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Central Region Exploring

Exploring Alum on CBS This Morning

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

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

Career Exploring Scholarships

2017 Recipients

We are very pleased to announce the 2017 Career Exploring Scholarship recipients. Thank you to all those who applied in 2017 and we encourage more Explorers to apply in 2018!! Read More. (<https://www.exploring.org/scholarships/>)

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Exploring Program Tools

Did you know that soft skills like team building and interpersonal communications are more desired by today's employers than technical or job related skills. Visit the Exploring Activity Library to download over 100 soft skill activities for your next program meeting or activity. Learn more ** HERE (<https://www.exploring.org/activity-library/>)

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Inspiring medical minds for

Medical Explorers opened doors for these health care professionals.

What do you want to be when you grow up? It's a question we all explore.

For students asking that question, a chance to experience the medical field can change the course of a career, and a life.

For the past 50 years, CoxHealth's Medical Explorers has been introducing students to health care. The program opens doors for students and it plants the seeds of our future workforce.

"Kids should be doing something like this," says Judy Doran Cochran. "This is the time to ask, 'what is my passion? Where do I think my future might be? It's good to explore your options.'"

Judy speaks from experience. She was among the first explorers in the late 1960s. She thought she might become a nurse and she knew Medical Explorers would be a chance to get close to the action.

"I worked in all the areas - ER, surgery - you name it, I loved it," she says. Judy got to know the man she would later marry, an Eagle Scout named Tom Cochran, through the program. Little did they know then she would build a career in Laboratory and he would become a pharmacist.

Judy and Tom were part of a group of original Medical Explorers who attended the 50th anniversary celebration earlier this summer. They shared stories about how the experience shaped them and met with the new generation of students.

They were joined by their classmates, Malcom Blackburn and Gerald McCoy. All four say the experience as teenagers in Medical Explorers shaped their lives.

"It kept us out of trouble, for the most part," Malcom says with a laugh. "Medical Explorers really helped me learn a work ethic. Anytime we weren't at school, we were here."

The group shadowed caregivers and worked in as many areas as possible. The chance to explore brought their career paths into focus.

Gerald had always known he wanted to work in medicine. He had grown up with asthma and he was immediately drawn to respiratory care. After he was in Medical Explorers, he began working part time at Cox,



Medical Explorers was founded in July 1968, establishing CoxHealth as the second explorer post in the United States.

"Our growth has always depended on a highly skilled workforce," says HR Vice President Andy Hedgpeth. "They believed we need to expose youth to the incredible opportunities and meaningful work that health care can offer."

In the first year, the post had 15 members. Currently, Medical Explorers hosts 340 students, making it the largest in the nation.

Know an interested student? Search "Medical Explorers" at coxhealth.com to learn more.



Tom Cochran, Judy Doran Cochran and Gerald McCoy look through a Medical Explorers scrapbook at this summer's 50th anniversary celebration. The trio were among the first students to go through the program in the late 1960s.



He has been serving patients at CoxHealth ever since.

Meanwhile, Judy's initial desire to be a nurse evolved into a passion for the lab. She spent 36 years in a variety of CoxHealth Laboratory positions before she retired in 2015.

"It's been a lot of fun being with this hospital and having been with explorers for so many years," she says. Gerald and I would run into each other at work and it's like, "Wow, has it really been that many years?"

"I just had a great time. Even the long days, I can't imagine doing

a half century



Photo: Randy Berger



a summer job on a farm when he joined Medical Explorers. The experience launched a career that culminated in his service as Surgeon General of the United States Air Force.

Photo: Randy Berger

A life of exploring, a career of service

"It's interesting. A little thing like hearing about a Medical Explorers post and deciding to check it out can actually lead to a series of events that take you somewhere you never thought you would go."

That is a bit of an understatement, considering the source: Lt. General Mark Ediger, Surgeon General of the United States Air Force.

"If somebody had told me when I was an explorer that I would end up being an Air Force physician for 32 years, I don't think I could have fathomed it," he says.

Ediger says his career path proves one thing: You never know what opportunities may come up if you continually explore and broaden your horizons.

When he was 15, Ediger was living in Springfield and active in the Boy Scouts. His best friend was a teen named Jim Giddings, son of Frank Giddings, a radiologist at CoxHealth.

"When Jim and I were in high school, we would work during the summer on Dr. Giddings' farm. It was pretty hard work," Ediger recalls. Getting to know the Giddings family sparked Ediger's interest in medicine.

"Maybe it was also because I realized what hard work it was working on a farm," Ediger says with a laugh. "Dr. Giddings' job sounded a lot more appealing to me than what I was doing on the farm."

Ediger joined the Medical Explorers post and he was immediately hooked.

"I was impressed with how they worked together as a team. Everybody had a role and it took a coordinated effort," he says. "Medicine is a team activity and that's especially true today as medicine has become more complex and you have a multidisciplinary

It's important to be open to alternatives, because those can really be life changing.

'A great start' to a career

When he was 14, Heath Jennings remembers spending time with his grandmother as she received chemotherapy at Hulston Cancer Center.

He was already interested in medicine and one of the nurses asked if he had heard of Medical Explorers. He had not, but as soon as he could, he signed up.

A rotation in the Emergency Department sold him on health care.

"It really impressed me how they were one big team. If anyone needed something, everyone else was there for them."

Heath studied biology and chemistry at Evangel University before pursuing a bachelor's through Cox College's accelerated nursing program. Two years ago, he joined the CoxHealth ED team.



Jennings

"We are a family - everyone pulls together and we get the job done," he says. And Medical Explorers are now shadowing him.

"I love to teach. I thought that might be my retirement job, but it didn't wait that long," he says. "When I have explorers, I love to say, 'This is what I'm doing and this is why.' It really gives you an idea of what you like and want to do."

"Medical Explorers is such a great start. It is a distinguished program and it opens doors for a lot of people."

Curt Ware takes the helm as Central Region Commodore

By Peter Schmidt



The Central Region has appointed Curt Ware to succeed John Paprocki as the Central Region Commodore. Curt lives in central Illinois and is an active Scouter in Prairielands Council. He will chair the Central Region Sea Scout Committee.

Curt was active in scouting as a youth and had been a scouter 15 years. He has served as Troop Committee Chair, Venturing Advisor, and Chartered Organization Representative & Committee Chair for Ship 1015 which was named to the 2018 National Flagship Fleet, all while serving as a Unit Commissioner, and Vice President for Alumni Relations in Prairielands Council. Curt also served as the Area 3 Vice Commodore for Training and most recently as the Vice Commodore for Membership for the Central Region. But if you know Curt, you know that one of his favorite roles in scouting was chairing the council pinewood derby where he combined his passion for cars and Scouting while raising money for his council's Scoutreach program.

Recognized for his dedication to Scouting, Curt has been presented several notable awards from the BSA including the District Award of Merit, Distinguished Commissioner's Award, Vale La Pena!, Whitney Young Jr, the Silver Beaver, and the Regional Sea Scout Leadership Award.

Curt has been married to his wife, Amy, for 23 yrs and has two sons Jon and Anthony both Eagle Scouts. Anthony just completed his Summit project last weekend and hopes to finish Quartermaster next year. Professionally, Curt has worked in the car business since 1989. He is currently the General Manager for Carmart in Champaign, IL. Curt is a graduate of Northwood University in Midland Michigan with a degree in marketing.

The Central Region services all of Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Ohio, Wisconsin, and parts of Indiana, Kentucky, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota, Virginia, and West Virginia.



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Sea Scouts at the 24th World Scout Jamboree

By Sea Scouts, BSA



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Are you ready to “Unlock a New World?”

The USA Contingent to the 24th World Scout Jamboree in 2019 is accepting applications for participants, adult volunteers, and International Service Team (IST) members. We hope that you can join us for an adventure of a lifetime. Not sure what a World Jamboree is? Simply put, the World Jamboree is a 12-day party, with 50,000 scouts from 169 countries who all came together to meet, bond and begin life-long friendships.

Sea Scouts can apply to join the United States Sea Scout Contingent by selecting their home ship when completing the application. This group of 36 Sea Scouts and 4 adult volunteers will come from across the country. Special coordination with Sea Scouts from other countries is being explored now. If you have already applied to attend as part of a Scout Troop or a Venturing Crew and want to attend as a Sea Scout contact Mike Philbrook at wsj2019@seascout.org.



Dates: July 22 – August 2, 2019 (USA Contingent will arrive on July 21, 2019)

Location: Summit Bechtel Scout Reserve West Virginia, USA

Eligibility: Birthday between July 22, 2001 and July 21, 2005

– Youth participants (boys and girls) must be age 14-17

Birthday before July 22, 2001 (age 18 and older)

- Adult unit leaders (age 18 and older)
- International Service Team (IST) age 18 and older

How to apply: The USA Contingent application system is open now at wsj2019.us/apply.

Application Process: Participants, adult leaders, and IST will complete an online application. Applications will be reviewed on both a Council and National level.

Fees: Total fees, along with a payment schedule, and scholarship information was published on the web site.

If you do not make the age cutoff, there are plenty of IST opportunities which include water sports positions.

If you have any questions about joining the Sea Scout Contingent, contact the Sea Scout coordinator, Mike Philbrook at wsj2019@seascout.org. For more information on the Jamboree or US Contingent be sure to check out wsj2019.us.

Introduction to Powder Horn

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

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

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

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



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**We would like to formally invite you to be a part of the
Northeastern Pennsylvania Council's winter Powder Horn
on February 21-24, 2019 at Camp Acahela!**

Powder Horn is a nationally-chartered resource management course that teaches participants how to operate a successful outdoor/high adventure program of a fun and challenging nature. Participants will "learn by doing" with expert consultants in ice climbing, shooting sports, woodworking, snow sports, ice fishing, 3D printing, dog sledding, geocaching, living history, leave no trace, ecology, and many more about how to replicate these programs in your home units.

This course is designed to point out where equipment, facilities, guides, instructors, and certifications can be obtained in order to provide a high quality program. You, as a participant, will sample the activities yourself to see just how much fun your unit can have. Don't leave your unit's program potential untapped: sign up today! More information about the course and how to sign up can be found below, and at our Powder Horn website: powderhorn.nepabsa.org. We look forward to having you along for the adventure.

In Scouting,
John Sepcoski
Course Director

Participant Fee: \$185.00 if paid in full by February 1, 2019. After February 1 the fee is \$205.00. A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit will hold your registration. The Fee includes all meals, training materials, facilities, recognition and program supplies.

Registration Cap: The course is limited to 48 participants



Participant Qualifications:

Must be a registered member of the BSA.

Youth must be at least 14 and be in a Scouts BSA Troop or Venturing crew. Youth need to complete the unit leadership training for their program (Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops or Crews, etc.)

Adults must have completed the leader-specific training for their position prior to attending the Powder Horn course. Venturers must have completed the Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews course.

All participants must complete Venturing Youth Protection, Hazardous Weather, Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense, and Climb on Safely training. This training may be completed online prior to the course.

To attend as a unit in a crew, you must supply at least six members of your unit and at least two adults to meet proper two-deep leadership requirements. Otherwise, unit members will be placed in appropriate crews.

Receive a recommendation/approval from your council executive or designee for out-of-council participants.

Acceptance to the course will be at the discretion of the course director.

Be able to meet the physical requirements of the Annual Health and Medical Record, No. 680-001.

Participants must provide their own personal gear.



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Ship 100 Commodore Cup 2018

By Southern Region Commodore
Author: Robert Forrester, Skipper
Sea Scouts Ship 100 — Instagram



Ship 100 completed another successful Commodore Cup sailing regatta on Lake Alatoona. We entertained scouts from Nashville, LaGrange and West Ga, along with our Woodstock scouts, with 18 scouts overall. This year we sailed the larger 22' sailboats instead of 14' dinghy's. Who knew racing in October would mean 90+ degree heat and light winds, but we completed 7 races over Saturday and Sunday. This year the races were for fun, while every 2nd year the races are qualifying races for the *William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup*. The Koch Cup brings Sea Scout racers together from all over the world for a week of dinghy races. Each region sends a team or two to compete.



Ship 100 Commodore Cup 2018

**By Southern Region Commodore
Author: Robert Forrester, Skipper
Sea Scouts Ship 100 — Instagram**

This year we had a lot of race practice leading up the Commodore Cup, although one day was spent sailing in a downpour while a couple of days were called off due to storms or no wind at all. Scouts became familiar with dinghy sailing and big boat sailing along the way. In addition, the scouts did prep work weeks ahead of the races, running pressure washers, repairing boats, rigging boats, and the occasional capsiz drill on the dinghys.



Each race consists of 1 lap starting from an invisible line between the committee boat and a start/finish marker. The racers sail upwind turning to port(left) around the windward buoy, then downwind to port around the leeward (downwind) buoy, then upwind back across the start/finish line. At the end of the weekend we have an award ceremony where we give out awards for 1st/2nd in council and 1st/2nd out of council. Race teams consisted of coed Sea Scouts with crews of 2-3 per boat on our fleet of Catalina 22' sailboats.



Sea Fox Honored by the Coast Guard and Boy Scouts of America

Dear Shipmates:

The Sea Promise is a pledge for every Sea Scout to guard against water accidents and to be prepared to render aid to those in need. In the early hours of July 20, 2018, the Sea Fox of Alameda, California kept that promise when they rescued a missing kayaker. Due to their involvement in the rescue, both the United States Coast Guard and the Boy Scouts of America recognized honored the Sea Scouts, Skipper, and Mates of the Sea Fox.

The Boy Scouts of America recognized the Sea Fox crew with the Medal of Merit, one of the National meritorious action awards to recognize a youth member or adult leader who has performed an act of service of a rare or exceptional character that reflects an uncommon degree of concern for the well-being of others.

Three of the Sea Fox adult leaders and Scouts were presented the Medal of Merit at the Western Region Executive Board meeting in Monterey, California on September 13. The entire crew involved in the rescue was presented the Medal of Merit at Safety at Sea the following weekend.

The United States Coast Guard recognized the Sea Fox at the 25th Annual Safety at Sea at Coast Guard Sector San Francisco on September 22 with the Coast Guard's Public Service Commendation Award for their role in the rescue. The Coast Guard produced a video of the presentation that was published as a Facebook video and also covered by multiple local news shows.

Safety at Sea was the ideal venue for the Coast Guard to honor the Sea Fox. Safety at Sea has provided Sea Scouts with hands-on emergency maritime training since 1993. The first time a Sea Scout launches a flare or uses a fire extinguisher should not be during an actual emergency. The skills the Sea Fox Scouts learned at Safety at Sea, and their regular weekly program, are a reminder of how important it is to practice safety drills.

**Please join me in congratulating the Sea Fox on a job well done.
Joshua Gilliland
Western Region Sea Scout Commodore
National Sea Scout Support Committee**

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<http://www.scouting.org/venturing.aspx>

National Sea Scout

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

Central Region Venturing

<http://www.crventuring.org>

Northeast Region Venturing

<http://nerventuring-bsa.org/>

Northeast Region Sea Scouting

<https://seascout.org/regions/southern/>

Southern Region-Venturing

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<https://wrseascouts.wordpress.com/>

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<http://wrventuring.org/>

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