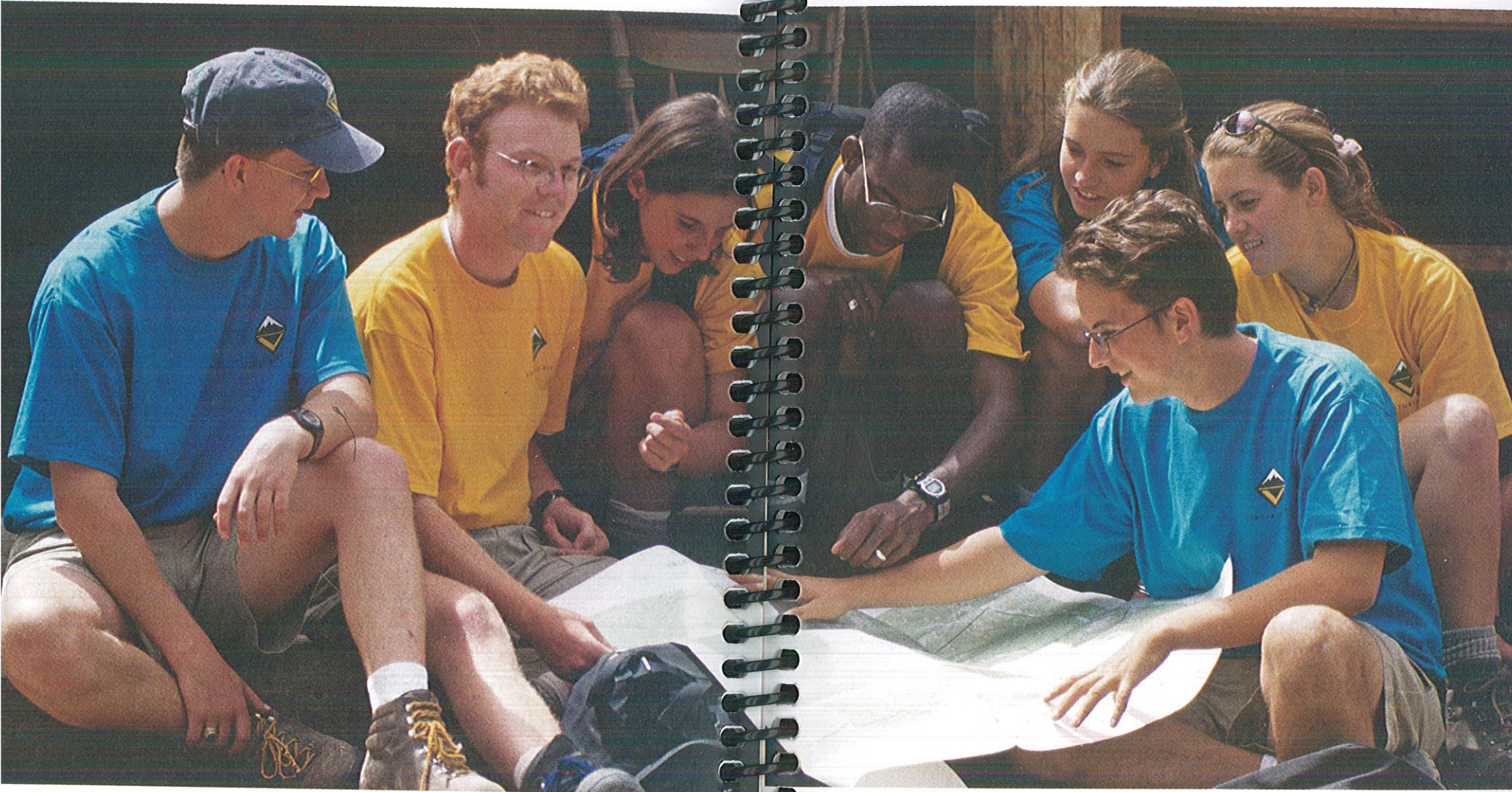


Chapter 4:
Venturing **Resources**



Additional Resources for Adventure

Publications

AMC Guide to Outdoor Leadership, published by Appalachian Mountain Club Books and available through the BSA's Supply Group (www.scoutstuff.org).

Fieldbook, No. 33104, with additional resources at <http://fieldbook.scouting.org/>.

Merit badge pamphlets. Published by the BSA, the Merit Badge Series is designed to introduce youth to hobby and life skill areas of interest. The pamphlets serve as a good introduction to many topics such as swimming, computers, boating, horsemanship, art, theatre, woodworking, and more.

Troop Program Features, Volumes 1-3, No. 33110, 33111, and 33112, resource guides published by the BSA.

Venturing Awards and Requirements, No. 34784, compiles requirements for the core Venturing awards (Venturing, Discovery, Pathfinder, and Summit) as well as those of the Venturing specialty awards—Ranger, Quest, and TRUST, and other awards Venturers can earn.

Several of the regional Venturing websites provide a helpful listing of places your crew can go for its adventures:

- http://www.crventuring.org/Other/Where_To_Go_Venturing
- <http://wrventuring-bsa.org/highadventure>
- <http://nerventuring-bsa.org/resources/high-adventure/>

Organizations

American Red Cross

2025 E St., NW
Washington, DC 20006
Telephone (toll-free) 1-800-RED CROSS
Website: <http://www.redcross.org>

Emergency Care and Safety Institute

5 Wall St.
Burlington, MA 01803
Telephone (toll-free): 800-716-7264
Website: <http://ecsinstitute.org>

Additional Resources for Leadership

BSA Training Courses

The Boy Scouts of America offers a variety of leadership training courses that you will find helpful as you grow as a leader through Venturing. Some of these courses are available online, while others are designed to be delivered in person, whether in your crew or at a council or national level.

Crew Officer Orientation. Overview of how the officers of a Venturing crew work together to lead a crew.

Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC). Basics of leadership and the role of crew officers in running a successful crew. Designed to be offered by your crew, but may also be offered at the district or council level. Completing this course entitles you to wear the Trained emblem on your Venturing uniform.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT). Weeklong course, delivered by your local council, offers more in-depth leadership experience in a fun, outdoor setting. ILSC is a prerequisite.

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE). Weeklong leadership experience offered each summer in the wilderness of Philmont Scout Ranch, at the Florida Sea Base, or at Northern Tier. NYLT is a prerequisite for NAYLE.

The Kodiak Challenge. Leadership training incorporated into a challenging adventure experience. Your crew can run it with approval from your local council's training chair. ILSC is a prerequisite.

Wood Badge. Intensive, council-offered leadership development course for adult volunteers but also available for Venturers who are 18 to 20 years old. ILSC is a prerequisite.

Powder Horn is a high-adventure resource management course designed to expose Venturing leaders and Advisors to activities and resources necessary to operate a successful Venturing Ranger program. The course is based on the Ranger Award requirements, exposing participants to several outdoor/high-adventure activities.

Additional Resources for Planning

The Boy Scouts of America provides websites with resources to assist crews in their annual program planning. Crews should review and apply these when building its annual program.

Annual Program Planning

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/venturing/programplanning.aspx>

Guide to the Crew Annual Program Planning Conference

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/membership/venturing/index.htm>

Planning Your Crew's Annual Budget

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/venturing/pdf/510-276.pdf>

Program Capability Inventory

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/venturing/pdf/510-012WB.pdf>

Venturing Activity Interest Survey

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/venturing/pdf/510-013WB.pdf>

Passport to High Adventure, No. 34245

Fieldbook, No. 33104

Messengers of Peace

<http://www.scouting.org/messengersofpeace>

(The BSA also has a general Activity Planner form on Scouting.org that you may find helpful.)

Scouting's Outdoor Adventure Opportunities

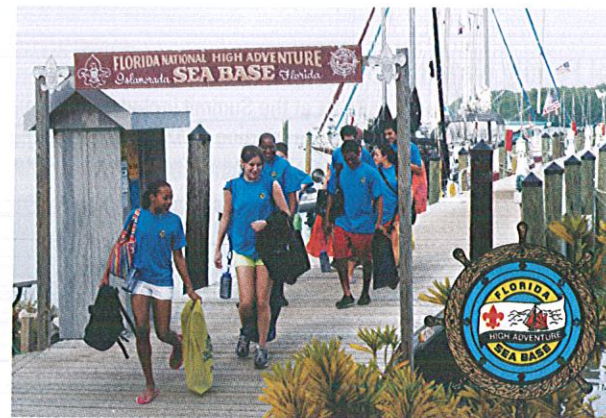
BSA High-Adventure Bases

The Boy Scouts of America owns and operates four world-class high-adventure bases. They are Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, the Northern Tier National High Adventure Programs in Minnesota and Canada, the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base in the Florida Keys, and the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in West Virginia. Each year, thousands of Scouts, Venturers, and volunteers enjoy the diverse programs offered at these bases.

High-adventure base programs are especially excellent for experienced crews. All four bases offer a variety of program selections to match your crew's preferences, ability, and history.

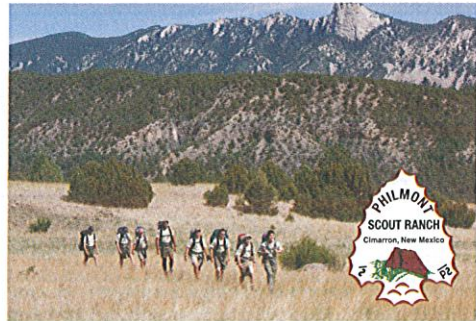
Florida National High Adventure Sea Base

The Florida Sea Base offers water-related adventures such as scuba certification, scuba adventure, a deserted island living experience, a Bahamas adventure, and several sailing experiences (cruises). All programs are exciting and educational.



Northern Tier National High Adventure Programs

Wilderness canoeing at its finest can be found at bases located in Ely, Minnesota, and Bissett and Atikokan, Canada. Four trips, each with a different character, length, and price, are offered from May through September. The Charles L. Sommers Base also offers an Okpik Winter Adventure for cold-weather lovers.



Philmont Scout Ranch

Philmont is the BSA's most active base, having had more than 500,000 campers and leaders hike its 137,493-acre mountain wilderness. Expeditions are available on a daily basis from mid-June through mid-August. Additionally, programs in the nonsummer periods can be arranged. Weekend programs are available from September through mid-November.

Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve

The high-adventure experiences that are available at the Summit include climbing, whitewater rafting, shooting, and adventure areas supporting BMX/mountain biking, skateboarding, and zip lines/canopy tours. Programs are open to registered Scouts and Venturers who are at least 14 years old by the first day of the program session. The minimum group size is seven with the majority being youth members. Maximum crew size is 12 (but the majority must still be youth members).



Rates

Fees for participation at BSA high-adventure bases do not cover transportation to the base. The fees average between \$40 and \$80 per day, depending on the type of program.

Employment

More than 2,000 young adults are hired each year as staff for BSA high-adventure bases. Positions vary from backcountry leaders and staff to support staff at headquarters. Your Venturing experiences can lead to a summer—or more—employment, with many of the needed job skills developed during Venturing activities.

How to Get Information

Brochures and videos that describe each high-adventure opportunity are available. Write or email for more information:

Florida National High Adventure Sea Base

Islamora, FL 33036

<http://www.bsaseabase.org>

Northern Tier National High Adventure Programs

Ely, MN 55731

<http://www.ntier.org>

Philmont Scout Ranch

Cimarron, NM 87714

<http://www.philmont.com>

The Paul R. Christen National High Adventure Base

Summit Bechtel Reserve

Mount Hope, WV 25880

<http://www.summitblog.org/programs/>

National Scout Jamboree

Over the course of 10 summer days, every four years the Boy Scouts of America comes together for the national Scout jamboree. Hosted at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, Scouting's flagship event is a one-of-a-kind gathering of approximately 45,000 Scouts, leaders, and staff that showcases everything that is great about the BSA and its members.



International Scouting

As a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, the Boy Scouts of America receives invitations to many international/national events in different countries every year. This is a great opportunity for Venturers to connect with the world, interacting with local Scouts and Scout leaders at those special events. Venturers learn about other countries, people, and cultures through Scouting activities, plus learn their Scouting skills and make new friendships as part of the adventure.

International Contingents

To qualify for a BSA contingent, Venturers and Advisors must be nominated to the International Department by their council international representative and approved by their council Scout executive. Contact your local council office to obtain a nomination from your council international representative.

World Scout Jamboree

The world Scout jamboree is an international Scouting event hosted by the World Organization of the Scout Movement. Young adults between the ages of 14 and 17 are invited to attend. The BSA organizes contingents for this event, drawing Venturers from across the country to participate. The Boy Scouts of America will host the 24th World Scout Jamboree in 2019 at the Summit.

World Scout Moot

The World Scout Moot is a gathering of older Venturers and young adult leaders, ages 18 to 26, from all over the world. Moots are held every four years. Members of the BSA participate in this international event as part of a contingent selected from across the nation.

European Camp Staff Program

Through the European Camp Staff program, young leaders from the BSA, including Venturers ages 18 and above, have the opportunity to learn more about Scouting in Europe by working at a European Scout center. The aim of the European Camp Staff program is to assist young people in developing their leadership skills and to encourage intercultural learning by providing the individual with a residential experience as a volunteer staff member at a Scout center in another country.

Scout centers in Europe do not operate in the same way that BSA camps do. The staff members of a typical European Scout center are usually involved in many different aspects of operating the center rather than specializing in one particular area. This is different from the situation in a BSA camp, where staff members are usually assigned to a particular activity or skill with which they work for the majority of their time at camp. In addition, Scouting in Europe normally operates on a coeducational basis, with males and females having the opportunity to be equally involved at all levels.

For more information, visit <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/International.aspx>.

Kandersteg

Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC) is an international Scout center in Kandersteg, Switzerland, that provides lodges, chalets, and campsites. It is open to Scouts year-round. More than 11,000 young people from 40 different countries visit the center every year. The facility hosts a staff of older Venturers and Scouts from around the world and provides flexible program options. Information is available at <http://www.kisc.ch/>.

Recognition for Program Enrichment

The Venturing awards system helps crews develop a rich and rewarding program. The Venturing awards program and recognition model provides a means of organizing any program all the while helping crew members develop leadership skills. The recognitions outlined below offer opportunities for content and skill development within your program. Setting out to meet the requirements for the Ranger Award, for example, provides opportunities to learn outdoor adventure skills during crew meetings and put them to practice on weekend and weeklong adventures.



Eagle Scout Award

Venturers Earning Boy Scout Advancement

Venturers who earned First Class rank as registered Boy Scouts or Varsity Scouts are qualified until their 18th birthday to continue with Boy Scout advancement. Any work done while a Venturer or Sea Scout can count toward both Boy Scout and Venturing or Sea Scout advancement at the same time. For instance, a conservation project required in Boy Scouting can also count in Venturing.

Venturing Ranger Award

High adventure and the outdoors have always been of interest to young Americans as well as an important part of the Boy Scouts of America. The Ranger Award offers you a set of high-level outdoor and high adventure challenges to complete. In earning this award, you will demonstrate proficiency in a variety of outdoor sports and interests, outdoor safety, and leadership skills.



Venturing Quest Award

The Quest Award helps you learn how to be fit for life. In completing this award, you will learn more about what makes up a nutritional diet and a healthy lifestyle. As with many other requirements throughout the Venturing program, to earn this award you are required to share what you learn with others. This sharing may be done through various sports clinics and presentations with other groups. In the electives section, you will be required to choose at least one sport in which to become proficient.



Venturing TRUST Award

Trust is an essential aspect of our relationship with others. Learning to trust is the challenge. Today we live in an increasingly pluralistic society made up of multiple nationalities, cultures, and religions. One way to work toward a safe future is to learn to get along and work together. Understanding is a good start toward trust. While working on the TRUST Award, you will learn more about yourself, your community, and your religion and culture—as well as those of others. As with other Venturing awards, to earn the TRUST Award, you are required to share what you learn with others.



Trained Emblem

Venturers and Venturing Advisors who complete basic training for their role in the crew are eligible to wear the Trained emblem on their Venturing uniform.





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Building Your Résumé

Creating a résumé is one of the first steps in getting a job. You may also be asked to provide a résumé when applying for college admission or scholarships. The purpose of a résumé is to give the reader an accurate picture of your skills and abilities. As an active member of a Venturing crew, many of the experiences you have taken part in gave you an opportunity to gain skills and demonstrate dispositions that will be of interest to any employer. A Venturer who has earned the Summit Award might include on his or her résumé an entry similar to this under the section on avocational interests.

Boy Scouts of America, Venturing Summit Award (June 2018)

- Leadership development award for young adults in the Venturing youth program.
- Led group of teenagers on a six-day, cross-state bicycle ride. Organized training, logistical support, and six-month program preparation for participants.
- Provided more than 200 hours of community service in preparation for organizing and leading a service project to benefit a local food pantry organization. Recruited and facilitated a team of 20 young adults to raise funds, secure donations, and deliver food supplies to the Wasatch County Food Network.
- Completed leadership development training in effective communications, time and resource management, leadership skills, and goal-setting.

How you organize your résumé depends on what position you are seeking or what information you need to share with the reader. The most traditional résumé offers a chronological account of what you have done in the areas of work, education, and extracurricular interests. A functional resume is focused on the skills you have gained and what you can do with those skills. Your school guidance counselor is a good resource for questions about résumés as well as one of the many websites for job seekers.