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Venturing and Exploring Winterfest

GALTINBURG, TN

For many years, Gatlinburg TN in the heart of the Smokey Mountains has meant one thing to many of the nation's Venturers and Explorers – fun at the largest Venturing event in the nation, Northeast Georgia Council's Winterfest!

This year's event took place from January 26 – 28 and had many competitive and non-competitive events including rock climbing, a caving simulator, Dutch Oven cook-offs, even a ropes flying squirrel set up.

The festivities kicked off on Friday night with a giant dance and concluded with the awards show on Saturday evening. There was, fun, excitement, challenge, and fellowship all weekend!

This event was the biggest one ever and the staff expects that it will grow again in 2008. This is all thanks to the support from the event staff and the many volunteers who put so much into the program.

Planning is already under way for the 2008 Winterfest it looks to be great! If you would like more information about the event, please contact Andy Price in the Northeast Georgia Council office.



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Nominations for the President

As the 2007 starts, so does the search for a new Southern Region Venturing President.

We are currently looking far and wide in the region for an upstanding youth who meets certain qualifications to lead the region next year. This is a wonderful opportunity for any Venturer and they will certainly have an unforgettable year.

To be eligible a Venturer must complete the application available on the Southern Region Venturing Site, which is also available from your council, submit supporting information, and if selected as a finalist complete a telephone interview.

We encourage all interested Venturers to apply and look forward to hearing from you before MARCH 1, 2007

For more info please contact the current Region President at

SouthernRegionPresident@gmail.com



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KODIAK KODIAK-X

In February 2007, the Southern Region hosted a Kodiak and Kodiak X Course Directors Conference outside of Chattanooga, TN. This course trained leaders in the best practices and methods in conducting Venturing's newest leadership trainings. Participants spent time in the classroom and outside in several training situations learning the ins and outs of the program. Some of the topics were coordinating logistics, course promotion, and staff development. The instructors who have put on the Kodiak Course many times were able to relate their own experiences to the material being covered and gave real life examples.

This course was a weekend long version of the information covered at the Philmont Training Center and Florida Sea Base. All of which are fantastic opportunities to meet and be taught by the people who wrote the programs. You will also have a chance to work with others who have conducted courses and learn what they did that worked well.



CDC



For information on these and all training, please contact Training@Srventuring-BSA.org

Southern Hospitality Team

Regional Services

Our Region provides many services to your crew or council to assist your program. Some of these include a visit by the Regional President to your local area, support in creating or operating a Council Venturing Officer's Association, information about training, and much more. Please contact the Regional President, Michael Bebeau by using the email address southernregionpresident@gmail.com for more information.

Would you like to work on a publication that reaches over 60,000 people? Would you like to introduce others to the world of Venturing? Would you like to work with others to make something happen and to make a difference? Did you notice that this last sentence was a sentence fragment? If you answered yes to the above, we would love to hear from you! We are taking applications for people to write for and edit the Southern Region Newsletter that you are reading. You will be on the forefront of the news in the Venturing Program and can help others. For more information, send an email with your name and contact information to southernregioncommunications@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Southern Region VOA

Atlanta, GA – The Southern Region is pleased to announce the creation of a group of youth and adults in the Region to help in the day to day operations of the Regional Venturing Program. This project has been in the formative stages since May of 2006 and has taken a great deal of effort by the Regional Committee and other youth and adults in the region.

The Venturing Officer's Association is responsible for communications above a council level and can act as a resource for Venturers, Crews, and Councils to find out information about what's new in the program and for assistance with your program. This group will also be responsible for creating this newsletter, maintaining the Southern Region Website, www.srventuring-bsa.org, investigating events and council support in the region and publishing the best practices and methods for others to use.

Each of the 7 Program Areas of the Region will have an Area President to assist with communications. In addition, we will have 4 Regional Vice Presidents to assist with Sea Scouting, Communications, Council Support, and Trainings in the Region respectively. This group is headed by the Regional Venturing President and Regional Sea Scout Boatswain. We will also have adult advisors for each of these positions.

More information about the VOA will be released in early March, 2007 as the program develops and grows. Please see the final page of this newsletter to find your area and see the people in place currently.

Website Update!

In September the Southern Region launched a new website to better assist members of Venturing. We have received many, many ideas since then from the visitors and we want to say THANK YOU! It is because of your support that we are able to grow and improve on an already great concept. We have taken your ideas and worked out a plan to maintain the new site and update it with a great deal of information. Please pardon our dust as we will be doing some “behind the scenes” work on the site to make it one of the best Venturing Resources in the nation.

Take a look and tell us what you think between now and the time when our upgrade is complete. Any ideas or suggestions can be sent to Youthwebmaster@srventuring-bsa.org.

VOA Officers

We are thrilled to announce the first members of the Regional VOA! – Please look at the map below to find your area!

YOUTH:

Regional Venturing President – Michael R. Bebeau SouthernRegionPresident@gmail.com

Regional Sea Scout Boatswain – Jennifer Wallen SouthernRegionBoatswain@yahoo.com

Regional Vice President for Council Support – Catalina Villacura

Regional Vice President for Communications – Thomas Lambert

Area 4 President – Megan Getter

Area 5 President – Ashley Wood

ADVISORS:

Regional Venturing Committee Chair – Bari Saunders

Regional Sea Scout Commodore – Walt Whittaker

Council Support Committee Advisor – Ramon Villacura

Training Committee Advisor – Chuck Treadway

Communications Advisor – Michael Brown

Area 5 Advisor – Pete Armstrong

Area 6 Advisor – Thomas Roberts

Regional Staff Advisor for Venturing – Greg Taylor



Information on all of these people, their roles, contact information, and what they can do to help you will be on the Southern Region Website shortly. We would like to congratulate these fine young men and women for their service and expect great things in the future.