

Opening

Master of Ceremonies: Good afternoon. My name is **Donnette Marriott**, and I'm pleased to serve as master of ceremonies as we honor Venturing Crew member, Katlyn Deyhle, for her 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: Caller- Harrison w/Flag bearers: Stephen & Megan

Master of Ceremonies: I now call on Donna DePaz, as a representative of the Boy Scouts of America and the Committee Chairperson of Venturing Crew 369, to officially convene this court of honor.

Donna DePaz: 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 Katlyn Marie Deyhle.

Master of Ceremonies: Donnette Marriott I now call upon **Megan Deyhle**, to recant the Elements of Scouting, for the candle lighting ceremony.

Candle Lighting Ceremony: Megan

The trek is a steep trail leading to the high Summit for a Venturer. Look back for a moment Katlyn. Look at the path you've hiked. Look at the experiences you have encountered on your journey. You have canoed and hiked and camped with your Crew. You have learned from those who came before you on this trail and you are teaching those who are following you on the same trail. These experiences will not be forgotten because they are now a part of you.

Each step on the trail, every experience that you've had, all the awards that you have earned, all the service you've given, has culminated in this distinct honor today.

The elements of fire, water, earth, and wind have been part of the trail to Summit. These Venturers will review the way those elements have influenced your trail.

Fire: light first candle (Venturing) Julie

The trek to Summit requires that you follow the Outdoor Code. The Outdoor Code says that you will be careful with fire. Fire, as we all know, is part of every Crew outing. As a Venturer, you learned that fire can be helpful but it can also be dangerous. You also learned that three things (oxygen, fuel, and heat) are needed to start a fire and keep it burning. You used that knowledge as you earned the Awards in Venturing. Fire represents one of the best parts of any Crew outing - on campouts, there are always campfires. Cooking meals, using dutch ovens, telling stories, watching sparks fly - these are all part of the way that fire has been part of the trail to Summit.

Water: light second candle (Discovery) *Joscelyn*

Like fire, water has been an important part of your Venturing experience. You demonstrated the ability to swim and passed the swimming test. Time in, and around water has defined many Crew outings. With your Crew, you have swum, canoed, kayaked, white water rafted and paddle boarded.

Earth Scout: light third candle (Pathfinder) *Nicole*

You have coasted on waterways across the country, and you have also travelled many trails on foot. Conserving the earth's resources is the essence of the Outdoor Code. This important part of Venturing is reflected in the fact that you earned the Bronze Outdoor Award and completed the Leave No Trace trainer course.

You have also been witness to the incredible beauty of the land. You hiked many miles across the country with your fellow scouts on high adventure treks. Your Venturing Fest experience took you from forest floor to above the timberline. Other high adventures included trips to Cumberland Island, West Virginia, Northern Georgia, Florida, South Carolina and North Carolina. As you followed the trail to Summit, you have found your footing with every step you've taken.

Wind: Light the fourth candle (Summit) *Elizabeth*

As you soar as a Summit recipient, it is the wind that carries you forward. You have felt the power of the wind as you stood at the top of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Cooling breezes at camp and frigid gusts during winter have surrounded you on those outings. You've camped in spring rains and you've seen trees shake with autumn bluster. The wind has carried you all over the region, experiencing Venturing far and wide. As a Summit recipient, you'll continue to fly to new adventures and new places.

Megan:

Katlyn, your trek to Summit has included a commitment to the elements of fire, water, earth, and wind. As a Venturing, Discovery, Pathfinder and now Summit Award recipient, you have continued to show your Scout Spirit.

All Scouts please rise to say the Scout Oath & Law:

(Oath/Law)

Master of Ceremonies: Donnette

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 **Shane Chabot** to tell you more about the CORE Venturing Awards.

Shane Chabot:

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. Katlyn not only 'joined,' she is one of the founding members of Crew 369.

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 Katlyn experienced were white water rafting, horseback riding, caving, COPE, NRA certification for handguns, Leave No Trace training and EDGE training.

The Pathfinder Award's Focus is Leadership. Katlyn completed the Kodiak Challenge, she is a recruiter and an ILSC Instructor. Her roles have included Crew Secretary, Crew Historian and Crew Guide.

Prior to the reconstruction of the Venturing awards, she had also earned the Bronze Outdoor 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, Katlyn was tasked to design and lead a service project that would benefit others. She chose to help a local non-profit, Coastal Pet Rescue, in building an outdoor play area for the large dog kennel.

On behalf of Venturing Crew 369- we congratulate you.

A Scout's Prayer: From Scouting in New South Wales **Harrison Hall**

We have hiked along life's pathway,
our packs upon our backs,
We have pitched our tents and rested,
Here and there along the tracks.
We have used our compass wisely
To guide us on our way
And hope to reach the campsite
Of our Great Chief Scout some day
We have tried to be trustworthy
Kept our honor high and clean,
We have been as loyal as any
To our Country and our Queen.
We have done our best at all times-
Kept our Promise- been prepared,
And hope our good deeds please Him
When at last our souls are bared.
We have lightened other's burdens,
With our smiles along the way,
We have kept our hand in God's hand,
Walked beside Him day by day.
And when our span of life run's out,
We'll make this gentle plea-
May we sit around His Campfire
At the Final Jamboree.

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 **Crew Advisor Malissa Hall** to come forward to make the appropriate presentations.

Malissa Hall:

Will the honor guard please escort the recipient forward.

(Harrison & Megan- will escort Katlyn)

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 Katlyn has done while in the program. Following our new tradition, Katlyn was asked to provide some quotes that have summed up her experience in Venturing and her path to Summit.

Honor- Honor isn't about making the right choices. It's about dealing with the consequences. -Sphocies

Loyalty- Loyalty is more than a word. It's a way of life.

Courage- Limits exist only in the mind. - Greatest Showman

Service- Recognize that every interaction you have is an opportunity to make a positive impact on others.

Vision- You may not always see what you have to offer but you are capable of so much more than you think. – Greatest Showman

Leadership- A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way. – John C. Maxwell

Excellence- Excellence is doing ordinary things extraordinarily well.

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!

Katlyn is the second within the Coastal Georgia Council to earn this award! And the first young lady!

As a representative of Venturing Crew 369, and your Advisor, I congratulate you, Katlyn Marie Deyhle for earning the Summit Award. *(Pin the summit medal on her left pocket and then present the framed certificate.)*

Master of Ceremonies:

At this time, Katlyn would like to say a few words and recognize her mentors.

Recipient Remarks: Katlyn

Speech and mentor awards

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 Hendrix**, to give our benediction.

Benediction: Pastor Hendrix

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