

Cradle of Liberty Council

VENTURING

What is Venturing?

Venturing is one of the Boy Scouts of America's three main youth programs, along with Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting. Venturing is for male and female youth ages 13 (if completed eighth grade) or 14 years of age until they turn 21 years old. In Venturing, youth lead their own program, which can include a range of outdoor activities, sports, arts, hobbies, career exploration, community service, and religious activities.

Monthly Council Venturing Nights

Venturers from across the Philadelphia metro area meet each first Tuesday of each month, from 7:00-8:30 pm, at the Council's Firestone Service Center (in Wayne). Youth enjoy games and group challenges, plan activities, and learn new skills. Adult volunteers meet separately at the same time for a monthly roundtable training.

Youth Leadership

Venturers serve as leaders in their Crews, in the Council's Venturing Officers Association (VOA), and in the Corps of Discovery service organization. Numerous opportunities exist for youth to gain leadership training: the Venturing Leadership Skills Course (VLSC), National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT/Silver Stag), Kodiak training, and Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders. Check the COL Venturing website for more details on these courses.



Finding a Local Venturing Crew

You can find nearby Crews by going to BeAScout.org. Also feel free to contact the Council Venturing President, col.voa@gmail.com.

Venturing Online

For more information, check out the Cradle of Liberty Council's Venturing website, colbsa.org/venturing. Also, be sure to join the "COL VOA" Facebook group.

Council Activities

Each spring, Venturers organize a Council-wide Venturing weekend. Last year, they organized a Venturing Olympics at Resica Falls Scout Reservation. This spring, the Council Venturing weekend is scheduled for **Apr 29–May 1, 2011**, also at Resica Falls.



Venturing Summit

You are invited to a weekend of fun for Venturers from across Pennsylvania and New Jersey, on **Sept. 24-26, 2010**, Goose Pond Scout Reservation. For more information, visit the COL Venturing website or Facebook page, or send an email to col.voa@gmail.com.

Venturing Lingo

Venturers meet in local Venturing **Crews**. Run by youth, their leader is the **Crew President**. Adults serve as **Advisors**. The Council holds monthly **Venturing Forums**, with the youth portion of these evening programs organized by the **Venturing Officers Association (or "VOA," for short)**.

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