

# Venturing

Venturing is a youth-development program for young men and women who are 14 (and have completed the eighth grade) through 20 years of age. It is

- Designed to help meet the needs, wants, and problems of this young adult generation.
- A novel program that includes emphasis on outdoor, high-adventure activities while providing members with community service, fitness, and social activities under the guidance of experienced adults.
- A great way for young men and women to learn leadership and problem-solving skills that will help them mature into confident, successful adults.

**PURPOSE:** Venturing is an effective coed young-adult program designed to improve character, citizenship, and fitness through positive experiences and activities that prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.

**PROGRAM:** Venturing is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between youth and adult Advisors serving as resources and mentors. The resulting program is filled with exciting and meaningful activities that help youth pursue their special interests; to grow; to develop personal, social, and leadership skills; and to become good citizens.

**METHODS:** Venturing has been carefully designed to achieve the aims of the Boy Scouts of America and meet the needs of young adults. Included in the methods of Venturing are

- **Leadership.** Opportunities to apply proven leadership skills are provided to the Venturers.
- **Group Activities** are interdependent group experiences in which success is dependent on the cooperation of all.
- **Adult Association.** Working closely with adult Advisors and other adult leaders, the youth officers lead the crew. The adults serve in a "shadow" leader capacity.
- **Recognition** comes through the Venturing advancement program and through the acknowledgement of a youth's competence and ability by peers and adults.
- **The Ideals.** Venturers are expected to know and live by the Venturing Oath and Code. They promise to be faithful in their religious duties, treasure their American heritage, to help others, and to seek truth and fairness.
- **High Adventure.** Venturing's emphasis on high adventure helps provide team-building opportunities, new meaningful experiences, practical leadership application, and lifelong memories to young adults.



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- **Teaching Others.** All of the Venturing awards require Venturers to teach what they have learned to others. In so doing, they strengthen their knowledge, gain confidence, and acquire skills that can benefit them for the rest of their lives.



## Cliff Dochterman Award



The Cliff Dochterman Award is an honor available to recognize an individual Rotarian or Rotaractor who acts as a role model and renders distinguished and dedicated service to Scouting through active leadership or for other exemplary contributions.

## Through Collaboration With Scouting, a Rotary Club

- Provides mentoring opportunities for club members to share personal skills, interests, and experiences with youth participants.
- Builds better youth and future leaders for the community and the nation.
- Shares the purposes of Rotary through Scouting.
- Forms enduring friendships among future leaders of the community.
- Provides service to the community by offering a time-tested, high-quality developmental youth program that has continuous identification with your Rotary club.
- Achieves greater public awareness of the ideals of Rotary.

## Organizing a Scouting Unit

- Club leadership is informed about Scouting.
- Club board and membership officially adopt Scouting, and a chartered organization representative is selected from the club's members.
- The chartered organization representative appoints an organizing committee of local parents and interested club members.
- The organizing committee identifies and recruits unit leaders and committee members.
- The leaders are trained in program planning (Fast Start training).
- The program is planned for at least the first six months.
- Local youth are recruited.
- Unit meetings begin.
- The unit is installed and the charter is presented at a formal ceremony held at a club meeting.



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# Why Scouting?

**S**ince their inception, Rotary International (1905) and the Boy Scouts of America (1910) have been partners in serving young people. The principles and goals of both organizations are closely allied. Character-building; service to country, to others, and to self; teaching leadership skills; and becoming aware of the world around us—these are all incorporated into the programs and activities of each organization.

**T**he values expressed in Rotary International's Motto and the Four Way Test greatly parallel those articulated in the Scout Oath, Law, motto, and slogan. Rotarians have long served as role models, demonstrating leadership, character, and the value of selfless service to the community. Rotary clubs in the United States charter nearly 1,400 Scouting units (Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, and Venturing crews) serving more than 50,000 youth members.



Our future lies within our children, and oftentimes the challenges and problems they face seem insurmountable. Today, more than ever before, our young people need the guidance and mentoring of quality adult role models. By being chartered to operate a Scouting unit, Rotarians can provide a positive alternative for the youth of their community. Rotary and Scouting work to bring together people of all races, religious faiths, and political beliefs in a friendly, impartial atmosphere. Becoming a chartered organization can result only in a win-win situation for a Rotary club. Not only will such a project bring club members together and allow them to directly serve the youth in their community, but also the image of the club will be enhanced in the eyes of the public.

Specifically, the BSA endeavors to develop American citizens who are physically, mentally, and emotionally fit; have a high degree of self-reliance as evidenced in such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness; have personal values based on religious concepts; have the desire and skills to help others; understand the principles of the American social, economic, and governmental systems; are knowledgeable about and take pride in their American heritage and understand our nation's role in the world; have a keen respect for the basic rights of all people; and are prepared to participate in and give leadership to American society.

# Cub Scouting

Cub Scouting has three distinct, age-appropriate program levels that all encourage ethical decision-making skills.

- **Tiger Cubs** is a family- and home-centered part of the BSA programs for first-grade (or 7-year-old) boys and their adult partners.
- **Cub Scouting** is for boys in the second and third grades (or who are 8 and 9 years old). Activities emphasize character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness.
- **Webelos Scouting** is for fourth- and fifth-grade (or 10-year-old) boys. Webelos Scouts participate in more advanced activities that begin to prepare them to become Boy Scouts.



**PURPOSE:** The Boy Scouts of America created Cub Scouting in 1930 to help advance the character development and spiritual growth of young boys. This central mission of Cub Scouting might be even more important to boys growing up in the 21st century than it was for the early Cub Scouts more than 70 years ago.



**PROGRAM:** Local Cub Scouting activities involve parents, adult leaders, and friends of Cub Scouts in home-centered programs that teach life skills, habits, values, and attitudes consistent with the interests of their faith and

community. Millions of boys and their families participate in Cub Scouting, the largest of the Boy Scouts of America traditional membership divisions.

**METHODS:** Cub Scouting encourages each boy to strive for his personal best, a lesson that will help him achieve success as he enters Boy Scouting or Venturing—and throughout his adult life. Cub Scout activities encourage character development, physical coordination, family unity, and enthusiasm for learning. Cub Scouting helps boys develop a sense of teamwork, achievement, self-confidence, and respect for others. Learning to master new skills helps the Cub Scout realize his own abilities and discover that his can-do attitude is the first sign of success in any endeavor. In fact, that's the Cub Scout motto: DO YOUR BEST.

# Boy Scouting

Boy Scouting is for boys who are at least 10½ years old and have completed the fifth grade or are 11 through 17 years old. It is

- Filled with troop and patrol activities designed to help build personal skills, teamwork, and leadership.
- An action-packed way to teach leadership, service, and respect for others.
- Adventure and fun outdoor experiences under the guidance of adult leaders.
- A program that provides plenty of opportunity for individual growth at a boy's own pace.

**PURPOSE:** Boy Scouting encourages boys to develop physical, mental, and emotional fitness and to adopt and live by meaningful personal standards as a cornerstone for success in life. These values include the basic principles found in the Scout Oath and Law.



**PROGRAM:** Boy Scouts learn to develop personal strengths by example and through hands-on experience. Activities include fitness and leadership training,

wilderness adventures, and merit badge incentives for boys mastering hobby and career skills. Scouting encourages boys to expand and test their personal initiative, courage, and resourcefulness.

**METHODS:** Boy Scouts learn some of life's more serious lessons while having fun. Boys learn about important values, such as helping yourself by helping others, and honoring the basic rights of others. Boy Scouting's active learning experiences include hiking, camping, and other outdoor expeditions; competitive individual and team sports activities; and community or religious service projects. Many Boy Scouts first practice basic leadership, self-government, and citizenship skills during regular troop meetings and campouts.

