

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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District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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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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

DO NOT WAIT.
START LEADING THE ADVENTURE.