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A weekly newsletter for all volunteer and professional Scouters

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Don't forget to check out the latest Southern Region [news](#) at SRBSA.org!

And remember, if you have a good Scouting story to share, please send it to us at SRWebmaster@netbsa.org.

<u>Report or Event</u>	<u>Deadline or Date Due</u>	<u>Send to</u>
BSA Shooting Sports Grant	October 31, 2009	Marge Morris marge.morris@scouting.org
2011 Powder Horn Course Request	January 15, 2010	Greg Taylor Southern Region Service Center

WOOD BADGE COURSE DIRECTORS' DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Two Wood Badge Course Directors' Development Conferences will be conducted in 2009 for the Southern Region. These conferences will help prepare course directors and councils to conduct approved Wood Badge courses for the year 2010 through March 2011.

The conferences will be conducted:

October 23-24, 2009
Camp Strake
Conroe, Texas

November 6-7, 2009
Atlanta Area Council
Volunteer Service Center
Atlanta, Georgia

It is **mandatory** for all year 2010 course directors and their back-up course director to attend one of the conferences. Click [here](#) for registration information.

SEA BADGE CONFERENCE

The Southern Region is proud to announce that our Fall Seabadge Conference, SR-34, will take place the weekend of November 13-15. The course will be held at the Claytor Lake Aquatics Base near Roanoke, Virginia. Seabadge is an advanced leadership training experience for BSA Sea Scouting Adult leaders, committee members, and support personnel.

More detailed information and application forms are available at:

<http://sregion.seascout.org/forms/SBCFTSHSR34.pdf>

<http://sregion.seascout.org/forms/SBCAPPLSR34.pdf>

We're excited about conducting a Seabadge Conference in this part of the region as it has been over 7 years since the last course in Virginia. If you are not yet Seabadge trained, you might consider attending - especially if this is within a reasonable proximity for you. Due to these conferences moving around geographically within the region, it is likely that it will be a similar number of years before one is held in this vicinity again.

Seabadge training is an excellent program that is the logical culmination of both Venturing Leader Training and Sea Scout Leader Specific Training. The ultimate goal of the course is to provide the attendees with the necessary skills and tools to improve and expand the quality of the Sea Scout program, both in your individual ship and in your council.

ARTICLES:

Goodman Society

Three members of the Southern Region Executive Board, Bill Loeble, Michael Thompson, and Russell Smart, were inducted into the Goodman Society. Click [here](#) for more details.

Minto rendezvous

Ahoy all!

This past weekend the 2009 Minto Rendezvous was hosted jointly by the Capital Area and Sam Houston Area Councils at the Lost Pines Scout Reservation near Austin, Texas. I was fortunate to be able to attend and am able to report that they did an excellent job.

The Rendezvous events included many of the traditional Sea Scout competitions. One of the new items added was the Blind Man Canoe Challenge, with the stated purpose of demonstrating team work and having fun. And the teams that competed did just that! After donning PFD's and blindfolds, an onshore crew leader would relay paddling directions. Often times the commands of the crew leader would be joined by others, which several times lead to the inevitable "brace for impact" advice.

Another interesting event was a walk through Rules of the Road & Aids to Navigation. At this venue, a series of buoys and markers were laid out in approximately a 15' x 25' area representing channels, shipping lanes, several vessels, and open water. Being able to walk about the venue allowed for various scenarios to be played out. This also provided an opportunity to run what-if situations in a more interesting format than the standard word problem method.

Of special note during the event was a Bridge of Honor that was held on Saturday night, where several Venturing awards were presented: two Gold Awards and a Venturing Silver Award. But the highlight of the ceremony came with the presentation of both the Southern Region Venturing Leadership Award and the Quartermaster Award to Chelsea DuBose, who is our immediate past Southern Region Boatswain. Chelsea, who now attends school in Indiana, also served last year as a key member of the Southern Region Venturing Officers Association. The Quartermaster Award (only the 12th one earned nationally so far this year), was presented to her by her father, Skipper DuBose of the Sea Scout Ship Phoenix. Both her mom and dad were justifiably proud.

A BRAVO ZULU to Council Commodores T.W. Cook and Dan Wilson, along with Douglas Hearn, for planning, executing, and delivering this outstanding event.

Barry Ekle,
Southern Region Commodore

What a Wonderful (Scouting) World

Congratulations to Doug "Satchmo" Stone, Scout executive of the Southern Region's Indian Waters council, who was selected the top of 9 finalists from 4,000 BSA professionals in the "BSA's Got Talent" competition at Top Hands this year. Click [here](#) to view his amazing performance. In this video, Doug is performing his unique Boy Scout theme take on Louis Armstrong's classic "What a Wonderful World." Mr. Stone credits the assistance of volunteer **Latrelle Creel**, who helped pull it together.