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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT PDG MARK KRIEBEL



First, I want to thank you for the confidence you've placed in me to lead the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians this year. Our immediate Past President, Dr. Harold Friend, not only was one of the original founders of the fellowship along with Past RI President John Kenney in the 1990's, but Harold has faithfully served our Fellowship for decades in a variety of assignments, including multiple service as International President. I am happy Harold will continue with the Fellowship as my advisor and in other capacities as his time permits. Please join me in thanking Harold for a job well done!

I hope all of you and your Clubs are utilizing the recognitions we have as an organization, from the Cliff Dochterman Award for outstanding Scouting Rotarians, to those awards recognizing our youth on their Scouting achievements and units for their service to community. Our website lists all those awards available!

Sometimes as Scouting Rotarians, our efforts make a difference beyond what we might expect: perhaps a scholarship student gains recognition on an International level or a Scout goes on to become a Rotary Club President, or even a District Governor! We never know what might happen as we build quality experiences for youth and recognize their achievements.



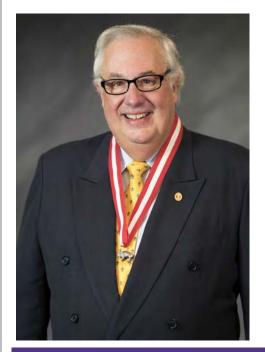
I would like to tell you about a project my Club, the Endwell, NY Rotary Club, undertook when we saw a need in our community, and the eventual result.

In the late 1990's my Son, a Scout, had finished a career as a Little League baseball player, and, although I was serving as Scout Council President, I was asked to join the league board as President to address some issues that were preventing the league from growing: we played in a town park with no concession stand, no advertising signs, no dugouts, and no lights, and we were losing players to rival leagues that offered these amenities and more. After negotiating with the town in order to secure a multi-year field use agreement – it helped that the town supervisor was a member of our Rotary Club, we set out to improve the field by building a two story concession stand, we funded two Eagle Scout projects to build dugouts, secured lights and poles from a Rotarian who headed the local electric utility, and more, in effect building a facility where youth wanted to play. I enlisted our local Rotarian and Scout Executive, Brad Farmer, (now Boy Scouts of America Assistant Chief Scout Executive) as league secretary, and we expanded our league offerings to include younger players and girls.

The 1989 movie "Field of Dreams" had a theme of "If you build it, they will come", and, indeed, youth now wanted to play in our league. I now ask you to "fast forward" to 2016, where the Endwell, NY Little League team not only won the USA championship, they defeat South Korea to become this first US team to win the Little League World Series in 5 years, and the first team in the 72 year history of the tournament to also win the Sportsmanship Award! These young men, many of them Scouts, epitomize what it means to be a Rotarian and a Scout: they conduct themselves by the Scout oath and law and the Four-Way test!







My Club will present their manager and three coaches with Polio Paul Harris Fellowships next month as RI President John Germ visits District 7170 to bestow the honors. It's interesting to note that our team had to twice beat Tennessee, John Germ's home State, to win the USA Championship! The awards will be made to represent the need for all children to play sports free from the crippling disease of Polio.

Fellow IFSR members, you never know what your efforts might eventually bring to youth that may not even be born when you take on a challenge to make your community a better place. Certainly Endwell Rotary had no idea we would lay the groundwork for a World Championship many years ago.

IFSR/ROTARY CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Editor's Note: All, presenting these Certificate of Achievements is one of the easiest and most powerful activities we, as IFSR Rotarians can do. Hal Daume is our champion of this activity and he can quickly give you the simple steps necessary to do this. Presenting these certificates is a terrific way to tie Scouting and Rotary together as well as alerting the high accomplishing youth and their families of Rotary. Everyone wins! Contact Hal and do this in your town.

You may recall that, in the summer of 2008, Rotary District 7510 (New Jersey counties of Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Somerset, and Union) began our Scouting Services Initiative. For this initiative, upon timely notification, Rotarians from our clubs would visit Boy Scout Eagle courts of honor and Girl Scout Gold Award ceremonies and present the IFSR/Rotary Certificate of Achievement to these deserving young men and women.



To date, over 80 individual Rotarians representing 33 of our 39 clubs have made similar presentations to both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Now, eight years later, we've hit another milepost. On July 24, 2016, Mr. Bob Junge, Past President of the Rotary Club of North Hunterdon, presented the 700th certificate to Eagle Scout Harrison Cortellesi, of Troop 112, Pittstown, NJ, Washington Crossing Council-BSA.

Please contact me at 908-447-6290 if more information is needed. Best regards - Hal Daume, PDG District Scouting Services Chair.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

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IFSR DISPLAY AT ZONE 33 TRAINING



Here is a picture of the IFSR display at Zone 33 training today. I also had the display at my Rotary Club of Springfield, VA, meeting yesterday. Several people indicated an interest in joining. Take care. Best Wishes, Philip Sternberg

Editor's Note: This next picture shows a close up of the story board Phil used at this table. I comment on it, because the four certificates shown really say much about what IFSR is all about: 1) Cliff Dochterman Award for distinguished service to scouting; 2) The Silver Wheel for distinguished service to IFSR; 3) Certificate of Achievement to a new Eagle Scout, or Gold Award; and 4) Not shown, the Youth Services Award. Read more

about that one a bit farther into this newsletter. There are lots of avenues for service that are very rewarding and not that hard to do. Get going!





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IN MEMORIAM

A great leader in Rotary and Scouting, PDG DAVID JUDGE, MBE, from Colchester, UK, who served as World President of IFSR, passed away at age 78 on September 27th. He began his lifetime passion after joining the Sea Scouts when he was 10 years old. David was very involved in the formative years of IFSR over 30 years ago. He and his wife of 25 years, Christine, were active in promoting IFSR at many Rotary conventions and World Scout Jamborees. He had a passion for traveling and attended many Rotary RIBI and Zone meetings, International Assemblies, a vast array of Scouting events and was a strong supporter of activities at Gilwell Park. He could always be depended upon, whether to assist in the IFSR booth at the conventions or helping to recruit new members throughout the world. It was as if he never had time to rest, always trying to create a better program and improve the lives of others by his actions. He exemplified "Service Above Self." David will be truly missed.

PDG Harold Friend, MD, Past IFSR World President

Tributes paid to 'human dynamo' David, who dedicated his life to helping others



TRIBUTES have been paid to a man who dedicated his life to others.

Devoted royalist David Judge was a leading light in the Rotary club and the Colchester Sea Scouts.

He was described by friends as a "human dynamo" who was an inspiration to all who knew him.

Mr Judge, who lived in Cottage Drive, Colchester, died at St Helena Hospice on Tuesday after suffering from multiple myeloma, a form of blood cancer. He was 78,

His wife, Christine, was at his side. She said: "We had been married for 25 years and it was a privilege to have been with him for that time.

"We had a marvellous life. I was with him and holding his hand. I would not have left him."

Mr Judge became an MBE for his services to the community.

He had been introduced to community work as a child. His mother, Aileen, was involved in the League of Hospital Friends at Essex County Hospital and he played his part by collecting litter left after the hospital fete.

He was one of the founder members and was a past president of Colchester Forum Rotary Club and between 2002 and 2008 was the world president and chairman of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians.

Mr Judge was Rotary district governor for Essex in 1999 and was invited to a Royal garden party in Buckingham Palace.

He was also a dedicated supporter of Colchester Sea Scouts having joined the 17th Colchester Sea Scouts when he was ten-years-old.

He was with them for more than 60 years including serving as the group's president.

His love of the sea cadets and the influence of his uncle Maurice Ransom, an engineer lieutenant in the Royal Navy, lead him to sign up for the navy for his National Service.

In 21 months, between 1956 and 1958, he covered 47,000 miles and visited 16 countries, the beginning of his wanderlust which continued throughout his life.

After completing his National Service, he worked for the stationers Ryman before joining Markhams in 1961.

He started Markham's Office Equipment, which had an office in Colchester High Street, and he built the company up before buying it himself.

He stayed with the company for 32 years, along with his other business interests in Moel Contracts, Moel Technical Services and Moelprint.

Mr Judge was a lifelong Royal supporter and he helped to organise the celebrations in Colchester for the Queen's Silver Jubilee.

He was chairman of the Colchester and District Jubilee Co-ordinating Committee and was involved in organising a range of activities to mark the historic day.

He remembered, with his usual good humour, standing on the steps of Colchester Town Hall on Monday, June 6, 1977, getting wetter and wetter as the rain fell.

As well as the parties, Mr Judge was recorded in the Guinness Book of Records for the largest painting in the country. The montage was divided into 5,000 pieces and Mr Judge was sponsored £1 for each he painted.

Mr Judge also leaves a daughter, Christine Deane, from his marriage to his first wife, Nadine, who died.

A celebration of his life will be held at the end of October or early November.



WEAR YOUR ROTARY PIN



Boy Scouts of America members -- WEAR YOUR ROTARY PIN with your Cliff Dochterman award uniform ribbon. The BSA Community Service Award ribbon is used to recognize Scouters who are active in other sponsoring organizations. The one for Rotarians – through the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians - is the Cliff Dochterman award. Information is available on our web site www.ifsr-net.org. When you receive the Cliff Dochterman Award, you can wear the ribbon on your BSA uniform. And don't forget to put onto the ribbon the very small (3/8") Rotary pin – so Scouts and Scouters will know you are active in Rotary International. The 3/8" pin is usually available at your nearest BSA Scout Shop – but if you cannot find it there, you can also order one through our IFSR Executive Secretary Randy Seefeldt at \$6 each plus postage. Contact Randy at ifsr@cox.net if you have any questions.

IFSR YOUTH SERVICE AWARD SECOND QUARTER 2016

The IFSR is dedicated to Service to Youth, and in particular to service to Scout and Guide units. Rotarians have found many ways to serve Scout and Guide units, and now there is an IFSR award they can receive for serving a Scout or Guide unit and having it mentioned in the media, any media outlet, the IFSR Youth Service Award.

The IFSR Youth Service Award may be awarded to any Rotary Club that renders service in support of Scout and/or Guide units which is publicized in the media, any media. The IFSR Webmaster may give the awards to a club annually. Recipients are selected from articles posted in media or online. Such articles may be brought to the attention of the IFSR webmaster [webmaster@scouters.us].

This is not a Scouting award nor a Rotary award, but an IFSR award and is intended to reward Rotary Clubs who support local Scout and/or Guide Units and have their support publicized in the media or online.

To insure that the award is available worldwide in a timely manner, it is only distributed electronically. The recipient club will be notified of the award and given instructions on how to download and print the certificate. The award can be downloaded and printed by the club themselves or at a print center.

It is hoped that these awards will stimulate Rotary Clubs to become more involved in service to youth and in particular to Scout and Guide units. Hopefully these Rotarians will become more aware of the IFSR and the services it provides to Rotarians in their support of Scout and Guide units.

Salina Rotary Club (CO), July 4, 2016 The Salida Rotary Club operated a dunk tank in Riverside Park on July 4th. They solicited a number of prominent residents to be the dunks. The event was broadcast live on a local radio station. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go to help fund the Scout Hut project.

Stamford Burghley Rotary Club (UK), July 4, 2016 The Rotary Club of Stamford Burghley presented a cheque for £1,000 to scout leader Jon Deardon during celebrations at Burghley Park when a cub scout group marked its 100th birthday earlier this month. The money was raised at a concert in April by the Corby Male Voice choir. The scouts used the money to buy five go-Karts, which will be used by all cubs and scouts in the local area.

Berkeley Heights Rotary Club (NJ), June 15, 2016 The Annual Rubber Ducky Festival is the signature fundraiser for the Berkeley Heights Rotary Club in partnership with Berkeley Heights Boy Scout Troops 368 and 68. A carnival of games is fully operated by Scouts and included Pinewood Derby car racing and building a monkey bridge with string. Proceeds provide \$4,000 in scholarships, student dictionaries to every Berkeley Heights 3rd-grader, and Medic-Alert for over 200 area solo senior citizens, and help to support over 500 local Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Bullard Rotary Club (TX), June 15, 2016 The Bullard Rotary Club provided fund to cover the fuel expenses for Bullard Boy Scout Troop 366 to travel to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM, and go on a 10-day, 60-mile hike in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. 15 high school aged scouts and four adult advisors that will participate.

Fredericktown Rotary Club (MO), June 29, 2016 Boy Scout Trevan West from Troop 27, chartered to the Fredericktown Rotary Club, was honored for receiving the Boy Scouts of America Honor Medal for saving the life of his father when he was electrocuted while working on an air conditioning unit. The award was presented at the Greater St. Louis Area Council, Boy Scouts of America annual recognition dinner.

Garrettsville-Hiram Rotary Club (OH), June 21, 2016 The Garrettsville-Hiram Rotary Club agreed to purchase a Little Free Library installation to be assembled and placed near the Headwaters Trail leading from the South Street Park. The assembly and mounting of the facility are part of an Eagle Scout project proposed by Kyle Collins.

The Shaftesbury Rotary Club (UK), June 17, 2016 The Shaftesbury Rotary Club appealed to businesses and local residents to show their support for Shaftesbury scouts by sponsoring a gold square or banner for the Rotary Club's Gold Hill Fair.

St Andrews Rotary Club (UK), June 25, 2016 The St Andrews Rotary Club was one of the sponsors which helped scouts from the 8th Fife St Andrews Explorer Scouts, joined by leaders and active support volunteers, travel to the International Scout Base at Kanderstag in Switzerland.

Westward Rotary Club (MA), June 15, 2016 The Westford Rotary Club is supporting Girl Scout Troop 85009 in their Bronze Award Project to collect donations for the Westward Food Pantry at the Westward Farmers Market. The Troop will also be able to accept donations of fresh purchased produce from Market Basket or Whole Foods.



Blind River Rotary Club (Canada), June 2, 2016 Rotary Club of Blind River presented a cheque for \$1,000 to the Blind River Girl Guides, Brownies, Sparks and Pathfinders. The money was generated through their 26th annual John Menard/AJ Shamas Memorial Golf Tournament.

Southampton Rotary Club (Canada), May 30, 2016 At a recent wine and cheese reception, the Southampton Rotary Club revealed they donated to the accessible playground at Jubilee Park, built and maintains the Rotary Scout Hall, and supports local youth through scholarships and literacy programs.

Gourock Club (Scotland), May 26, 2016 Rotary Club of Gourock (Scotland) presented Scout Leaders Emma and Jamie Parker of 1st Gourock Scouts with Paul Harris Awards for their work with 1st Gourock Scouts. Under their encouragement, the Scouts have contributed to and supported many events in the local community such as Gourock Garden Party, Gourock Highland Games and Rotary's annual Hark in the Park.

Hillsborough Club (NJ), April 13, 2016 The Hillsborough (NJ) Rotary Club turned over their Bee Hive Project to Boy Scout Troop 1776. 15,000 bees i will take up residence in a specially-designed compound at Ann Van Middlesworth Park built jointly by the Rotary club and the Scout troop. Eventually, the hives are expected to produce an enough honey to be harvested and sold.

Launceston Club (Cornwall), May 18, 2016 Launceston (Cornwall) Rotary Club organizes an annual day of fun and friendship for the disabled. People with a learning disability take part in leisure, social and creative activities. The Lewannick Girl Guides helped make the event fun for all who took part.

São José dos Campos Clubs (Brazil), May 31, 2016 (Sul award) (Santana award) The Assisi House Brotherhood of São José dos Campos, Brazil, provides assistance to street people. Girl Scout Giovana heard about their work and spread the word to her and other Girl Scout troops. They in turn received the support of the Rotary Club São José dos Campos South and Rotary Club São José dos Campos - Santana. Together, they collected well over 600 items of clothing and blankets.

CLIFF DOCHTERMAN AWARD



A surprised Dr. Bart Gledhill (Mt Diablo Silverado Council, Alamo Rotary Club – D-5160) receives the Cliff Dochterman Award from the National Commissioner of Boy Scouts of America Charles Dahlquist (Salt Lake City Rotary Club – D-5420). Both Bart and Charles are Life members of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians. Bart, like Charles, received this singular recognition for his long years of outstanding service to Scouting and Rotary – as nominated by the Alamo Rotary Club. Bart has received BSA's Silver Antelope Award in the past and Charles the Silver Buffalo. Greater Yosemite Council Scouter G. Bruce Olson took these pictures. The presentation was at the Western Region BSA training session in July at Philmont Scout Reservation in New Mexico -- in a general training session with over one hundred

Council leaders from the Western Region BSA present. An impromptu Rotary Club meeting was held the following day which included Rotarians from 6 different Councils in Western Region BSA.





Scouting Around the World



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The International Committee meets the third Thursday, every other month at the Marriott Scout Service Center, 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Upcoming meeting date: November 17, 2016

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B-P Bits:



The Scouts' Book of Heroes (WW!) foreword by B-P: "What can we do to perpetuate the memory of those who ennobled by their splendid sacrifice the otherwise brutish work of battle? Happily they left that something of themselves which we can cherish and can pass on; it is their glorious spirit. This, through the recital of their brave deeds, we can at least keep alive, and fan to flame in the breasts of their successors, if we will. That is our aim in the Scout Movement. Their record was not the result of military training or of drill. It was the outcome of the spirit that gives the essential self-discipline and "dare to do". It is the spirit that tells, the spirit which it is the aim of Scout training to inculcate."

Collectors' Corner: Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI) every OCT.









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European International Scout Camps 2017 - check websites for more info

NORD '17, Norwegian National Jamboree (1-8.7.2017); Go Urban 2017, Luxembourg Jamboree LGS (18-28.7.2017); Spejdernes Lejr 2017, Danish National Jamboree (22-30.7.2017); 15th World Scout Moot 2017, World Scout Moot (25.7-2.8.2017); Weifblick 2017, German National Jamboree VCP (27.7-5.8.2017); AJCamp 2017, Scottish Jamboree (29.7-5.8.2017); NIJam 2017, Northern Ireland Jamboree (29.7-5.8.2017); (8) Sauvage 2017, Luxembourg Jamboree FNEL (29.7-5.8.2017); KIJ'17, Kent International Jamboree (29.7-5.8.2017); Poacher'17, Lincolnshire International Jamboree (29.7-5.8.2017); AcaNac XXIII, Portuguese National Jamboree CNE (31.7-6.8.2017); RoJam 2.017, Romanian National Jamboree (4-15.8.2017); Jamboree SE, Swedish National Jamboree (5-12.8.2017); WS 2017, West Sussex International Camp (5-12.8.2017).



CHANGES TO BSA DIRECT SERVICE SUPPORT

If you are moving or live outside of the United States, you can still continue to be a member of the Boy Scouts of America. The national office has just moved all Direct Service support to the following councils:

- Far East Council for countries in the Asia-Pacific Region, contact: Web/email http://www.fareastcouncil.org/ ☑*;http://www.fareastcouncil.org/about/service-centers ☑*;membership@fareastcouncil.org
- Transatlantic Council for countries in the Europe, Arab, Eurasia, and Africa regions, contact: Web/email—http://www.tac-bsa.org/ ☑, vince.cozzone@scouting.org
- National Capital Area Council for countries in the Interamerican Region (North, Central, and South America, and the Caribbean), Direct Service Scouting, contact:
 Website— http://www.ncacbsa.org/directservice/

SCOUTING IN SPAIN:



Federation of Spanish Scout Association (ASDE)



Movimiento Scout Catolico (MSC)



Catalan Federation of

The Federación de Escultismo en España (ASDE) is the National Scout Organization within WOSM and consists of three member organizations. The ASDE was founded in 1912 by Teodoro Iradier y Herrero and Arturo Cuyás. In 1940, after the Spanish Civil War, the Exploradores de España were suspended by Franco's regime, but could continue their activities as Asociación Nacional de Exploradores de España (ANEDE, National Association of Spanish Explorers) with a semi-tolerated status. The organization was fully legalized in 1977 under the name Asociación de Scouts de España (Spanish Scout Association) during the reforms after Franco's death. In 1978, it formed the Federación de Escultismo en España with the Movimiento Scout Católico and the Federació Catalana d'Escoltisme i Guiatge and was readmitted to the World Organization of the Scout Movement the same year.

The Movimiento Scout Católico (MSC, Catholic Scout Movement) is a Roman Catholic Scouting organization in Spain, under the shelter of the Catholic Church.

The Federació Catalana d'Escoltisme i Guiatge (FCEG, Catalan Federation of Scouting and Guiding) is the federation of three Scout and Guide associations in Catalonia.

Scouting and Guiding (FCEG)



Thai Scouts Promotion Foundation formed the World Heritage Scout Troop to run important activities at the Ayutthaya World Heritage site located at the former capital of Thailand. The Scout Troop completed the training on Cultural World Heritage Sites by experts from the Fine Arts Department of Thailand on the history and preservation of this important place. The troop plans to plant ancient trees in 30 ancient temples, organize a Scout bicycle patrol to work with tourist police, and to help in the site's maintenance and cleanliness.



BSA JAMBOREE 2017

Editor's note: Angus and Suzanne McFarlane will handle our IFSR booth at the 2017 BSA Jamboree. They will need some help manning the booth (and maybe a bit of additional help), and will appreciate your contacting them to do that if you are going to be at the Jamboree.

Angus and I are the contact people for the IFSR booth at Jamboree.

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Thank you very much for helping us with an appeal for funding. We were able to get some help from the Jamboree for the booth space fees, but will need a little money for supplies and recruitment materials. We are planning to have an activity for the boys to experience which will tie together Scouting and Rotary. This activity will involve some expense for its development. Again, thank you for your support!

Suzanne Mc Farlane





ROTARY CLUB OF SONOMA VALLEY AIDS VENTURING

Editor's Note: Here is another example of a scouting unit started by a Rotary club, one of the many activities we in IFSR do that forward Rotary and Scouting.

When Abigail C., 17, of Sonoma Valley, Calif., saw all the things her brother was able to experience with his Boy Scout troop in the Redwood Empire Council, the Sonoma Valley teen decided it was time to seek the thrill of the outdoors herself. "I wanted an opportunity to join other girls to do crazy stuff we normally don't have an opportunity to do at home," Abigail told the Sonoma Index-Tribune.

It was this quest for adventure that lead Abigail to establish a new Venturing crew, where she and other girls could learn new skills, take on new challenges, and develop character. Venturing, a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America, provides positive experiences to young men and women 13–20 years of age to help them grow into responsible and caring adults.

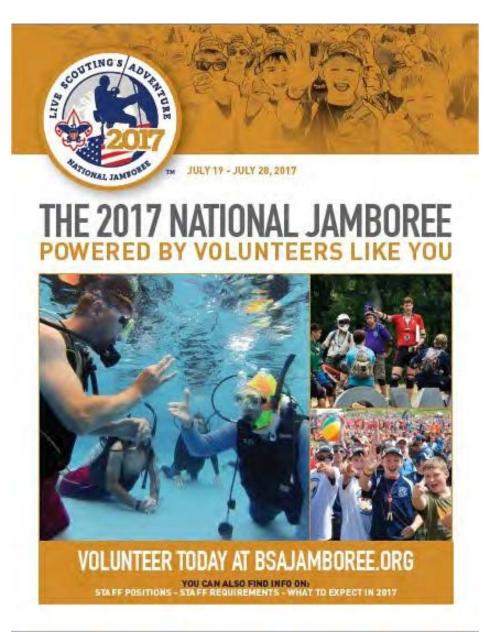
With the help of community and family members, Abigail began to lay the groundwork for the new crew. Before long, other adventure-seeking girls like Abigail were ready to join the crew. As plans for the crew moved forward, the girls witnessed the helpfulness of Scouts, firsthand. A local Boy Scout troop and the Rotary Club of Sonoma Valley helped get the Venturers off to a strong start by giving them a place to meet and offering to share outdoor equipment.





Abigail C., and her friends experience adventure and learning through BSA's Venturing program. (Photo credit: Dianne Reber Hart/ Sonoma Index-Tribune)

Thanks to the initiative taken by Abigail and her founding crew members, the girls have been able to experience an array of adventures, including cold-weather camping, star-gazing, and team-building exercises such as completing a ropes course. The crew has faced obstacles, but by working together, these Venturers have also gained valuable leadership skills. For example, scheduling can be a challenge since girls live in both Sonoma Valley and Napa Valley. The members are also full-time students and participate in extracurricular activities. Abigail, who now serves as the crew president, told the Sonoma Index-Tribune how beneficial the Venturing program has been for her. "It's amazing how we've grown as a group in the first year, and the skills and perspectives we've gained.





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