

TRUST Handbook

Venturing Religious and
Community Life Award



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The Venturing Oath

*As a Venturer,
I promise to do my duty to God
and help strengthen America,
to help others, and
to seek truth, fairness,
and adventure in our world.*

The Venturing Code

*As a Venturer,
I believe that America's strength lies in our trust in God
and in the courage, strength, and traditions of our people.
I will, therefore, be faithful in my religious duties and will
maintain a personal sense of honor in my own life.
I will treasure my American heritage and will do all I can
to preserve and enrich it. I will recognize the dignity and
worth of all humanity and will use fair play and goodwill
in my daily life. I will acquire the Venturing attitude that
seeks the truth in all things and adventure on the frontiers
of our changing world.*

The Scout Law

*A Scout is trustworthy,
loyal, helpful, friendly,
courteous, kind, obedient,
cheerful, thrifty, brave,
clean, and reverent.*