

## Preamble & 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.

## Crew Bylaws

### A. Objectives

The objectives of Crew No. 748 are:

- Have FUN!
- Persistence, perseverance and rigid flexibility with copious amounts of KISMIF (Keep it simple; make it fun.)
- Gain practical experience
- Give service to the community
- Develop leadership skills
- Have at least one outdoor activity per month

### B. Membership

Membership shall be open to all young adults of high school age who live in the surrounding area and have completed the eighth grade and are at least 14 years of age. No prospective member shall be disqualified because

of race, color, creed, or sex. All members must be registered as Venturers and agree to the crew code and bylaws.

## **C. Officers**

The elected officers shall be President, Vice President of Administration, Vice President of Program, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Vice President of Program, with the approval of the President and the Advisor, shall appoint activity chairs and make other assignments as needed. The duties of the officers shall be as detailed in the Venturing Leader Manual (see an Officer or Advisor for a copy).

Nominations shall be held in the month of January. Elections shall be held in the month of February. The normal term of office shall be for one year starting at the time of installment.

On the night of nominations, any member may present nominations from the floor. If the nomination is seconded and the candidate agrees to serve, he or she must be included on the ballot.

The Advisors shall tally the votes and announce the results of the election. All ballots shall be kept anonymous.

## **D. Removal from office**

An officer may be removed from office if he/she is unable to discharge his/her duties or by written request of two thirds of the membership. The remaining officers and the Adviser must approve this expulsion.

## **E Crew Business**

Formal Crew business will be conducted under the principles outlined in "How to Use Parliamentary Procedure" in the Venturing Leader Manual. Voting on all issues will be by simple majority.

## **F. Crew Bylaws**

Any crew member may propose changes or amendments to these bylaws at any time. Changes or amendments to the Bylaws will be thoroughly explained to the Crew. The changes must be approved at a general crew meeting. To approve changes, two-thirds of the active members must be present and the changes need to receive a majority of the votes. Adults do not vote in crew business.

## **G. General meetings**

General meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 7:15 pm or as designated by the calendar. This can be changed, when necessary, by the majority of Officers.

## **H. Officers' meetings**

Officers meetings shall be held at least once a month. Officers will decide when and where the meetings shall be held. At least three of the five Officers must be present.

## **I. Trips and Activities**

Each trip will be open to all active members of the crew. All members are required to complete and hand in a permission slip for each activity. In the event that a size limit has to be placed on a particular activity, then the activity chair will accept permission slips and activity fees from participants on a first come first served basis. In the event of a tie, the participants will determine a fair method. If a trip is overbooked, then there shall be a waiting list.

## **J. Attendance Expectations**

Crew members are encouraged to attend monthly meetings. Crew members are also encouraged to participate in all Venturing events and activities and to take leadership positions (activity chairs appointed by the Vice President of Program) in the planning of such events. Money that is

paid for up front to participate in an activity is usually not refundable after it has been committed.

## K. Dress Code

Official BSA Venturing uniforms (Class A type: green Venturing Shirt with green tabs, grey Venturing pants or shorts) are appropriate at any Crew 748 function.

Uniforms are not required but welcome at all regular meetings or crew activities.

The official Crew 748 uniform will consist of a Crew 748 T-Shirt and optional Crew 748 hat. All crew members shall own a Crew uniform. The official Crew 748 uniform should be worn at the following functions or when specified by the President:

- $\frac{3}{4}$  Public Service
- $\frac{3}{4}$  Boards of Review
- $\frac{3}{4}$  Courts of Honor
- $\frac{3}{4}$  District/Council Venturing Events

## L. Newsletter & Crew Web Site

Procedures for a Crew newsletters and the Crew website, [www.crew748.org](http://www.crew748.org), will be determined by the Crew officers with the help of the Crew Advisor and the Crew Committee.

## M. Fees

Crew fees include registration fees, summer camp fees, super activity fees, and trip and event fees. Fees will be established by the Crew officers with the help of the Crew Advisor and the Crew Committee.

“Venturers Accounts” will be established for each Crew member. A portion of each fund raising activity will be deposited in their Venturers Account. Crew members can use their Venturers Accounts balance to

pay for any Crew fees. Venturers Accounts will be managed by the Crew Treasurer and the Crew Committee Treasurer.

## **N. Money-earning projects**

All money-earning projects will be thoroughly explained to the Crew. Money-earning projects will require a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the Officers to be undertaken. Members who do not participate in a money-earning project are not entitled to any benefits of the funds earned. All money-earning projects must be approved by the Advisor and meet Charter Organization and the Boy Scouts of America requirements.

## **O. Youth Drivers**

Venturers who have a valid driver's license (not a learner's permit or equivalent) may drive themselves and others to or from a Venturing activities providing the following requirements have been met:

- $\frac{3}{4}$  Be 16  $\frac{1}{2}$  years old
- $\frac{3}{4}$  Have not been in an accident
- $\frac{3}{4}$  Have parental permission to drive and have parental permission from parents of the passengers
- $\frac{3}{4}$  Have all passengers front and back wear seat belts
- $\frac{3}{4}$  Have at least 6 months driving experience since receiving a valid driver's license
- $\frac{3}{4}$  Sign a contract with the Advisor agreeing to abide by the rules outlined above

## **P. Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Use Policy**

Crew members shall not use alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, and drug paraphernalia during any Venturing activities. As Venturers, we pledge together to "recongize the dignity and worth of all humanity." Therefore, we strongly encourage each other and our friends to live a drug, alcohol and tobacco free life, both in and out of Scouting

**Q. Public Displays of Affection**

Public displays of affection are strictly prohibited.

**R. Sleeping Quarters**

All sleeping quarters must be single sex.

**S. Inappropriate Behavior**

All crew members (youth and adult) shall maintain the highest moral standards and avoid any appearance of inappropriate behavior. Such behavior can have a negative impact on the dynamics of the crew and become a detriment to the Venturing program.

If a crew member believes that some form of inappropriate behavior has occurred, he or she will bring it to the attention of the Crew President or a crew advisor.

If the president and crew advisor believe that a minor infraction has occurred, the president, with the advisor present, will issue a warning to the offender or offenders. If the advisor and the president feel that a serious infraction has occurred, the advisor will notify the offender's parents, and report the incident to the crew committee.

Officers will be held to the highest standards; any inappropriate behavior could result in loss of position.

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