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The Central Point



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The August 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/Home/Newsletters/>. Also included in FORUM Downloads.

Articles this month include:

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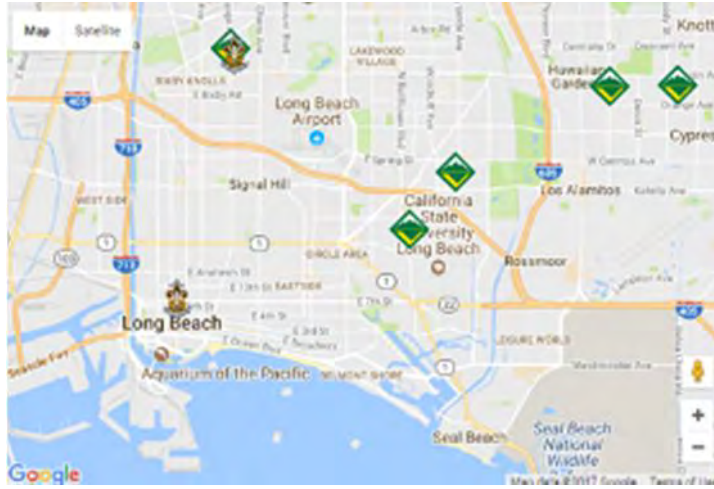


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Update your Unit's BeAScout Pin

By Sea Scouts, BSA



BeAScout.org is the application that puts your unit on the map! Prospective Scouts and their families can visit **BeAScout.org** to find a Scouting program in their neighborhood. If your unit's pin is up to date they'll find you!

- Raise your unit's profile in the community. Recruit more youth and volunteers and help grow Scouting. Customize your 'pin' with contact information, name of your ship, a photo, special message, and your unit's website. *It's important to make sure your unit's pin is updated, especially before fall recruitment is in full swing.*

Its live here- <https://seascout.org/news/update-units-beascout-pin/>

Importance of Leadership to the Sea Scout Program

The Sea Scout program is a coed young adult program providing opportunities for youth to get in, on, under, or around the water. We encourage youth and their adult advisors to engage in sailing, powerboating, paddlesports, and scuba-diving. There are three tracks to the program—recreational boating, military careers, and maritime careers.



We instill the values in our members through these activities. We engage them in character

development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. Boats are what we are all about. The Scout Oath and Scout Law are words we live by. These tools allow us to work with youth on development of their leadership abilities.

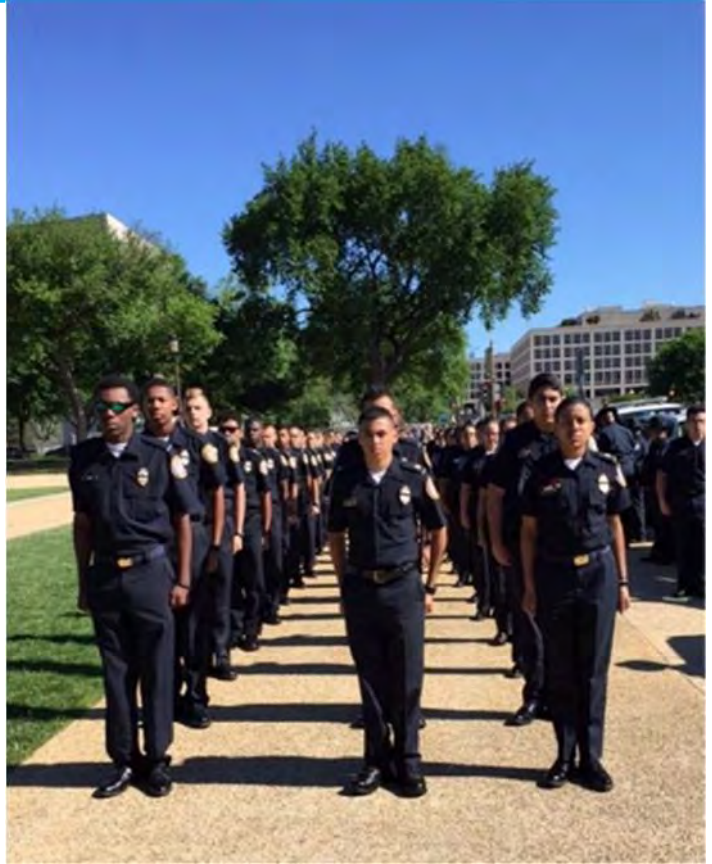
The uniform gives our members a common identity. The boats give them a way of getting around and showing their skills. Their leadership gives them opportunities to guide others in the direction for a great program. The skills they learn can provide them opportunities for a future career in the maritime industry or in the military. Their skills also help provide them a hobby for their lifetime in recreational boating.

The experiences we have with the Sea Scout program will last a lifetime. The program will provide any youth who has an interest in boating the best hands-on experiences they can participate in. The Sea Scout program is designed for a variety of individuals and groups-- youth who are old enough to join and participate in the program, adults who serve as advisors or support youth in their learning and participation, and community-minded adults and boating organizations who share their love of boating with our members. We need members on a local unit, council, area/flotilla, region, and national level to support the program.

Join us in participating in the Sea Scout program! Volunteer to share your talents and treasures. Go to www.seascout.org for more information.

LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORERS SUPPORT THE 29TH ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) sponsors the Annual Candlelight Vigil, a signature event of National Police Week in Washington, DC. Fallen officers whose names were engraved on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial “pathways of remembrance walls” since the previous year’s ceremony are formally dedicated at the Candlelight Vigil. In addition to the lighting of candles and the reading of the names of law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty, the Candlelight Vigil includes remarks by dignitaries as well as musical tributes performed to honor the memory of these fallen officers. The Candlelight Vigil typically is attended by 20,000 plus people and includes families of fallen law enforcement officers, active duty and retired law enforcement officers, dignitaries and special guests, and visitors who travel to Washington, DC in support of National Police Week and related events. The 29th Annual Candlelight Vigil was conducted on the evening of Saturday, May 13, 2017 on the National Mall in front of the U.S. Capitol.



Normally, the Candlelight Vigil is conducted at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial; however, due to street closures and limited parking caused by the construction of the new National Law Enforcement Museum across the street from the memorial, this year’s Candlelight Vigil was held on the National Mall. The National Park Service and the U.S. Park Police required the Vigil area be cordoned off by metal barriers for safety and security purposes and have 35-staffed entrances and emergency exits interspersed around the barriers.

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The Chairman/CEO and staff of the NLEOMF, enthusiastic supporters of Law Enforcement Exploring, requested 35 uniformed Law Enforcement Explorers to staff the entrances and emergency exits for the Candlelight Vigil from 5 PM to 10 PM. In the finest long-standing tradition of Law Enforcement Exploring supporting law enforcement agencies and allied organizations, approximately 60 Explorers and their Advisors, from Posts sponsored by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agreed to staff the entrances and emergency exits for the Vigil. Chicago CBP Chief Anye Whyte (member of the National Law Enforcement Exploring Committee and 1988 National Youth Chairman for Law Enforcement Exploring) led this extraordinary effort with the able assistance of Supervisory CBP Officer (and former Explorer) Jose Venegas.



CBP Explorers and Advisors reported to National Mall at 4 PM for a briefing and worked supporting the Vigil until 10 PM. All Explorers wore reflective vest over their uniforms (as did law enforcement officers assigned to work the event) to distinguish them from uniformed officers attending the event as spectators. It was a cool, damp and windy afternoon and evening, but Law Enforcement Explorers and Advisors warmed the hearts of NLEOMF staff, families of fallen officers, and event spectators with their working presence and support for the Vigil.



Insomniacs Revenge 2017 ~ Sept. 22 – 24

Northeast Region

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

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 ultimate victors!

Cardboard "Coffin" Regata

And what's adventure without a Cardboard "Coffin" Regata? 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.

Cost Per Person:

Early Bird Discount: \$40

After September 2nd: \$45

After September 16th: \$50

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Crew 5107 Reports! **LIVING SCOUTING's ADVENTURE**

'By Maggie, Kaili, Sofie & Zoe Edited by Maryam

What is Scouting's Adventure?

The tagline "Live Scouting's Adventure" served as the slogan for the 2017 National Jamboree. It stood tall, serving as a promise above the entrance to gateway village. The slogan served as a command through the rest of the Jamboree. *Go live the chance of a lifetime, it ordered, have fun, be daring- live the adventure of scouting.* What follows is an account of how Jamboree Crew 5107 followed that command.



NCAC/082 National Scout Jamboree Crew 5107, all members of NCAC Crew 27, Kensington, MD

I should start by telling you a little about us. Most Jamboree Crews are made up of eight Venturers with two adult leaders. Those eight Venturers are usually from the same Council and they are 'bundled' with three other Crews to form a four Crew Jamboree Unit of 40 people, 32 Venturers and eight adults. The four Crews can be from four different Councils and the first time they meet is probably at the Jamboree. With four Crew Presidents in a single Unit, there can be some 'storming' going on. This organization does NOT describe Crew 5107. All 36 Venturers in Crew 5107 hail from National Capital Area Council Crew 27. Crew 27 is the largest Venturing Crew in the third largest Scout Council in the USA, we have seventy registered Venturers. Forty-three Crew 27 Venturers attended the 19th National Scout Jamboree as participants. Crew 27 completely filled ALL 36 youth positions in Crew 5107 and sent seven more Venturers to Crew 5106. According to Mr. Russell Smart (One of the most knowledgeable Scouting historians on the planet); a home unit has only completely filled a complete Jamboree Unit three times before in Scouting history and each of those times it was a Troop. Up until we came along, no Venturing Crew had ever managed this feat so the 19th National Scout Jamboree was a first for us and for Venturing!

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We are sponsored by the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department #5 in Kensington, MD and we have a very strong Venturing Advancement Program. Our Crew 5107 President, Elisabeth, is a RANGER with the Pathfinder Award, our VP-Program, Grace, is a RANGER with the Discovery Award and our VP-Admin, Gen, is a RANGER with the Pathfinder Award. Dominic served as our VP-Quartermaster, he is an Eagle Scout with the Discovery Award. In fact, we had eight Eagle Scouts in Crew 5107, two of them also hold RANGER and one also holds Summit. Most of our Crew are NYLT grads and a few have completed NAYLE. Instead of having four independent Crew Presidents, we elected our principle leaders in November of 2016 including a senior staff of an overall President and three VPs as well as four MiniCrew Leaders who function like patrol leaders in a Scout Troop. Our four MiniCrews were the "All Americans" led by Aimee & James; the "Beareavers" led by Julie and Keegan; the "Centaur's" led by Amy and Mel; and the "White Tigers" led by Johana and Nathan. We had eight months with an intact leadership staff in place to prepare for the Jamboree and we loved it!



NCAC/082 National Scout Jamboree Crews 5106 & 5108 assemble at Camp Snyder prior to departure

There is always a bus. Our Crew met the evening of Tuesday the 18th of July at BSA Camp Snyder in Haymarket, Virginia. The next day we planned an early departure for the Jamboree and we didn't want anyone to miss the bus so we turned up early for an extra night of 'camp.' Our bus was awesome and nearly brand new. The driver was great and the DVD system was flawless - we watched 'The Martian' and 'Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them' on the relatively uneventful trip to the Jamboree. The only hiccup was the rest stop (One of our NCAC busses had no onboard bathroom) where we all stopped briefly. Our bus engine stalled while it was idling and wouldn't restart. Our driver looked things over, found a loose fuel filter and we were back on the road in ten minutes.

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Crew 5107 Loads the Bus at BSA Camp Snyder - Haymarket, VA

Arriving at the Jamboree was awesome! Unlike 2013, we got dropped off right in Subcamp Foxtrot! Four years earlier we had been left at the foot of 'The Stairway To Heaven' and had to carry all our equipment up to our campsite. 2017 was much better, we had a very short stroll to campsites 118A and 118B which became our home for the Jamboree. We got right to work pitching our tents and setting up our common areas. In three hours, we were 'Ready For Company.'



Arrival Meeting At FOXTROT - 19 July 2017 - Venturing & International Sub Camp - 2017 NSJ

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The days began early in our campsite, almost everyone was up and fully awake by 6am. The Mini-Crew with cooking responsibilities for the day would get up an hour early and pick up the food at the sub camp commissary. Then they would make breakfast and lay out the supplies for lunch. Crew members would grab the components of lunch and stuff them in their back packs before heading out to experience all The Summit had to offer. The day could consist of anything from rock climbing on natural rock structures to observing a Sikh religious service. One popular activity was the knife throwing station although many could argue that the Stem Quest 'Maker Space' which hosted coding, engineering, and design challenges all under one roof was the best. Our days were packed with BMX races, canopy tours, white water on the New River, zip lines, ropes courses, and a plethora of other activities ranging from learning about nature and geology to hearing the president speak.

Frequently, Subcamp 'F' (better known as Foxtrot) would be bustling and full of life into the later hours. Scouts and Venturers would swarm the gravel roads, meeting Scouts from the other side of the country and sometimes even the other side of the world. Foxtrot had over 600 Scouts from 47 nations outside of the USA and about 2,500 Venturers. It wasn't unusual to hear the chatter of multiple languages while patch trading. As Taps sounded, everyone would return to their campsites, perhaps they would play a hand or so of cards, but usually bed was quite an attractive option considering the mornings were so early.



Dominic & Aimee Trade Patches At the 2017 NSJ

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World Jamborees exist to further cultural exchanges between the youth of Scouting countries. The first World Jamboree was held at the Olympia Dome in the Kensington Section of London in 1920. The world was recovering from a horrible World War and Robert Smythe Baden-Powell, First Baron of Gilwell, wanted to do something to stop future global conflicts. He hypothesized that if he got young people together to play with each other, that they would not want to kill each other when they grew up. World Jamborees didn't prevent the next World War but they did establish a tradition of peaceful cross-cultural exchange that continues today. On the 22nd of July, 2019, The 24th World Scout Jamboree will arrive at The Summit as the first World Jamboree to be sponsored by an entire Continent! 2019 will be the first North American World Jamboree sponsored by Canada, Mexico and the USA. We are so going!!!!

National Jamborees exist so that the youth of countries can further their own understanding of self in a familiar but challenging environment. National Jamborees are more about program than culture, at least here in the BSA! Crew 5107 took full advantage of the 19th National Scout Jamboree of the BSA. Nearly everyone in our Crew gained additional insight into themselves and others at Jambo! Whether it was facing a fear of heights while rappelling or learning the intricacies of other religions, every day was spent learning new things and challenging ourselves. Sometimes those new things were practical, like cooking, other times the education was just for fun: like making a slimy non-Newtonian substance called 'Oobleck.' Despite the program orientation, Sub-Camp Foxtrot definitely had an International flavor and operated much like a miniature World Scout Jamboree. Crew 5107 fully leveraged the opportunity by exchanging ten Venturers for ten South Korean Scouts one evening at dinner and ten Australian Scouts on another evening. We rewarded our foreign visitors with a magnificent, glow-in-the-dark Crew 5107 patch with lots of brilliant metallic thread. The exchanges, and the patches were a hit, and despite language challenges, we chatted with our foreign visitors endlessly.

There is something magical about Jamborees. People are kinder, the air is more electric, and a sense of jubilation permeates the air. Jamborees are epic, the memories we and all the other participants made will last a lifetime. Don't believe me? The world Jamboree of 2019 is only two years away, go see for yourself.

The Jamboree, for Crew 5107, really began on the 20th of July, the day after we arrived. Most of the crew opted to take a 7-mile hike up to Garden Ground. The trail was aptly named: The "McAllister family Challenge Trail" and the steep inclines it offered were challenging. They did not, however, slow us down! Probably the worst part of the Garden Ground Trek was the 'flow control.' We spent hours doing 'hurry up and wait' and then our OA Guide would stop us frequently to lecture about some subject. We drew the line when he wanted to talk about the OA. Crews don't have OA elections and Venturers who are female cannot be in the OA. When he tried to explain OA to us, we politely advised him that this was a sore point with us and that he would be well advised to drop the topic and move on down the trail. He got it and off we went.

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The trail did lead to a reward, the Garden Grounds had plenty of fun activities to help everyone forget their sore feet. Some watched a blacksmith demo proper metal cooling while others learned how to throw knives and tomahawks. There was also a historical re-enactment of the first Boy Scout Camp at Silver Bay Scout Camp that was opened in 1910 by Ernest Thompson Seton and Daniel Beard on New York State's Lake George. The re-enactment was very informative and complete. It even offered a small patch for participation. The Highland Games and Spartan Race were also immensely popular. Scouts could learn the culture and history of the Scottish Highlands before participating in traditional games such as the Caber Toss. The Spartan Race, although challenging, was a highlight of the Jamboree because of the awesome patch it offered, the abundance of mud, and the bonding that occurred on the course. Members of the Crews who did not trek to the Garden Grounds learned how to weld, basic forensic analysis techniques, and bridge building at Stem Quest.



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Cooking was a dreaded chore because it demanded an early wake up at 5 AM to go retrieve the ingredients for breakfast and lunch. Mini Crew C (The Centaurs) had cooking duty on July 21st. At least we didn't have to clean up too, that was another Mini-Crew's assignment. The day vastly improved after breakfast as we spent the day at Stem Quest, flying drones, welding, performing chemistry experiments and learning coding. Several crew members also visited the 'Big Zip' line. The 'Big Zip' is over a quarter of a mile long and participants can accelerate to 70 mph before they slow down at the end.

On the 21st, the Crew was scheduled for 'STEM QUEST.' We had an 'in' at this program because our principal Advisor from our home Crew 27 was working the Genetics Lab there. Everyone stopped by Lola's area to say 'Hi' and catch up!

On July 22nd, Most of the Crew explored the area around Summit Center. A few people remained in the campsite to teach ILS(C). Why, you ask, would anyone stay in camp to teach, or take Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews at the Jamboree? We (Crew 5107) discovered that, despite promises of Venturing specific program made after the 2013 National Scout Jamboree (The first Jamboree to include Venturers), NO Venturing program had been prepared for the 2017 National Scout Jamboree. There wasn't too much we could do about this but Liam had this idea that small Crews might have difficulty preparing and teaching ILS(C) and the three Venturing Advancement Courses because they didn't have the mass of people necessary to carry it off. Liam worked with Elisabeth (Our Crew President) and a number of Venturers who volunteered to instruct and we coordinated an opportunity to teach ILS(C), Goal Setting/Time Management, Project Management, and Mentoring in Foxtrot. Our Home Crew Advisor (Lola) was on staff at STEMQUEST and she volunteered to bring two full steamer trunks of materials, tripods and flip charts to the Jamboree for us. We were prepared to teach 45 Venturers ILS(C) and over 30 Venturers each of the other courses. Well, home Councils seem to be doing pretty well teaching ILS (C). Only half a dozen people signed up and the instructors taught from 8 AM to 2 PM in our campsite. The other three courses were shorter - about 2 hours each, and taught in the evenings after dinner. This is where the initiative took off. All three Venturing Advancement Courses were packed and overflowing. Apparently many Crews are having problems teaching these and Councils are not supporting this part of the Venturing Program - we could have filled several more classes I have to praise all of the Crew 5107 Venturers who sacrificed some of their personal program time to bring the advancement courses to other Venturers from all over the Nation. Every Region was represented in the course students.

Sunset at Foxtrot -

- End of the day at the 2017 NSJ



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Aside from the four Venturers who stayed to teach ILS(C) and the three from Crew 5107 who stayed to take it, the rest of the Venturers headed toward Summit Center to explore! They found The Sustainability Tree House, an awesome example of sustainable housing practices and uses of renewable energy. Afterwards, many went to go see the author Alvin Tinley speak about his books written about Scouts from various countries around the world and their adventures.

Later in the day, the Crew out traveling split up; some went to shoot bows and arrows while others went to rock climb and repel. A third group spent the day on BMX bikes, racing and completing challenge courses. We all came back together in the evening for the opening show at the AT&T Arena. Seeing 35,000 Scouts and Leaders in one place, plus thousands of visitors was really impressive!



NCAC/082 National Scout Jamboree Crew 5107 At The Opening Arena Show

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If you'd like to watch the 'arrival video' that was played for us at the opening show, you can see it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tiBFY8PDHTU>

The opening show itself was great fun and we had a moment of fame when our Crew President, Elisabeth, was briefly interviewed on the big screens at the arena. You can see her on the left in this brief 'You Tube' of the opening show from seconds 54 thru 59. The 'You Tube' also pans around the opening arena to give you a sense of the ambience. It was pretty hot so most units were not in full field uniforms. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TjDsSmzpQ7Y>



Crew 5107 President On The Left Being Interviewed at the 2017 NSJ

Many scouts woke early on the 23rd of July to attend a Sikh service where they learned about a religion different from their own. One of our Venturers, Nav, is Sikh, and he helped introduce us to Sikh religion and history. Some of us got turbans made for us to wear. They were created from brightly colored fabric, radiant green, brilliant purple, yellow or black. After the Sikh Religious Service we hiked The Conservation Trail which sought to educate scouts about Leave No Trace and promote safe camping practices as well as jobs in the environmental engineering field. Meanwhile, back in Foxtrot, a card game was going down. Our American Crew 5107 was playing the Australian Delegation in 'President', a card game where the first to finish is "president" the second is "vice-president" etc. Although there was good spirited debate about whether to change the name of the game to 'Prime Minister', a great time was had by all.

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On the evening of the 23rd, Mel & Johana taught out first Venturing Advancement course in Foxtrot. We led off with Goal Setting/Time Management and the instructors had a full class. Venturers who took the course got a copy of the course materials so they could take them home, duplicate them and teach in their local Crews and Councils. The Venturers who showed up were very enthusiastic and some Advisors took the course as well so they could learn the material and feel comfortable supporting their new instructors.

On the 24th of July, we woke up earlier than usual to board buses for the Day of Service. DOS is a Jamboree tradition where Scouts thank the State of West Virginia for hosting us by participating in community service. Our Day of Service took us to Rainelle, WV: a small town where a 'thousand year flood' (as in one that is so bad that it occurs only once every 1,000 years) had devastated alleys, streets, and parks. We spent the morning picking up debris and disposing of it. The Mayor of Rainelle thanked us profusely. She spoke about how thanks to the efforts of all the visiting Scouts, the town was almost back on track. A little after noon, we were herded back onto the busses. The morning had been tiring so we all slept on the bus back to Summit. Once back, we were taken directly to the AT&T Arena where President Trump addressed all of us. Among other things, his speech touched on the importance of the Scout Law and the importance of a good work ethic.

The 25th of July was a free day for us, except for the Venturers who had volunteered to teach Project Management in Foxtrot. Just like two nights before, the class was full to the brim with more people taking it than we had materials. We asked some Venturers from the same Council to share the materials and duplicate them on arrival home from the Jamboree.

The next morning, the 26th of July, Crew 5107 was lucky enough to have the opportunity to raise the flags at Summit Center. We were very honored and completed the deed with great precision and accuracy. Kurt, our Eagle Scout Trumpeter, was complimented by one of the Scoutmasters for having the best trumpeting skills he had heard at the Jamboree. Kurt is completely awesome!!! This summer, a Goshen Scout Reservation, where Crew 27 camped for two weeks before the 19th National Scout Jamboree, he played the 'March of the Storm Troopers' from Star Wars as the Crew marched into position for evening flags. Nobody Trumpets like Kurt! Keegan called the commands for Crew 5107 at Summit Center Flags and the ceremony went off without a hitch. Compliments and high fives all around!

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Crew 5107 Provides The Color Guard At Jamboree Center

The rest of the morning was relaxed as we organized ourselves for the on-coming white water rafting trip. A few people went geocaching and bird watching at the nature center while others went mountain gazing. Around noon we headed down to the rafting buses. The trip was great fun and although there were several near misses as we were tossed around, no one capsized. It wasn't as if we didn't try, mind you, the rafts were just too stable! We did get out and swim some! The guides were very knowledgeable about not only the rapids but also the history of the New River Gorge. The trip included 20 rapids, several of which we could swim through. We rafted several class 4 rapids and two class five rapids. Strangely, we had more trouble with rocks on one class four than either of the class fives. It was a great day.



Crew 5107 Takes The New River Rapids In Style at the 2017 National Scout Jamboree

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On our return back to camp, some of us had volunteered to teach Mentoring, the course required for Summit. One of the attendees indicated that he had finished all of his Summit requirements except for this course and that it was not offered in his Council. It made us really fulfilled to realize that we had made the Summit Award possible for a fellow Venturer by bringing the advancement courses to the Jamboree!



Maggie & Amy Teach Mentoring at the 2017 National Scout Jamboree

The 27th of July was our last full day at the Jamboree! We went around Foxtrot to say 'Good-Bye' to our friends and got our stuff packed up and ready to go. In the evening we attended the Closing Arena Show. Each of our Mini-Crews had constructed flags and these flags were essential in allowing us to move through the crowds to and from the Arena for the shows. One member of each Mini-Crew would hold the Mini-Crew Flag high above everyone's head and this allowed the members of the Mini-Crew to stay together. Advisors in the rear would hold their flashlights above their heads and focused on the flags. The flags themselves had 'glow-in-the-dark' fabric so they really stood out well when they were 'charged up' and emitting photons. The Glow-In-The-Dark fabric was Grace's idea. She designed our Crew Patch too! If you want to watch a 'You Tube' of the closing show, you can find it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m2NRTBSHVgg>

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Crew 5107 Arrives At The Arena For The Show!

The fireworks at the closing arena show were the best I had ever seen! The next day we got on the bus at about 1045 in the morning and rode home. We put some DVDs in the player but most of us slept. The Jamboree had been a very special experience for us because we shared it with members of our home Crew. We also met lots of Venturers who really care about the new ALPS advancement program and we helped them by teaching them and giving them materials to take home and teach to other Venturers. The opportunity to spend time with Scouts from 47 other nations in Foxtrot was amazing and really provided insight about the rest of the world!

Our biggest regret was the lack of any other organized Venturing specific program at the Jamboree. All of the equipment was there to support completion of requirements for RANGER and several of the ALPS awards but staff had not been organized to understand Venturing requirements and there was no organized way to record the advancement and transmit the accomplishments to home Crews. Venturers paid just as much as Boy Scouts to attend the 2017 National Jamboree and Boy Scouts had a plethora of advancement opportunities with tons of merit badges available. The Venturers got no opportunity for advancement other than what Crew 5107 provided. We're proud to be part of the solution but very embarrassed that there was a problem at all. Jamboree organizers can and should do better. A huge opportunity was lost. All of us hope that there is no repeat of this in 2021!

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Wow.... Till we meet again

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Crew 5107 Senior Leaders

About The Correspondents & Editors

Each one of the Crew 5107 Mini Crews appointed a correspondent to record the 2017 National Scout Jamboree from the perspective of the Venturers who attended. The lead correspondent was Maggie who is a rising Junior at the- Stone Ridge School in Bethesda, MD. Maggie is amazing and is leading the 2017 NCAC Council Venturing Camporee at Camp Snyder from 3 to 5 November 2017! Zoe also attends Stone Ridge where she is one of Maggie's classmates. A fencer who competes nationally, Zoe contributed substantially to this article. Kaili is a rising Junior at Walter Johnson High School and started participating in Venturing before she could actually join. One of her first Venturing activities after she registered was attending the 2015 World Scout Jamboree in Japan. Sofie is relatively new to the Crew and just got her Venturing Award this summer. She is a competitive swimmer and very happy to be a member of Crew 27 and Crew 5107! Our Crew 5107 Secretary and principle editor is Maryam. New to the Crew, Maryam moved back to the States from Namibia where she was a member of the Scouts. Maryam is a gifted writer and editor. She polished this article for submission. Maryam would like to be a computer/software engineer! She is a rising Junior. Next up the food chain in Crew 5107 is Gen. A rising Senior at James Madison High School in Virginia, Gen served as the VP-Admin for Crew 5107. She had the overall responsibility for making sure the correspondents got what they needed and getting this article out in a timely manner. Gen plans to study mechanical engineering in college and she is a competitive swimmer as well as a second term Mini Crew Leader in Crew 27.



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Capt. Kathy Weydig

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**Orange County Convention Center,
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Who: Keith Christopher Capt. Kathy Weydig

Presentation Description: coming soon

Wayfinders, Celestial Navigation & Sea Scouts



I recently visited the Bishop Museum in Honolulu, HI. There I learned about Wayfinders, pacific voyagers who use a type of celestial navigation where knowledge of the wind, ocean currents, sun, moon and stars mainly guides them around the ocean and to their destination. Long ago, centuries before European explorers, this method of navigation was all that there was in the pacific region and over time it was almost lost. In an effort to revive this method a group of pacific islanders shared their knowledge and built a double hulled voyage canoe called the Hokulea. The name Hokule'a means "star of gladness" from the star that travels directly above the latitude of Hawaii, a guiding star.



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The Hokulea first sailed from Hawaii to Tahiti in 1976 using only the wayfinding method, no modern instruments, not even a sextant. It had several other successful voyages after that. Most recently, the Hokulea sailed around the world in 3 years covering over 40,000 nautical miles and visiting over 150 ports in 23 countries! It just returned home from that voyage, back here to Hawaii, this summer.

Learning about the Hokule'a and the teamwork involved brought to mind my experience aboard the CGC Eagle last summer, when we (the crew) hoisted the sails and used only the power of the wind and ocean to move us. I was able to learn on deck, alongside the cadets, how to use a sextant. During my time aboard the Eagle I got to learn more about how a crew navigates such a huge ship across the ocean. Mainly they use charts and a sextant, they do have a GPS.

Learning about wayfinders also reminded me of Sea Scouts because we learn about and use navigation in different ways too. We navigate by using a chart and a GPS. Sea Scouts have learned not to be too dependent on the GPS, just in case something happens and it shuts down, so we also track our course on a chart.

We use the magnetic compass to tell us our heading, a clock to show us how long we have been underway, and the speed odometer to show us how fast we're going. If we have the speed and the time we can figure out how many miles we have traveled. Then we plug in the heading on the chart and are able to figure out our exact location.



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It is amazing thinking about how the Hokule'a never used any of the equipment we have today. Whenever they went it was based off of their own knowledge the way the tides flow, the sun rises and how the stars align. It takes someone who truly dedicated and puts in time to learn and study in order to really know what they're doing and be able to complete an entire voyage using wayfinding techniques. The people aboard the Hokule'a depend entirely on their own knowledge.



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I believe that it would be great if we could all learn wayfinding techniques, but it would take time and a big commitment. Using a sextant is a form of Celestial Navigation that we can more quickly learn. Celestial Navigation techniques are an important skill to have so that when you are out at sea you don't need to rely on a GPS or compass.



How important is celestial navigation? So important the Navy and Coast Guard use these methods in case of an emergency that could knock out GPS satellites. This method of navigation also oriented astronauts when Apollo 12 was disabled by lightning! Being out on the open ocean and not seeing land, anything could happen. So, take a challenge, get your ship comfortable with using a sextant. After all, it is one of the sign offs for Quartermaster!

Save the Date, Save Lives, and Help Clean our Coastal Waters

For those who watch the media and/or spend time on social media, we see too often the videos of aquatic animals in danger. This is not due to the nature of their environment, but instead, human negligence. We see local beaches left a mess at the end of summer days and gutters filled with trash that will eventually flow into the ocean. It was estimated by National Geographic in 2015 that over 8 million tons of plastic are dumped into the ocean every year. Animalsaustralia.org estimates that over 100,000 animals die each year from eating or becoming entangled in plastic. That's why on September 16th, 2017 over 66,000 volunteers will gather to not only beautify our beaches and waterways, but to help save the lives of thousands of animals during Coastal Cleanup Day.



“A Scout is clean. A Scout keeps his body and mind fit. He chooses the company of those who live by high standards. He helps keep his home and community clean.” Being clean is a part of the scout law and is something that should be practiced whether you are a scout or not. The 16th of September offers us a chance to live by the scout law, connect with our community, and help clean our waterways. I have left you with a site below that will help you track down a clean-up location near

you. Most counties have a website that contain more specific information about how to register and attend. If your area is not hosting one, do not be afraid to create your own. If you need help finding a site near you, do not hesitate to contact me. Save the date and spread the word!

COASTAL CLEANUP DAY: September 16th, 2017

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The Long Cruise Badge

Years ago I was a brand new Scout attending my first ever Sea Scout Regatta. I clearly remember seeing another Scout walk by me in uniform. He was "Able" rank and had a long cruise badge with 3 red arcs. I was in awe.

That experience, and some more recent ones, have led me to believe that (outside of rank advancement) the Long Cruise Badge could very well be one of the most important recognitions in Sea Scouting.

"The Sea Scout must cruise for two weeks on any vessel or boat provided by the local council or the ship, or their own vessel when authorized by an adult leader in that Sea Scout ship.", -Sea Scout Manual, page 67

But what if your Ship doesn't cruise for 2 weeks at a time? Fear not! You can still earn the LCB:

"In the event that it is not possible to make a two-week cruise, a series of weekend or overnight cruises may be made, provided that the total number equals 14 days" -Sea Scout Manual, page 68



The Long Cruise Badge

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But wait! It's not just spending 14 days on the water. There is pre-requisite:

"A Sea Scout must be Ordinary rank before he or she can start recording cruising time for the Long Cruise badge." -Sea Scout Manual, page 67

By looking at these requirements, one can see just what the LCB represents and why it is so important.

First, it requires the Scout achieve the rank of Ordinary. In other words, becoming trained and educated about boating and Sea Scouting. Secondly, it requires that the Scout take that newly acquired knowledge and skill set out into the "real world" to gain some practical experience.

In a nutshell, the Long Cruise Badge represents the very valuable combination of formal training and practical experience. "Educated experience".

Educated experience is the Holy Grail of any skill, trade, or professional field and is something we should be instilling in ALL of our Scouts to help them be successful in

boating, Scouting, and in life.

The Long Cruise Badge is an excellent way to do just that. The LCB is also a requirement for the next rank of "Able".

But there is more:

"Each additional long cruise earned is marked by a red arc above the badge, until five such cruises have been completed. Then a single white arc replaces them above the badge." -Sea Scout Manual, page 68

As Scouts continue to gain valuable experience, they continue to accumulate red arcs. It looks impressive on the uniform, and you can bet that the Scouts that have earned this recognition are very proud, but other youth see this recognition and are themselves inspired to do the same. I have seen youth earn the rank of Able, but were much more proud of the fact that their sleeve was filling with red arcs!



The Long Cruise Badge

And there is no need for the adults to feel left out:

"The Long Cruise badge is an achievement, not a badge of rank; therefore, an adult leader may qualify for the badge" –Sea Scout Manual, page 68

So, adults can earn the LCB too!

Finally, I knew an adult leader once who thought that the requirements for the LCB were too difficult and that we should waive some requirements (specifically the Ordinary requirement) so that more kids could get the award.

I absolutely disagree with that logic for 3 reasons:

First, we can't just make up the requirements for awards and just give them away. They need to be earned. The ocean does not give out participation awards and neither should we.

Secondly, the fact that it is not easy to earn...is kind of the point! When a Scout puts a LCB on her sleeve, she has done something. Worked hard. Achieved a goal...and learned valuable life lessons in the process.

Finally, I have many youth in my crew who have worked very hard to earn their LCB's. They are extremely proud. When they see someone at a regatta sporting a Long Cruise Badge with 2 red arcs...and is still an Apprentice, (and this has happened) it diminishes the achievements that they have rightfully earned. (And without having the bar lowered for them.)

In summary, the Long Cruise Badge is an amazing award that youth can be very proud of earning and adult leaders can be proud of providing the opportunity for youth to gain the life experiences that are part of the LCB.



EAGLE COURT OF HONOR FOR TROOP 21, ROSE BOWL DISTRICT



Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Axel Tanner and Mason Liu from Troop 21, held on August 11, 2017 at the First Church of the Nazarene in Pasadena, CA.

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: Brandon and Bailey.



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