200 career options and resulted in a top 10 list that ranged from in-demand medical positions like nurses and physicians to more aspirational positions like professional athletes, singers, and actors. The survey also revealed that childhood ambitions evolve with maturity. Middle school respondents were twice as likely as their twelfth grade counterparts to select careers in athletics and the arts, while interest in health and business careers increased as respondents entered high school. In fact, the most popular careers were in STEM-related fields with 45 percent of respondents expressing the most interest in careers such as physician, mechanical engineer, computer programmer or marine biologist, with the health care field drawing the most interest.

"As a society, we must take the question of 'what do you want to be when you grow up' and flip it on its head. It's a difficult question for many young people to answer and one they shouldn't have to answer on their own. We must show youth the vast opportunities that exist and explain how their current interests can lead to a rewarding career in the future," said Michael Surbaugh, Chief Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of America. "Exploring creates a foundation tomorrow's leaders by allowing youth to explore their interests, discover new talents and begin to chart a path for the future."

The Exploring program offers young people, ages 10 through 20, the opportunity to spend time in the workplace and learn directly from professionals. These youth gain valuable real-world experiences to help them determine how their interests could translate into career options. Although the Career Interest Survey primarily helps match students with the workplace experiences that best match his or her interests, survey results also point to important emerging trends about America's future workforce.

Health Care is HOT.

Four of the 10 most popular career options cited by survey respondents were in the health care field, an area that is expected to grow in the coming years as the U.S. population grows older. Other science and engineering fields drew interest from 18 percent of respondents, with mechanical engineer rounding out the top 10 fields garnering the most student interest.

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Original article by Scoutingnewsroom.org

The top 10 most popular careers include:

1. Registered nurse
2. Professional athlete
3. Artist
4. Musician/singer
5. Athletic trainer/sports medicine
6. Physician/surgeon
7. Actor/Actress
8. Veterinarian/Veterinary technician
9. Photographer
10. Mechanical engineer

Skilled Trades May Continue to Face Labor Shortages



Only 3 percent of survey respondents expressed interest in one of the skilled trades, and nearly half of those – 46 percent – are interested in automotive work, a field that may experience decreasing demand as vehicle technology advances.

Gender Gaps Persist in Numerous Fields

Female respondents expressed less interest in engineering, business and trades than men, while male students expressed less interest in healthcare, social services, and arts and humanities.

- Eighteen percent of male students chose an engineering career, compared to 3 percent of females.
- Twelve percent of male respondents expressed interest in a health career compared to 40 percent of female respondents.
- Male respondents were twice as likely to choose a business career as women (14 percent vs. 7 percent).
- Young women who took the survey were 86 percent less likely than young men to say they want a career in computing – such as programming, support, analytics, and software development.

“In addition to informing career choices, the workplace experiences provided through Exploring can help debunk some of the stereotypes and social patterns that persist today,” Surbaugh said. “If we can help students see that people from all walks of life can succeed in a wide range of fields, we can open their eyes to career opportunities that they may not have previously considered.”

More than 2.8 million young people have participated in the Exploring program since its founding in 1998. To learn more about how to get involved in Exploring, visit www.exploring.org.

About the Exploring Program

The Exploring program is available to youth through Learning for Life, an affiliate of the Boy Scouts of America that provides character, leadership, and career education programs through sponsoring agencies or groups. The Exploring Program is currently offered in nearly 5,000 units nationwide, serving over 110,000 young men and women. To learn more about Exploring and experience all that this program has to offer youth, business leaders and the community, visit www.exploring.org.

About the Boy Scouts of America

The Boy Scouts of America provides the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training, which helps young people be “Prepared. For Life.®” The Scouting organization is composed of nearly 2.3 million youth members between the ages of 7 and 21 and approximately 960,000 volunteers in local councils throughout the United States and its territories. For more information on the Boy Scouts of America, please visit www.scouting.org.

COMMISSIONER SERVICE TO EXPLORING UNITS

It's here! As of March 1, 2017, Exploring units are now available in Commissioner Tools, including membership data. Reliable training data is coming soon. This means both Commissioners and Service Team Members can now record contacts for Explorer posts and clubs.

- Users can enter contacts using criteria based on the 2017 Post/Club JTE scorecard.
- Commissioners may be assigned to Posts and Clubs.
- Posts and Clubs have yet to be integrated into other my.Scouting Tools; although Exploring unit leader training has been available for several months from My Dashboard.

TRAINING

MY.Scouting: By end of April 2017, a supplemental module for Commissioners working with Exploring Units will be available in the BSA Learn Center within my.Scouting. The module, *Servicing Exploring Units*, will focus on the following learning objectives:

- Understand the role and structure of an Exploring Service Team
- Understand the role of a Unit Commissioner supporting Exploring Units in place of a service team member
- Understand the role of the Exploring Committee
- Become familiar with the tools and resources available to support units
- Understand the differences between unit service of a traditional Scouting Unit and an Exploring Unit

For a more in depth Exploring service training, Commissioners should complete the Service Team learning plans in Exploring LMS within [my.Scouting.org](#).

RESOURCES

[Commissioner Tools Troubleshooting Guide \(In FORUM attachments\)](#)

[Commissioner Service to Exploring Introduction PPT](#)

[Commissioner Service to Exploring FAQs \(In FORUM attachments\)](#)

[COMING SOON: Recorded Commissioner Service to Exploring Webinar \(Available after 4/18/17\)](#)

SUPPORT

For system-related issues including down time, please email the Member Care Contact Center at myscouting@scouting.org, or call 972-580-2489 and log an incident to ensure proper handling and tracking.





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New Century Universal Sea Scout Uniform

The "New Century" Universal Sea Scout Uniform is intended to make it easy for members of newly formed Sea Scout Ships to outfit themselves in a Sea Scout uniform; and it may be chosen by any unit, new or existing. When chosen by the unit, this universal uniform is worn by all youth and adult Ship members and serves as both a dress uniform and a work uniform. More details about the New Century Universal Sea Scout Uniform can be found in the Sea Scout Manual.

New Century Universal Sea Scout Uniform Components



- Navy Blue ball cap, No. 618623; with SEA SCOUTS and the Sea Scout logo embroidered in white. Youth may wear the white Dixie cup (unit option) and adults may wear the white combination cover (unit option).
- Dark Navy Blue shirt; similar to Dickies Nos. 1574DN (male) and FS574DN (female), color DN, dark navy.
- Dark Navy Blue crew-neck t-shirt.
- Optional neckerchief for youth (unit option) either the New Century Neckerchief, No. 618626 (black "tar flap" design), or Sea Scout Neckerchief No. 618625 (triangular black; with white embroidered Sea Scout First Class Anchor and edging), or none.
- Dark Navy Blue trousers; similar to Dickies Nos. 874DN (male) and 774DN (female), color DN, dark navy.
- Black web belt and buckle with Sea Scout logo, No. 618624.
- Black plain-toe shoes and black socks.





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New Century Universal Sea Scout Uniform Specifics and Tips

- “Unit option” means that all the members of a Ship (unit) wear the optional item; based upon a unit decision.
- The neckerchiefs may be tied with a reef (square) knot or an inverted wall knot that drapes better (unit option).
- Placement of awards and insignia (on a black background) is similar to other BSA uniforms (see below).
- Sea Scout uniforms are worn without temporary patches to help retain a sharp appearance.
- Matching shorts, or cargo shorts, may be worn; similar to Dickies No. 40214RDN, color RDN, rinsed dark navy.
- Remove all manufacturers’ labels and marks that show on the outside of the garment.
- Activity footwear such as boat shoes, hiking boots, or athletic shoes may be worn as appropriate to the activity.
- Shirts and trousers can be purchased at stores or websites that carry work clothing such as www.dickies.com, or at Sears or Wal-Mart retail stores.

New Century Universal Sea Scout Uniform Insignia

(Required insignia are marked with an asterisk*.)

Right Side	Left Side
Sleeve <ul style="list-style-type: none">• American Flag*• Universal Sea Scout Emblem or custom ship emblem*• Journey to Excellence• National Flagship Award or National Flagship Fleet Award is worn in place of the JTE	Sleeve <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council Strip*• Unit Number*• Badge of Office*• Trained Strip• Long Cruise Badge and Arcs
Over Pocket <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sea Badge Pin• Nameplate (black with white lettering)• Sea Scouts BSA strip*	Over Pocket <ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Crest*- with appropriate ring insignia• SEAL Pin• Knots (up to six)• BSA Authorized Suspended Medals (suggested for formal events)
Pocket Flap <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Order of the Arrow lodge flap	Pocket Flap <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None
Pocket <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Long Cruise Badge and arcs may be worn centered on the right pocket; the arcs encircle the badge.• Otherwise, none	Pocket <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Youth Rank Insignia



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Liability Insurance for Watercraft

Q. How does BSA general liability insurance work for volunteers using watercraft in the Sea Scout program?

The Basics

The BSA has comprehensive general liability insurance coverage for volunteers engaged in official Scouting activities.

Some watercraft are automatically covered by BSA liability insurance (whether owned by the local council, a chartered organization, or others), such as canoes, kayaks, catamarans and sailboats less than 26 feet long, rafts, rowboats, and watercraft with less than 40 horsepower. Council-owned watercraft over 26 feet long and/or 40 horsepower are covered by BSA liability insurance; these watercraft should be listed on the council-owned watercraft inventory.

The owner (the chartered organization or others) of watercraft used in Scouting must have liability insurance:

- Under 26 feet—Should have \$300,000 in coverage. (Many watercraft under 26 feet long are exempt as noted above.)
- Twenty-six feet and over—Should have \$500,000 in coverage.

Application of coverage:

- A registered volunteer's watercraft insurance is primary, along with homeowners or personal liability, if applicable, up to their limits, then BSA coverage is excess.
- An unregistered volunteer's watercraft insurance is primary, along with homeowners or personal liability, if applicable, up to their limits, then BSA coverage is excess.
- A chartered organization's watercraft insurance is primary, up to its limit, then BSA coverage is excess.

More Details

- No hull damage coverage is provided.
- Navigational limits: inland and coastal waters of the U.S., Bahamas, Mexico, and Canada, not exceeding 100 miles offshore
- BSA insurance covers watercraft use by a Scouting unit for official Scouting activities. When used for other purposes, the owners must provide their own liability insurance.
- BSA insurance doesn't cover intentional wrongdoing or criminal acts.
- Follow the Guide to Safe Scouting, which includes a list of unauthorized and restricted activities. Unauthorized activities aren't official Scouting activities.

Insomniacs Revenge 2017 ~ Sept. 22 – 24

NEPA BSA VOA

Presents

Insomniacs Revenge 2017 “Vampire VS. Werewolves”

NEPA Council VOA Presents ~ Insomniacs Revenge!

Open to any registered Venturer or Boy Scout over 13.

September 22 - 24, 2017

Goose Pond Scout Reservation

Midnight Rave

Vampire Shooting Sports

Costume Contest

Haunted Trails

Treasure Hunting

War Games

Vampires' Masquerade

Extreme Man Hunt

Make a 'silver' Bullet

Cost Per Person:

Early Bird Discount: \$40

After September 2nd: \$45

After September 16th: \$50

Welcome to a war-torn world full of the monsters of the night. Choose your side carefully. Will you be an Intellectual Vampire or a Raging Werewolf?



All of this is coming in fall to camp near you; this year's Insomniacs Revenge! It is hosted by the NEPA Council Venturing Officers Association. The theme for this year's event is Vampires Vs. Werewolves. It will be held at Goose Pond Scout Reservation on September 22nd through the 24th. This event is open to Ventures and Boy Scouts ages 14 and up

An Event you can sink your teeth into!

Fight for your Species Points

All throughout the event, you will be able to gain species points for your Clan. Some ways you can earn them are going to every event you signed up for, sportsmanship, living up to the Scout Oath and Law, and showing good teamwork. Points will also be awarded during the Final Tournament (adventure Race) to decide the untimate victors!

Cardboard "Coffin" Regata

And what's adventure without a Cardboard "Coffin" Regatta? We will host a Cardboard "Coffin" Regatta Saturday evening. Crews "Clans" will have the option to build a cardboard boat BEFORE the revenge to race. The ENTIRE boat must be built of cardboard, duct tape, and one latex paint. The official rules can be found in the leaders guide.

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A Venturer Reports: Senior Scout Day at The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences

Edited by Courtney, Crew 27, National Capital Area Council



The Campus of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences

The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS, or USU for short) is the United States only federal medical university. It provides graduate education in the healthcare sciences to hundreds of people each year, most are military officers. It trains physicians, graduate nurses, clinical psychologists, public health specialists, and doctoral candidates in the basic sciences. Medical students at USU come from colleges around the country, or may have had other careers first. Once they arrive at USU, they are commissioned as officers in the military services (Army, Navy, and Air Force) or U.S. Public Health Service and are paid full salary

to attend medical school. On graduation, they owe the government seven years of service as a physician in the military but these seven years do not include the time needed to attend internship and residency. On the other hand, they have no student debt for medical school!

The University:

“Provides the Nation with health professionals dedicated to a career of service in the Department of Defense and the United States Public Health Service and with outstanding scientists who serve the common good” and is “recognized as the preeminent center for the study of military medicine, tropical disease, disaster medicine, and adaptation to extreme environments.” The USU mission statement is:



A Graduating Class of Physicians at the USU, F. Eduard Hebert School of Medicine

Fosters and assesses the skills, knowledge, and professionalism of students necessary for success in graduate medical education and military medical practice;
Maintains an academic environment strongly supporting productive basic science and clinical research endeavors;
Fosters academic excellence through effective faculty development programs, periodic faculty review, and strong support for academic advancement;
Demonstrates, through a skilled faculty, the role model of a compassionate, dedicated caregiver and teacher as well as an innovative, ethical clinician-scientist;
Supports military readiness with in-depth expertise on infectious diseases, toxic exposures, wellness measures, and other internal medicine concerns of particular operational significance;
Fosters academic excellence in professional training throughout military graduate medical education;
Provides public presentations supporting graduate and continuing medical education on internal medicine and related topics.

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On May 7th, the University had a Senior Scout Day. USUHS opened its doors to older Girl and Boy Scouts, Explorers, and Venturers. This day was directed to Scouts who might be interested in a military and/or a medical career. Crew 27 sent six scouts to the four-hour event, as well as two advisors. The day began with a welcome from the Dean of the medical school, Dr. Arthur Kellermann. He was followed by retired Lieutenant General Eric Schoomaker, USA (ret) {Former Surgeon General of the U.S. Army}, who gave a presentation on the history of military medicine. LTG Schoomaker currently serves as Professor and Vice-chair for Leadership, Centers and Programs in the Department of Military and Emergency Medicine.



Some Participants at the 2017 USUHS Scout Day

When LTG Schoomaker finished his talk, we were educated by a panel of six medical students who explained what medical school is like. The medical students divided us into six groups of about ten people each and provided us with a walking tour of USUHS. At the conclusion of our campus tour, we were brought back to the auditorium where we learned what experiences and academics medical schools like their applicants to have. This information was conveyed through a panel made up of interviewers and members of the Admissions Committee.

Growing up in Tennessee, Dr. Kellermann was a B+ student but his small, rural

high school didn't prepare him very well for college math and science. When he reached college, he worked harder than he ever had and still finished his first year with a C in Chemistry and nearly a D in calculus. "I was convinced that I was the dumbest student at my school, and seriously thought about giving up my dream of becoming a doctor. But shortly before he returned for his second year of college, he spent an evening talking with one of his hometown doctors (and the only African-American physician in the area). Dr. Hiram Moore's pep talk convinced him that medicine was his calling and he returned to college with the confidence and energy he needed to succeed.

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That evening conversation with Dr. Moore was a turning point for Dean Kellermann. Before that, he was focused on HOW to become a doctor - make good grades, study hard, take classwork in math and science. Dr. Moore reminded him of WHY he wanted to be a doctor - to help people, to support his community and to serve the country.

Now, as Dean of "America's Medical School" at USU, Dean Kellermann seeks to motivate today's students to believe they can excel regardless of their background and circumstances. To succeed, students need to focus on the future, believe in themselves, work hard, and not be discouraged, or talked out of trying. All of us can make a difference - as a doctor, nurse, dentist, teacher, coach, businessperson or any other profession we choose.

He made it through college and did get into medical school. He has strong interests in academic medicine and when USUHS was searching for a new Dean, he got the job!

After Dean Kellermann, LTG Eric Schoomaker, M.D., Ph.D., USA (Ret.), Professor and Vice Chair for Leadership, Centers and Programs Department of Military and Emergency Medicine at



Dean Arthur Kellermann, MD discusses motivation, leadership and standards of conduct

USUHS gave a presentation on the history of military medicine. LTG Schoomaker is a retired Surgeon General of the United States Army and has had numerous experiences in war. His presentation detailed the history of medicine in combat and explained many of the improvements to modern medicine were developed during times of conflict. Examples included battlefield evacuation, mosquito borne disease investigation, the beginning of Gastroenterology as a science within medicine and the use of vaccines.

He spoke of how timely battlefield evacuation of the injured was first developed and practiced in the American Civil War. He explained how doctors first made the connection between water sources and cholera in times of peace to how amputees and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) patients are being treated and reacclimatized into civilian life after recent wars. He also discussed the rapid advancement of on-site self-treatment options for soldiers.



LTGEN Schoomaker (center) introduces us to legendary military physicians:

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During our visit, we had the privilege of being addressed by a panel of medical students who gave us their accounts of the application process. The panel included the following students: Chelsea Ausman, Quinn Bot, David Ediger, Aaron Montgomery, and Greg Rogers, most of whom had been Scouts themselves. The panel shared what inspired them to pursue the field of medicine while giving tips to those who wished to go into a medical career. They were very direct in their guidance on how to be successful when applying to medical school. They shared the many different paths they took to reach their positions as USUHS students. One interesting thing that they shared was that their pre-med majors did not have to be related to medicine. They noted that their colleagues had majored in such diverse subjects as dance, history, English or music. We were told that your major or pre-med coursework didn't matter much as long as you pass the Medical Colleges Admissions Test (MCAT) and take all of the required prerequisite courses for medical school admission.

A common theme from all of the students was that being successful at medical school requires rigorous studying and enduring commitment. Medical school applications need to stand out in a good sense. One of the students shared that his status as an Eagle Scout helped him get an interview with the school. Apparently, Scouting achievements and leadership opportunities can help you both practically and on paper. Since USUHS students are heading into military service from the University, they also explained how that experience has shaped some of their schooling.

Each of the students took a group of about ten Scouts on a tour of the medical school. They explained how the building is used by students. We were shown the common room, library, courtyard, and lecture halls before returning to the auditorium. It was clear that the students shared a strong sense of community, often spending free time together studying or hanging out in the common room. Because medical knowledge advances so rapidly, the library is more of a study space and digital archive than libraries found at most colleges. Other than lectures and labs, we were told that students could take many of their classes online if they wished, using a textbook to teach themselves a portion of the curriculum.

The student who led my tour explained how less traditional principles of western medicine were starting to be studied and practiced such as yoga, acupuncture, and painting. Coupled with the military side of USUHS, these therapies can often be very useful. My guide commented that his Scout skills put him ahead of many who were more senior to him. The outdoor skills Scouting gave him provided tremendous outdoor expertise that he could capitalize on to do a great job in austere conditions.



Walter Reed investigating the transmission of mosquito borne diseases

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The medical school admissions panel consisted of the following members: Peter Mapes, MD, MPH; Martha Lenhart, MD., Ph.D., 2LT Jason Ausman, and Mrs. Joan Stearman. Applications to medical schools begin quite early in the summer. During June following their Junior year in college, aspiring med students complete the primary medical school application, usually through the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS). The AMCAS application window opens June 1 and ends November 1. After the online application is completed, it can be forwarded to nearly all North American allopathic medical schools (Allopathic schools grant an 'MD' degree – Osteopathic schools grant a 'DO' degree). The AMCAS application includes official college transcripts, a personal statement, lists of extracurricular activities and the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) results. USUHS also requires a letter of recommendation from a student's college premedical committee and a clinical supervisor. Clinical supervisors oversee the work applicants do to gain medical experience. This could be either volunteer work, or shadowing – or paid work, like being a medical scribe. Some medical school applicants are nurses or other healthcare professionals with extensive clinical experience. If an applicant to USUHS has good grades and high enough MCAT scores, the student may be invited for an interview. Every year the school gets over 3,000 applicants and interviews 550 to fill a class of 171 medical students. Of the 550 interviewees, offers are usually tendered to approximately 275. So, before getting an interview, the odds of getting accepted are roughly 1:10 and after the interview, they are 1:2.

Interviewers are not given access to applicants' applications, grades, test scores, etc. The objective of the interview is to gain the genuine essence of the applicant's character and determine how well they communicate in person. Dr. Mapes explained it this way, 'do you want the person you are interviewing to be your doctor?' The interview may also provide a window into circumstances that might not otherwise have come to light. For instance, a semester of poor grades may be due to an illness or loss of a loved one. Students' interviewing at the Uniformed Services University School of Medicine are evaluated on five main factors. These include their motivation for a medical career, motivation for a military career, leadership skills, integrity, and communication skills.

From this event, it became clear to all of us that Scouting provided immense benefit to people interviewing for medical school. We learn to treat people in accordance with the Scout Oath and Law and that is how doctors should treat patients. At USUHS, a premium is placed on the delivery of medicine in austere circumstances. As Scouts, we are used to austere circumstances because of our outdoor programs and exposure. Doctors need to be leaders and Scouting is one of the best leadership training and practice programs in the world. Doctors need to be excellent communicators and Scouts who meet advancement requirements are constantly teaching and presenting program in their units. Scout Day at USUHS made it clear that if we apply ourselves academically, the rest of the intangibles required to get selected for medical school are developed extensively by Scouting. We had no idea how well we were being prepared before we attended Scout Day at USU.

If you would like to know more about the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, its address is:

**Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences
Admissions Office
4301 Jones Bridge Road, A1041
Bethesda, Maryland 20814-4799**

You can learn more about USU on line at: <https://www.usuhs.edu/med/mission-statement>

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If you must owe for school, owe it to them.



Courtney & The Authors

Maryam will be going into my Junior year at the Academy of the Holy Cross. Her favorite subject was AP US History and I've recently gotten my Venturing Award as I have recently joined the crew. Her favorite thing about Venturing is the skills we acquire that are applicable in other fields and spending time with my fellow venturers.

Courtney is a rising freshman at Poolesville High School and their favorite subject is Media Productions. They have been in the crew for about ten months; Courtney currently has their Discovery Award and is the crew's Historian. The time Courtney has spent with the crew has provided them with invaluable skills that can be applied in many facets of life.

Bilal is a rising freshman at Harvard University. His favorite subject is psychology and has been part of Crew 27 for two years this month. He currently have his Discovery award, have served for one year as Crew VP Admin, and currently serve as Crew Guide of Service. His favorite thing about Venturing is the vast array of unique and valuable opportunities it offers youth that cannot be attained elsewhere, such as leadership training, wilderness survival skills, first aid, or touring medical schools. Skills we pick up in Venturing, some of which are not even taught in school, give us a leg up in all aspects of life, from academics to social life to basic survival skills.

Annie is an eight grader at St Elizabeth's School. This is her first month in Venturing, she has earned her Venturing Award and is currently serving as the Quartermaster of Jamboree Mini-crew D. Besides Venturing she is in active in Girl Scout and the Robotics club.

The Learning Experience of a Lifetime: NAYLE Sea Base 2017

By: Greta Ketchner

In the beginning of the summer I ventured down to Scout Key, FL to attend Sea Base National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience. NAYLE is a special experience in which youth are able to put the knowledge gained from NYLT into action in a crew setting. The adventure began Saturday the 24th when I arrived at Camp Sawyer. After settling in I realized we would be spending the week in paradise. My tent was right next to the ocean and it was great (except for when the fire ants came to visit me throughout the week)! The contingent of NAYLE session 2 was composed of four different crews cleverly named after the history of Florida. My crew was Tequesta, after the group of Native Americans who lived in South Florida.

I quickly met a lot of amazing and unique people who traveled from all over the U.S. and Germany. On the first day, we completed a challenge course and learned about each other's strengths and weaknesses. There was also a devotional service next to the water which was beautiful. My crew spent the week sharing duties of cooking, cleaning, and leading. Everyone had a different way to tackle the tasks which we were given. The diversity developed each person into a stronger leader as the week progressed. On Tuesday night, there was a songfest and we shared our own twists on the songs from scouting.

Throughout the week everyone had the opportunity to practice servant leadership to others. One phrase which was emphasized through the week was primus inter pares. The Latin phrase translates to first among equals. In servant leadership, it is important to consider the needs of others before yourself. Each day, we would have a session going beyond NYLT in which we would discuss different aspects of leadership and which stage of team development our crew was in. This reflection time was important to me because it helped to build stronger relationships with members of my crew.

Throughout the week, we experienced the beauty of the Florida Keys. Most of the time I was wearing a bathing suit. Our water activities included snorkeling and kayaking on the ocean. We had a geocaching course which included on land and water caches. We were fortunate to have guest speakers who shared their expertise on coral bleaching, marine sanctuaries and constellations. On a clear night, two members from the Southern Cross Astronomical Society brought a telescope to look at the sky. One day we traveled to Key West exploring the island. It was very different than Scout Key, where we spent the majority of our time. We also visited Bahia Honda state park.

In an effort to give back to the community, we spent a morning mapping seagrass near the shore of Camp Sawyer. Seagrass has an important role in the ocean environment to provide food and shelter for animals. It also secures the sand and coral to the ocean floor providing stability to reef environments. With our reports scientists will be able to predict environmental changes and understand the ocean habitats around where we mapped. We also worked on a conservation project by pulling up invasive species from the camp grounds.

I am glad I was able to experience NAYLE at Florida Sea Base. It was an experience which I will never forget. Everything I have learned I will use throughout life. If you are considering attending NAYLE, Go For It!



View Point: A Rendezvous with Baseball Ledged "Sweet Lou"



In this installment of View Point, I interviewed former Pro Baseball Player, Coach, and Manager, Lou Piniella.

Mr. Piniella started his career as an outfielder in the major leagues. He played sixteen seasons with the Baltimore Orioles, Cleveland Indians, Kansas City Royals and New York Yankees. During his playing career, he was named AL Rookie of the Year in 1969 and captured two World Series championships with the Yankees in 1977 and 1978. He was nicknamed "Sweet Lou", both for his swing as a major league hitter and, facetiously, to describe his demeanor as a player and manager.

[JS] You were a player, a coach a manager and a broadcaster? What career did you like the most, and why?

[LP]"Well playing was by far the most fun. Managing had a lot of responsibilities. Broadcasting is Okay, but playing definitely is the most fun. You get to play with a lot of great players. You can make a lot of great friendships. I had the opportunity to play on many championship teams, so playing was by far the most fun for me, "

[JS] What piece of advice were you given at an early age that you value most today?

[LP]"To work hard, pay attention to my teachers and my coaches, and to never give up on myself and to keep striving to get better."

[JS] What memory out of your entire career in baseball, was your favorite?

[LP]"I have many. I really had. My first at bat in the big leagues. I played six full years in the minors, so I, I struggled to get to the big leagues, I really did. First at bat for the Kansas City Royals in 1969, First championship we won, the Yankees in 1977. And then the 90's Season with the Reds, world championship in 1990.

[JS] Who was the biggest influence on your life? Why?

[LP]"Probably my mom. She encouraged me. You know, she loved baseball. So she was somewhat of a coach, but the encouragement she gave me was second to none.

[JS] What is the one thing you wish you knew as a teenager that you know now?

[LP]" Well a lot of things? A whole lot of things. There's no substitute for experience and going through the trials and tribulations of life. At age 16, 17, you're a young bull who wants to go through the wall. When you're 73 years old like I am now, you slow things down. You think things down a little more, thoroughly before embarking. Yanno, taking your time, and assessing things. I think that's probably the most important thing. Don't be so quick and rash in making decisions and think things out rationally, more rationally.

Texas Gulf Coast SEAL 2017

by Southern Region Commodore | Jul 2, 2017



The Texas Gulf Coast SEAL is underway this week with a class of 8 candidates, 1 from Florida, 1 from California and the rest from all corners of Texas – from Gulf Coast to Austin to Palestine to Amarillo. All have passed the navigation exam, one of the hardest parts of SEAL. Everyone is adjusting to SEAL, to life aboard and to handling a 40' Kalik sloop.

Lakewood Yacht Club and Galveston Bay Sail and Power Squadron in Seabrook are generously hosting the course, based out of Lakewood Yacht Club. The weather has been excellent so far, and all are striving for excellence in an unfamiliar seascape. You can read more about the Sea Scout Training Vessel Sirly [here](#).

Leadership training) is led by Skipper Rob Freas assisted by Mate Donna Hokanson, former National Boatswain Rachel West, and Southern Region Vice Commodore Adam Tunks. SEAL is the premier leadership

training in Sea Scouts – SEAL is a course where leadership is not only taught, but practiced in real time in real pressure situations. You can read more about SEAL, including the requirements to attend [here](#).

Follow the further adventure of the 2017 SEAL class on facebook [here](#).



5 Tips and Ideas to Recruiting New Members

Ships generally consist of two groups of people, adults and youth. The adults such as Skippers and Mates help guide youth as they grow not only in their skills and knowledge, but also develop their character and leadership skills that can give Sea Scouts an advantage over their peers no matter what path they choose. As symbiotic as this bond can be within a ship, we often do not see youth rushing to register with Sea Scouts Ships. One of the issues is that many teens and parents do not know about Sea Scouts and how great of a program it really is!

Many of my fellow Scouts including myself stumbled upon Sea Scouts having no idea that it existed. Since the start of 2017, Ship 711 Del Mar has gained six members within the last 6 months and I would like to share the various ways we worked to recruit these members and leave you with some ideas that you can twist to make your own.1

1.) Becoming a Camp/Aquatics Instructor: This one is can be a little harder as you will need

to apply and find a job where you can interact with your target audience. Some of our ship members work in the harbor as various aquatics instructors and our first scout that joined this year was previously in one of those sailing classes taught by our scouts. Our scouts were able to network and advertise the ship to those to desire more than just a two week sailing merit badge. This was the exact same way I found out about Sea Scouts! You don't have to be an instructor or a merit badge counselor, the goal is to put yourself in a setting to work and communicate with your target audience.

2. Day Sails/ Paddle Craft Days: We had developed a list of youth who were eligible to join the ship and sent out an open invite to join us for a day sail around the harbor and just outside the jette. Within the first couple hours, our boat was full with over 15 individuals who were interested in get a taste of Sea Scouts. A couple of our newest members joined after coming out to our day sails.



3) Inviting Friends: It doesn't matter whether they are from work, school, band, or family friends! Inviting those around you that you know is a great way to not only add to your ships numbers, but it can even make Sea Scout more fun since your friends are spending your regular meetings and weekend activities with you!



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- 4) Representing at BSA and Council Events:** In our ship, we have 6 Eagle Scouts, all who have searched for another calling after acquiring the highest rank in Boy Scouts. A couple of them saw us at Scout O Rama and Camporee and decided to look further into those Sea Scouts looking sharp in their dress whites or practicing scuttlebutt. The goal is to bring awareness, if you have them thinking or learning that sea scouts exist, that could make the difference on whether an individual joins your ship or not.
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- 5) Visiting Boy Scouts/Girl Scout Troops:** We set aside a weekday and planned with my Boy Scout Troop to introduce them to Sea Scouts and introduce them to activities and events you would see at competition like team knots and code flags. These are interchangeable with other events depending on what you think will interest scouts the most. Once again, the trick is just to make them knowledgeable and aware that Sea Scouts exists and is an opportunity for them to continue concurrently or after they age out of Boy Scouts.
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All these methods have worked to bring awareness and new recruits to Sea Scouts. I have listed different methods that work for us. I am aware that there are other ways as well such as an open house or maybe even a short weekend cruise and I recommend to do whatever works best for your ship. You can also reach out to individuals younger than 14 as they can later feed into your ship once they become old enough. Keep in mind that although many of the methods listed are focused on Boy Scouts, they could be used to reach out to Girl Scouts as well. Remember that you can work with other sea scout ships whether you're co-ordinating an event or just asking for suggestions, you are not alone! I hope you find this helpful whether this is new or just a reminder. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me!

Albemarle Loop Long Cruise

by Southern Region Commodore

Sea Scout Ship 16 chartered to Beech Grove United Methodist Church in Suffolk, Virginia in the Colonial Virginia Council completed their 2018 Long Cruise via the Albemarle Loop in North Carolina. 8 Sea Scouts and 4 adults sailed from Nautical Boats in West Norfolk on June 24 and returned on July 3 on sailing vessels Freedom II, a Contest 31HT, and Lofty, an Elvstrom 32 Cruiser. Traveling down the intercostal waterway with five boats from Ship 37 Smithfield, Virginia, the boats stopped at Midway Marina in Coinjock for the night and then sailed to Alligator River Marina with all seven boats under sail. The following day, Ship 16 and 37 parted ways as 37 headed south and 16 sailed west. Ship 16 visited the communities of Columbia, Plymouth, Edenton, Albemarle Plantation, and Elizabeth City before rejoining Ship 37 in Manteo for a pizza party. The following day both units headed north back to Coinjock and the



following day was a long motor up the intercostal waterway to return to Virginia. The weather was nearly perfect for sailing with most days having winds between 5 and 15 knots and temperatures in 80s and dropping into the 70s at night. During a visit to the Roanoke River Lighthouse and Maritime Museum in Plymouth the Scouts witnessed the opening of a new exhibit on Sea Scouting in the 1950s and 1960s. At Albemarle Plantation the Osprey Point Yacht welcomed the Ship with an ice cream party.

The Albemarle Loop is an outstanding value for any Sea Scout unit. Marinas at Columbia, Plymouth, Edenton, Albemarle Plantation, and Elizabeth City waive dockage fees for overnight visits and the only fees were for shore power and ice.

For more information on the Albemarle Loop visit <http://www.albemarleloop.com/>. For more photos of Ship 16's Long Cruise visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Ship16/.

more photos of Ship 16's Long Cruise visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Ship16/. During summer vacation Ship 16 sails every Thursday from 6pm to 8:30pm and most Sundays from 2pm to 5pm. In the winter they meet at Beech Grove UMC every Thursday from 7pm to 830pm. Locations may vary, so please contact them in advance. Skipper Michael Kiser can be reached at mskiser@alum.bu.edu or 757-645-7656.



Point Glass Pointing in a New Direction

by Southern Region Commodore

As summer began, so did the terms of the newly elected boat-swains for region, area, and council quarterdecks all across the states, which meant there was some planning to be done. The southern region quarterdeck, represented by 9 area boat-swains and 1 regional boatswain, needed to find its mission, and make a plan on how to pursue their ideas. How did they do this you ask? Why, what better way to make a plan and get to know one another than to journey down to the hot Texas coast and sweat on a boat for a weekend!



Although not all members of the quarterdeck were able to participate, 5 boatswains hopped onto the [Point Glass](#), an 82 foot patrol boat built by the US Coast Guard in 1962 which has been repurposed to give scouts offshore experiences operating a complex vessel. It gives us scouts an opportunity to work together in understanding and deciphering foreign territory, both in boat handling, and in leadership. Despite the fact that many of the members participating this weekend had attended SEAL and gone through a similar experience before, we all came away saying that we had learned something new.

On the boat, we selected daily boatswains, operated the helm, lookout, and engine room positions, cooked, cleaned, and most importantly, discussed our mission for scouts. After a long day of operating the boat, motoring from the San Bernard River to [Sea Star Base Galveston](#), we had a meeting about the future of Sea Scouts throughout the region. What membership looks like, and how to encourage new ships to form and scouts to stay. Ideas bounced from one mind to another, getting polished and buffed all along the way, until we had several plans on how to get ships started and scouts interested. The youth and the adults worked together to find the best possible options to make the program we know and love flourish all while having a blast on a boat, even if it was a little hot!



Paddlecraft Quartermaster Cruise

by Southern Region Commodore



Our Sea Scout advancement requirements recently changed to better support paddlecraft ships. One of those changes is that it is now possible to conduct a Quartermaster cruise on paddlecraft. Macy S of Ship 1, SSS Unique in East Texas Area Council recently conducted what I believe is the nation's first paddlecraft Quartermaster cruise, so I asked her to share the story. This is her account.

For my quartermaster cruise, instead of going to SEAL training or going sailing, I took the opportunity to embrace the new requirements and take my fellow scouts and I on a weekend kayaking trip. I chose the paddle cruise instead of the sailing or training course because I was more knowledgeable about kayaking and I knew the other scouts in my ship would be too. I wanted this to be not only a learning experience but a chance for us to do something as a ship family, because having a unified group is one thing that I think makes ship 1 unique, well... unique! John Shepard, a fellow scout, was a manager of a local floating company, in Broken Bow Oklahoma at the time and so I contacted him with all of the planning and housing arrangements. Through the company Skippa Rock, I made arrangements for 18 kayaks and a cabin that slept 12. We floated the lower part of Upper Mountain River the first day, which was about 5 miles, and the first half of the river the second day. The lower portion was the smoothest part of the river, allowing those that were inexperienced with that paddle crafts to become more comfortable before we went through the rapids and the 4 foot waterfall.

To prepare for the trip, we met at one of the scouts house who had a pool, so anyone who wanted to go could do the Boy Scout swim test while I (a certified Red Cross lifeguard) could watch to be sure everyone I was bringing would be safe if no one was watching. After that we actually put a kayak in the pool so anyone who hadn't been in a kayak could get a little practice in before the big day. I also handed out kayaking merit badge packets so any scouts who wanted to do that requirement on the trip could have the opportunity to do so.

While we were there, we went sightseeing, found a man made dam and lake to swim in, and got a chance to visit local stores there in Broken Bow, and even ordered pizza from a local place called The Grateful Head (which I highly recommend by the way). Meals there were very simple, and we only cooked breakfast on the trip. During lunchtime we were on the water and packed sack lunches and plenty of water. Overall, many of the people who went said it was the best scout trip they've ever been on, and because I allowed non-scouting members to go, we've added 3 new girls and parents to our ship family.



EAGLE COURT OF HONOR FOR TROOP 4, ROSE BOWL DISTRICT



Eagle Scout Court of Honor for six scouts from Troop 4, held on April 30, 2017 at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, Pasadena, CA.

From left to right: Brandon Harris (Fellow Venturing Crew of 561 Honor Corps), Jacob Hauser, David Emerson, Jordan White, Jake Althouse and Max Umland

Venturing Crew 561 Honor Corps, Rose Bowl District, Greater Los Angeles Area Council performing the opening ceremony playing "Assembly" and "To the Colors". From left to right: Drew, Bryan and Julianne.



Group shot of Eagle Scouts. From left to right: Jacob Hauser, Brandon Harris (Fellow Venturing Crew of 561 Honor Corps), Jake Althouse, Max Umland, Jordan White, and David Emerson.

More Sea Scouts are Currently Sailing Small Boats and Here is Why

As we move forward with 2017, scouts all over the nation and across the world are dusting off their PFDs and sailing gloves before heading down to the water. Although it is summer time, they are not headed towards the beach. Instead, they are walking along the docks of marinas and harbors to start practicing for the 2018 Koch Cup.



Scouts rigging at the Newport Sea Base.

For those who are unfamiliar with the name, Koch Cup, is a sailing regatta held biannually by Sea Scouting. It was named after Bill Koch who is an American Sailor and Businessman whose boat was the winner of the America's Cup in 1992. Ten years later in 2002 the Boy Scouts of America worked with Koch and created the Koch Cup which allows scouts across the world to not only compete against one another but form camaraderie and international understanding

The 2018 Koch Cup is planned to take place in Galveston, Texas at the Sea Star Base Galveston from July 8th-13th. Preliminary Races are being hosted for US Sea Scouts by each region this Summer and Fall so they may qualify for Koch Cup in 2018. All the qualifiers are posted at seascoutcup.org under event info listed as [2018 qualifiers](#)



Bill Koch with The America's Cup (1992)

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Crews heading towards the line for the start

Western Region Sea Scouts were the first to claim the Koch Cup in 2002 starting with Tom Hartmann and Trevor Gurley who were from Ship 711 Del Mar in California. We were also the last United States crew to win the Koch Cup in 2014 as Ben Brough and Laura Roudebush from Ship 90 Renegades in California claimed the Koch Cup with a few points to spare! The 2016 Koch Cup, hosted in Long Beach, CA, went to duo Nicholas Gardiner and Nicholas Williams from New Zealand.



Koch Cup 2014



Koch Cup 2016

The 2016 Koch Cup concluded in August and since then, scouts everywhere have been practicing in hopes of claiming the Koch Cup as their own. Do not sleep on the competition as they are bringing the best! Practice perfection and do your best for as Vince Lombardi said, "The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand."

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