

# VENTURING



## its PURPOSE

Venturing is one of many programs within the Boy Scouts of America. It is co-ed and for individuals ages 14-20. Four main areas are emphasized..

## THE ALPS MODEL

- **ADVENTURE:**

Mentoring, leading, and participating in crew-led adventures.

- **LEADERSHIP:**

Ongoing leadership development through training, mentoring, and hands-on leadership.

- **PERSONAL GROWTH:**

Goal-setting in support of personal growth.

- **SERVICE:**

Leading and participating in community service.

**motto: LEAD THE ADVENTURE**

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## its PLACE in Scouting

**Venturers design and implement their own program. They are the leaders.**

**A chance to try new things and a place to make new friends—networking at home and throughout the nation.**

**Keep older youth and Eagle Scouts engaged with Scouting (even past 18).**

**Further your leadership abilities as you enter adulthood.**

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## its TERMINOLOGY

Participants are called **VENTURERS**  
**not** Venture Scouts

Venturers earn **AWARDS**  
**not** ranks

Units are called **CREWS**  
**not** Troops or Venture Crews

Adults are called **ADVISORS**  
**not** leaders—Venturers lead

The standard  
Venturing uniform:

- Green shirts
- Charcoal gray pants
- Gray socks



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## its AWARDS



### Venturing Award

The first step in any journey is the courage to begin. At this level, the new crew member makes a commitment to join and move forward into the experience of Venturing.



### Discovery Award

Venturers begin developing their understanding of the ALPS model. Highlights include: 24 hours of service, personal reflections, and completing a variety of training courses.



### Pathfinder Award

Delving deeper into the ALPS model. Highlights include: Planning & leading a substantial outing, holding a leadership position, and 36 additional service hours.



### Summit Award

Venturing's highest award. Highlights include: Planning and conducting a Summit Project (comparable to the one required for Eagle) and mentoring a fellow Venturer.

**NOTE: These descriptions do not capture the complete scope or complexity of each award, or the dedication needed to earn them. Consult online sources for more details!**

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## its INFLUENCE

Venturers have influence beyond their Unit through entities called the **VENTURING OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (VOA)**. They typically serve in either the office of President or Vice President. VOAs can—and do—exist at any and all levels in Scouting.

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A VOA is a team of youth officers and adult advisors who suggest programmatic changes, lead events, host trainings, and more. There is no limit to the impact a VOA can have in shaping its Venturing community.

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## HOW TO JOIN



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**Venturers**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VENTURING: READ MORE ABOUT IT ONLINE AT [VENTURING.ORG](https://www.venturing.org)!**

The Montana Council is very fortunate to have a **VENTURING OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (VOA)** of its own. To learn more about joining or creating a Crew, contact the **Montana Council VOA President** at [Montanavoa@sudsol.com](mailto:Montanavoa@sudsol.com)

**DO NOT WAIT.**  
**START LEADING THE ADVENTURE.**