

Venturing Crew 2072
Greater St. Louis Area Council
Boone Trails District



66 VFW Drive
St. Charles, MO 63302

VENTURING CODE

As a Venture, I believe that America's strength lies in our trust in God and in the courage, strength, and traditions of our people. I will, therefore, be faithful in my religious duties and will maintain a personal sense of honor in my own life. I will treasure my American heritage and will do all I can to preserve and enrich it. I will recognize the dignity and worth of all humanity and will use fair play and goodwill in my daily life. I will acquire the Venturing attitude that seeks truth in all things and adventure on the frontiers of our changing world

VENTURING OATH

As a Venturer,
I promise to do my duty to God
and help strengthen America,
to help others, and
to seek truth, fairness,
and adventure in our world

Crew 2072 Bylaws

Objectives

The purpose of the Venturing Crew is to offer Scouting and social activities to male and female youth. Crew activities shall be organized by the elective officers. Adult Advisors will be available for counsel and supervision.

Chartering Organization

Venturing Crew 2072 is chartered by the Kohl-Jeck VFW Post 2866 located at 66 VFW Lane in St. Charles, Missouri.

Membership

- 1) Membership is available to male and female youth having completed the eighth grade or age 14 and not having reached the twenty-first birthday.
- 2) No member shall be disqualified based on race, creed, color, or gender.
- 3) All members must be registered as Venturers in the Boy Scouts of America and agree to the crew code and bylaws.
- 4) The Crew retains the right to not approve membership if, in the opinion of the Crew Advisor and Committee, the membership is not in the best interest of the Crew.
- 5) All members shall be required to complete the GSLAC Physical form.

Youth Officers

- 1) Elective Officers will include the President, Administration Vice President, Program Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Guide, and Quartermaster. Duties of the Officers are listed in the *Venturer's Handbook*.
- 2) Additional Officers may be elected to assist the Vice President(s).
- 3) The term of office shall follow the calendar year. Elections for the next year will be held at the December meeting.
- 4) Voting shall be done by those in attendance at the meeting.
- 5) No Officer may hold more than one office at a time.
- 6) Event Chairpersons may be appointed by the President.
- 7) All activities planned by the Officer are subject to final approval by the Crew Advisor.
- 8) Officers may be removed from Office if he/she is unable to fulfill the requirements or upon written request by two-thirds of the youth crew members. The remaining Officers and Crew Advisor must approve the removal.

Adult Officers

- 1) Adult Officers are on a volunteer basis and shall require approval by the Crew Committee.
- 2) Officers shall include the Committee Chairperson, Advisor, Assistant Advisors, Advancement Advisor, and Treasurer.

Crew Business

- 1) General Crew meetings shall be held as determined by the Crew Officers. Meetings and outings will be emailed to all members.
- 2) Voting on issues shall be by simple majority by those in attendance; with the exception of changes to the by-laws. Changes to by-laws must be by two-thirds majority of those in attendance and obtain approval of the Crew Committee.
- 3) The Officers will have a separate meeting at least every two months.
- 4) The Crew Committee will meet at least once a quarter.

Uniforms

Class A uniform shall not be required. The Crew will determine which shirt shall be the official Class B shirt to be worn with khaki shorts or pants. Closed toe and heel shoes are required for camping or hiking events.

Code of Conduct

- 1) All members must be fully aware that all events may be attended by both male and female members. Members shall respect the privacy of all other members.
- 2) Separate sleeping and sanitary facilities will be used at all times.
- 3) An adult leader must always be able to account for your whereabouts at all times.
- 4) Safe Scouting shall be used. When leaving the immediate area, members shall go in pairs of same gender or in groups of three or more if mixed gender.

- 5) No fighting, foul language, disruptive behavior, hazing, or punishment shall be tolerated. Violation of this rule may result in removal from the activity at the member's expense with no refund.
- 6) Sexual harassment or behavior will not be tolerated and is also cause for removal from the activity at the member's expense with no refund.
- 7) Personal displays of affection (PDA) will not be tolerated.
- 8) Each member is responsible for cleaning and maintaining his/her own personal area and the camp site area. Volunteering for cleaning duties is expected.
- 9) Violations of the Code of Conduct will be brought to the attention of the Crew President or the Crew Advisor if the violation includes the President.
- 10) Code of Conduct issues will be addressed by the Crew Officers with supervision of the Crew Advisor.

Dues and Fees

- 1) Annual dues shall be assessed in January on a yearly-calendar basis. Members who join during the year will be assessed a quarterly pro-rated fee. Dues shall be paid within six weeks of assessment. Members who do not pay the annual dues within six weeks may not be eligible to attend the next chargeable event.
- 2) An account statement will be emailed to all members. The account must remain current, or paid, prior to attending the next chargeable event.
- 3) Event fees shall be paid prior to attending the event when the Committee deems necessary.

Guests

- 1) Members may invite guests interested in joining the crew to meetings or events. Only two guests per member may be invited to any one event.
- 2) Guests must be of eligible joining age.
- 3) Guests who attend two events shall be expected to join the Crew prior to attending any more events.
- 4) No guest will attend an overnight event.
- 5) Siblings not registered as a Venturer are considered to be a guest and must comply with the age requirement. Siblings not meeting age requirements shall not attend meetings or events.

Fund Raising Projects

- 1) Fund Raising projects will be presented to the Officers for approval. If approved, they will be presented to the members of the Crew. Final approval is by majority vote.
- 2) Fund Raising projects must also have approval of the Crew Advisor.
- 3) Members who do not participate in the project shall not be entitled to receive benefit of the funds earned.
- 4) Benefit of the project may be for the "Good of the Crew" or for the individual account. Determination will be made and announced during the planning stage.

Youth Drivers

Venturers with a valid driver's license, not driving permit, may be permitted to drive themselves to and from events providing the following:

- 1) Be at least 16-1/2 years old with at least six months experience driving after receiving a valid driver's license, not driving permit.
- 2) Have not caused an accident.
- 3) Have no more than one traffic ticket.
- 4) Have written parental permission to drive.
- 5) Ages 16 – 17 may have one passenger. Ages 18 – 20 may have two passengers.
- 6) Written parental permission for passengers who are not an immediate relative must be submitted to the Crew Advisor.
- 7) Insurance information must be on file with the Crew Committee.
- 8) Permission to drive may be revoked at the discretion of the Crew Advisor.
- 9) For purposes of this section, "written permission" may be via email to the Crew Advisor from the parent.

Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco Use

No drugs, alcohol, or tobacco may be used during a Crew event by any member; youth or adult. This section does not apply to prescription drugs in their original container or over-the-counter medication if a parent permission slip is on file with the Crew Advisor.

Additional Rules and Regulations

In addition to these by-laws, all members shall comply with Boy Scouts of America policies, including but not limited to:
Venturer / Ranger Handbook
Venturing Leader Manual
Guide to Safe Scouting