



VENTURING · BSA

**Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are at least 14 years old having completed the eighth grade, through 20 years of age.**

**The purpose of Venturing is the same as that of the Boy Scouts of America: Character Development, Citizenship Training and Fitness through Partnerships with Community Based Organizations and the Boy Scouts of America.**

**VENTURING IS ABOUT**

Curiosity, Exploration and Adventure Development Issues  
Experimentation  
Movement from Dependence to Interdependence  
Social Relationships  
Physiological Changes  
Reevaluation of Personal Values

**METHODS OF VENTURING**

Voluntary Association between Youth and Adults  
Ethical Decision Making  
Group Activity  
Recognition of Achievement  
Democratic Process

**VENTURERS NEED**

Opportunities for Participation and Experimentation  
Freedom to Make Choices  
A Sense of Caring for Others  
Enjoyment of Life  
New Skills  
Opportunities for Reflection

**VENTURERS WANT**

Respect  
Acceptance  
Appropriate Role Models  
Problem Solving Skills  
To Be Listened To

**6 EXPERIENCE AREAS**

Citizenship	Leadership	Fitness
Social	Outdoor	Service

**COUNCIL SUPPORT**

Use of Council facilities such as Camps  
Securing Liability Insurance Coverage  
Professional Support  
Methods for Recruiting Venturers, including Interest Surveys from High Schools  
Guidance on How to Organize a Crew and Keep the Program Going Successfully

**THE VENTURING OATH**

*As a Venturer, I promise to help strengthen America,  
to be faithful in my religious duties, to help others,  
and to seek truth, fairness, and adventure in our world.*

# **Benefits for Your Organization, Adults and Youth**

## **Organization**

Opportunity to focus involvement to meet public relations goals

Opportunity to prepare out next generation of leaders

Helps with team-building attitude within the organization

Visible commitment to the welfare of the community and nation

## **Adults**

Develops and improves leadership and problem solving skills

Reevaluation of ethical and moral values

Opportunity for greater community involvement

Opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of youth

Increase commitment to service

Recognition of commitment and involvement

Improves interpersonal skills used in the workplace and elsewhere

## **Youth**

Learning to care for others

Freedom to make choices

Positive alternative to negative youth activities

Sense of acceptance and belonging to the “right” group

Safe environment for adult like activities

Development of personal skills

Opportunities to participate in practical, real, and meaningful activities

Opportunities to try leadership roles and develop leadership skills

Positive environment for the transition of youth from dependence to interdependence

Positive environment to development communication skills and understanding

Recognition of achievement

