

## **Opening**

**Master of Ceremonies:** Good afternoon. My name is Steve Hill, Scoutmaster for Troop 165, and I'm pleased to serve as master of ceremonies as we honor Venturing Crew member, Harrison Hall, for his climb to the Summit.

I'd like to remind you all that there will be a reception honoring our new Summit Award Recipient immediately following the ceremony in the fellowship hall next door.

Now please rise for the invocation, presented by Pastor David Hendrix, and remain standing for the presentation of the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Invocation:** Pastor Hendrix

**Presentation of flags: Lina- Caller & announce Pledge of Allegiance**

**Corbin- Wendy- Isaac (flags)**

**Master of Ceremonies:** I now call on Mr. Freddie Tuten, as a representative of the Boy Scouts of America, to officially convene this court of honor.

**Freddie Tuten:** By the powers vested in me by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, I declare this court of honor to be duly convened for the sole purpose of presenting the Summit Award to Harrison Thomas Charles Hall.

**Master of Ceremonies:** I now call upon Associate Crew Advisor, Mr. Jim Gray, to recant John Wayne's Scout Law for the candle lighting ceremony."

**Jim Gray:** A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. Nice words. Trouble is, we learn them so young we sometimes don't get all the understanding that goes with them. I take care of that in my family. As

each boy reaches Scout age I make sure he learns the Scout Law. Then I break it down for him with a few things I've picked up in the more than half a century since I learned it.

**Katlyn:** A Scout is trustworthy.

**Jim Gray:** The badge of honesty. Having it lets you look any man straight in the eye. Lacking it, he won't look back. Keep it at the top of your list.

**Katlyn:** A Scout is loyal.

**Jim Gray:** The very word is life itself, for without loyalty we have no love of person or country.

**Katlyn:** A Scout is helpful.

**Jim Gray:** Part sharing, part caring. By helping each other, we help ourselves, not to mention mankind. Be always full of help- the dying man's last word.

**Nicole:** A Scout is friendly.

**Jim Gray:** Brotherhood is part of that word. You can take it in a lot of directions- and do- but make sure and start with brotherhood.

**Nicole:** A Scout is courteous.

**Jim Gray:** Allow each person his human dignity, which means a lot more than saying, "Yes, ma'am" and "Thank you, sir." It reflects an attitude that later in life you "wish you honored more...earlier in life." Save yourself that problem. Do it now.

**Nicole:** A Scout is kind.

**Jim Gray:** This one word would stop wars and erase hatreds. But it's like your bicycle. It's just no good unless you get out and use it.

**Joscelyn:** A Scout is obedient.

**Jim Gray:** Start at home, practice it on your family, enlarge it to your friends, and share it with humanity.

**Joseclyn:** A Scout is cheerful.

**Jim Gray:** Anyone can put on a happy face when the goings good. The secret is to wear it as a mask for your problems. It might surprise you how many others do the same thing.

**Joscelyn:** A Scout is thrifty.

**Jim Gray:** Means a lot more than putting pennies away, and it's the opposite of cheap. Common sense covers it just about as well as anything.

**Julie:** A Scout is brave.

**Jim Gray:** You don't have to fight to be brave. Millions of good, fine, decent folks show more bravery than heavy weight champs just by getting out of bed every morning, going out to do a good day's work, and living the best life they know how against a lot of odds. Brave. Keep the work handy every day of your life.

**Julie:** A Scout is clean.

**Jim Gray:** Soap and water helps a lot on the outside. But it's the inside that counts, and don't you ever forget it.

**Julie:** A Scout is reverent.

**Jim Gray:** Believe in anything you want to believe in, but keep God at the top of it. With Him, life can be a beautiful experience. Without Him, you're just biding time.

### **Master of Ceremonies: The Trail to Summit**

The Venturing awards program is designed to help Venturers grow in the areas of adventure, leadership, personal growth, and service, which is also known as the ALPS model. The ALPS model consists of "A",

for **Adventure**, which is the key to Venturing. Developing outings with a sense of adventure is the key to the crew having fun and learning something new about themselves. “L” stands for **Leadership** which is the tool they use to help the crew plan its adventures. Leadership in Venturing is not just a position— it is an action, captured in the Venturing motto, "Lead the Adventure". “P” is for **Personal Growth** which comes when they learn from their experiences as a Venturer. Conversations with crew members and the Advisors help them appreciate what they have learned. Personal growth helps them identify and develop their talents and abilities so they can be prepared for their life's challenges and opportunities. And finally, “S” stands for **Service**. Service is the gift you give to others. It allows them to sustain their communities by identifying needs and targeting them. Venturing's commitment to community service allows each crew to develop a program full of opportunities to serve others— and to have fun at the same time!

At this time I would call upon current Crew President Megan Deyhle to tell you more about the CORE Venturing Awards.

**Megan Deyhle:**

The first of the CORE awards in Venturing is coincidentally called...the Venturing Award. This Award's Focus is “Joining”. The first step in any journey is the courage to begin. Harrison not only ‘joined,’ he is the founder and creator of Venturing Crew 369. After he earned the rank of Eagle Scout when he was fourteen, he felt he needed something more. With the support of his parents, Coastal Georgia Council and his church—the crew was formed five years ago this April. The Crew's number, 369, was given in honor to his former Scoutmaster, Mr. G, from Troop 369 located in Algonquin, Illinois a member of the Blackhawk Area Council.

The next Award, the Discovery Award, focuses on Participation. As the adventure of participating with the crew unfolds, each Venturer begins to discover his or her interests and talents. As the Discovery Award

recipients develop new skills and competencies, their eyes are opened, and the world expands for them. Some of the adventures Harrison experienced was white water rafting, horseback riding, caving, COPE, NRA certification for handguns, Powder Horn, Leave No Trace training, Philmont Scout Ranch and most recently the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base.

The Pathfinder Award's Focus is Leadership. Harrison completed the Kodiak Challenge, he is a recruiter, ILSC Instructor and was a Woodbadge Participant at the age of 17. His roles have included Crew President, Vice President of Administration, VOA Vice President of Administration and Crew Guide. Prior to the reconstruction of the Venturing awards, he had also earned the Bronze Outdoor Award and the Gold Award. In 2014 he was awarded the Coastal Georgia Council Venturing Leadership Award.

The Summit Award represents the Venturing program's highest honor. The focus of the Summit Award is Mentoring. MENTORS are the experienced leaders that willingly invest their time, energy, and personal knowledge in assisting another person to grow and learn. In addition to mentoring, Harrison was tasked to design and lead a service project that would benefit others. He chose to help a local non-profit, Coastal Pet Rescue, in rebuilding the walls for their outdoor dog kennels.

### **Master of Ceremonies: Presentation of the Summit Award**

It's now time for the highlight of our program: the presentation of the Summit Venturing Award. I'd like to ask Venturing Crew Committee Chair, Mrs. Donna DePaz to come forward to make the appropriate presentations.

### **Committee Chair: Donna DePaz**

Will the honor guard please escort the recipient forward.

*(Megan and Shane will escort Harrison)*

We have heard a lot tonight about what it takes to earn the Summit Award. You've learned about the Venturing Awards and the accomplishments that Harrison has done while in the program. Instead of a traditional ceremony, Harrison was asked to provide some quotes that has summed up his experience in Venturing and his path to Summit.

**Honor-** “Better to die ten thousand deaths than wound my honor.”  
Joseph Addison

**Loyalty-** “This above all: to thine ownself be true, and it must follow, as the night and day, Thou canst not then be false to any man.” William Shakespeare

**Courage-** “A ship in harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for.” William Shedd

**Service-** “If there be any truer measure of a man than by what he does, it must be by what he gives.” Robert South

**Vision-** “Live your life each day as you would climb a mountain. An occasional glance toward the summit keeps the goal in mind, but many beautiful scenes are to be observed from each new vantage point. Climb slowly, steadily, enjoying each passing moment, and the view will serve as a fitting climax for the journey.” Harold V. Melchert

**Leadership-** “Leadership is action, not position.” D.H. McGannon

**Excellence-** “Whatever you are, be a good one.” Abraham Lincoln

At this time, does anyone have anything to share with or about our Summit Award Recipient?

*(Open to the floor to respond- once completed then continue...)*

So, just how rare is the Summit Award? Keeping in mind that roughly 5 percent of all Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award, would you believe that just 0.5 percent of all Venturers earn the Summit Award each year? All this isn't meant to diminish the Eagle Scout Award,

something just 1 in 20 Boy Scouts earn. It's simply an acknowledgement that if you happen to see a Summit Award recipient out there, be sure to shake his or her hand. There simply aren't many around!

Harrison is the first within the Coastal Georgia Council to earn this award!

As a representative of Venturing Crew 369, I congratulate you, Harrison Thomas Charles Hall for earning the Summit Award. *(Pin the summit medal on his left pocket and then present the framed certificate.)*

**Master of Ceremonies:**

At this time, Harrison would like to say a few words and recognize his mentors.

**Recipient Remarks: Harrison**

Speech and mentor awards

**Master of Ceremonies:**

There is one more award that needs to be presented tonight. I call upon Mr. Pete Mastopoulos to step forward to make his presentation.

**Pete Mastopoulos:** Presentation of the American Legion Citizenship Medal

**Master of Ceremonies:**

Tonight has indeed been a special night. Thank you all for coming out and participating in this wonderful event. Let's give our new Summit Award Recipient one more round of applause.

I now call upon, Pastor David Hendrix, to give our benediction.

**Benediction: Pastor David**

**Master of Ceremonies:**

Again, thank you for coming. Please join us at the reception in the fellowship hall. Good night.