

## **Venturing Terminology Let's Get It Right!**

In case something about Venturing crosses your desk, one of the firm rules about Venturing-speak is that the name of the program is Venturing

- ◆ Therefore, a crew is a Venturing Crew, not a Venture or Venturer crew.
- ◆ Venturer—a registered youth member of a BSA Venturing crew. The word "Venturer" should be used only as a noun referring to a youth member. Use "Venturing" when a modifier is needed. The forms: "One Venturer built a kayak." "One member of the Venturing crew built a kayak."
- ◆ Advisors and other leaders are Venturing Advisors and such, not Venture or Venturer leaders.
- ◆ Venturing leaders take Venturing training, not Venture or Venturer training.
- ◆ Venturing—the young adult program of the Boy Scouts of America for men and women 13 (who have completed the eighth grade) or 14 through 20 years of age. Venturing" is both a noun and a modifier. The forms: "Venturing is a program for young adults." "Young women and men take part in Venturing activities." "Good Venturing Advisors are crucial to successful Venturing crews."

**Important Notice:** The National Executive Board approved a resolution earlier this year to establish consistency in the registration requirements across all programs, regardless of the participant age. The purpose of this resolution is to ensure that moving forward, participants who are 18 but not yet 21 register as adults. However, this does not affect their eligibility to participate in programs such as Venturing and Sea Scouting under the youth membership roster.

The primary purpose of the change is to ensure that all persons legally considered adults meet adult membership requirements, including undergoing a criminal background check and meeting the BSA's Youth Protection requirements and

membership standards. The change is required to allow the performance of criminal background checks in connection with the registration process. The board directed the BSA to implement the change when the required changes to systems and forms were ready. Therefore, the change will be implemented effective March 1, 2015.

✿ **Venture Patrol**—a patrol of older boys in a Boy Scout troop. The patrol participates in high-adventure activities.

✿ **Venture**—high-adventure activities for a patrol (Venture patrol) of Boy Scouts age 13 and older in a troop.

**Venture Scout**—is not valid for any program of the BSA. Members of a Venture Patrol are “Boy Scouts”. Members of a Venturing Crew are “Venturers”.

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