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IN DEPTH WITH CHARLIE THORPE

Do you remember the expedition planning consultant? Looking high and low, the Powder Horn staff has been searching for this man. It's obvious to everyone that he really did leave no trace of his presence!



Cue Mr. Charlie Thorpe. Charlie is a long time Scouter with a long and storied history working with Venturing. He began his Scouting legacy as a youth in the Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs. Today he serves on the National Venturing Outdoor Committee after many years as a Scoutmaster in Alabama. In the Boy Scout program he fully understood why the outdoors is the ultimate classroom for learning about life and leadership. His Scout troop was well known throughout the Southern Region and he was given a scholarship by the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association to attend the first ever National Master Leave No Trace Educator course to be held in North Carolina in 1993.

A lifelong explorer of the wilderness and outdoors, Leave No Trace captivated his immigration from the very beginning. As Scoutmaster, Charlie had taken his boys on the Appalachian trail and had seen over the years the way the trail had begun to deteriorate. After taking the Leave No Trace (LNT) course he then began his evangelism of the program to high adventure camp staffs including Philmont and Northern Tier. In 1997 the BSA began to phase in the Leave No Trace concept. His expertise on the subject was becoming nationally known, and he was asked to teach a Leave No Trace training course at the Philmont Training Center.

As Venturing was being formed in 1998 Mr. Thorpe's Leave No Trace expertise was being constantly tapped for Scouting applications. Around the same time he was asked to lead a pilot effort by the Northern Alabama Council to offer a Venturing base centered around Ranger Award related activities. He was part of the very first Powder Horn Course held at the Hunting Lodge at Philmont in 1999 and shortly thereafter was asked to serve on the National Venturing Outdoor Committee as the Leave No Trace advocate.





CARMEL PIE RECIPIE FROM O'CHARLEY'S RESTERAUNT

Ingredients:

- 1 large Graham Cracker Pie Crust
- 2 cans sweetened condensed milk
- 1 small container Cool Whip
- 1 small pkg. chopped pecans
- 1 package Nestlé's mini chocolate chips

Directions:

Peel paper from cans of Eagle Brand Milk. Place cans on their sides in a large pot and cover completely in cold water. Slowly bring pot to rolling boil and boil for 3 hours making sure to turn cans every 30 minutes or so.

"Very Good" - Jerry Baker

"My two sons demand it [carmel pie] every time we go camping" - Keith Behnke



DON'T GIVE UP
THE SHIP



COMMODORE PERRY FLAG

During the War of 1812, this flag flew aboard Oliver Hazard Perry's flagship "Lawrence" while commanding an American squadron in the Battle of Lake Erie on September 10, 1813. Perry had named his ship after Captain James Lawrence, the hero of an earlier sea battle off New England whose dying words were "Don't Give Up The Ship".

Source: www.navyusna.org

VENTURING UNDERGROUND - CAVE EXPLORATION



Our caving consultant, Chris Anderson, has been agasp about caves for over 25 years. His expertise was well presented by his many breathtaking photographs. Since his 8th grade teacher took his class on a field trip to Mammoth Cave National Park, he has been hooked on the sport. Today, his sense of adventure to explore new unseen places drives him deeper and deeper in Kentucky's caves. Throughout his many caving trips, he counts the Rumbling Falls cave in Tennessee as his favorite.

Below the surface of the Earth are some of the most beautiful landforms on the planet. While beautiful, the challenge lies in trying to capture this beauty and pack it out on film to share. Chris' caving experience is truly multi-faceted in that he seeks out some of the most challenging caves to explore while equally focused on photographic persuits. His work has been published in numerous newspapers, magazines, and trade publications, including the prestigious National Geographic magazine.

Southern Region Venturing Website:
www.srventuring-bsa.org



For more information about Venturing in the

Southern Region please consult the regional website. This is a great resource for leaders to learn more about specific programs of the Southern Region including Winterfest, and the national Kodiak leadership course.

Screenshot of the Southern Region Venturing BSA website. The page features a green header with the Venturing BSA logo and navigation links: Home Page, Leadership, Training, Publications, Contact Us, Program, Advisor's Corner, Links. The main content area includes a "First Letter from the Regional President available:" section with a photo of a man and a "New Site design and New Features" section with a paragraph of text and a "clicking here" link. A "Site News" sidebar on the right lists "Brand new site design" and "Please email the webmaster any feedback" with a "National Venturing Youth Cabinet" logo below it.



DAY 3 ACTIVITIES

- Flag Raising
- Wilderness Survival
- Land Navigation, Fly Fishing, Backpacking
- Communications
- Outdoor Sports
 - +Cycling, Fishing, Hunter Education
- Wrap Up

