Venturing Crew 1042

Code and Bylaws

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Preamble

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.

Venturing Code

As a Venturer, 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 the truth in all things and adventure on the frontiers of our changing world.

Crew Bylaws

Vision

We, as Venturers of Crew 1042, see ourselves as an active crew; who will promote growth in ourselves and the community through achievements in character development, citizenship training, and physical and mental fitness. This will be accomplished through a youth-developed, youth-delivered, and youth-governed program.

Objectives

The objectives of Crew 1042 are to:

1. To be an active crew. Our specialties are High Adventure, Service, and Citizenship.
2. To provide equal opportunity for expanded membership and activities for young men and women.
3. To work together as a cooperative team, using effective communications.
4. To work with the American Legion, Post 245, in community service and Americanism.
5. To have FUN.

Membership

Membership shall be open to all young adults of high school age who must be at least 14 years of age, or 13 and have completed the eighth grade. Membership is open to youth until their 21st birthday. No prospective member shall be disqualified because of race, color, creed, or gender, with the only exceptions being those set by the Boy Scouts of America in regards to sexual orientation and the BSA Declaration of Religious Principles. All members must be registered as Venturers and agree to the Crew oath, code, and bylaws.

Charter

Venturing Crew 1042 shall hold its charter to the American Legion, Post 245, Poulsbo, Washington. We shall abide by any rules or requests that our charter organization makes of us. The charter organization representative shall handle communication between the charter organization and Venturing Crew 1042.

Officers

The elected officers shall be:

- President.
- Vice President – Administration.
- Vice President – Program.
- Vice President - Communications

The crew president, with the approval of the senior crew Advisor, shall appoint activity chairs and make other assignments as needed. Theduties of the officers shall be as stated in the Venturing Leader Manual. (Other duties may be assigned as needed). Additional positions considered include: Crew Guide, Den Chief, Webmaster, and Quartermaster [Vice President – Equipment].)

The normal term of office shall be for twelve months. Elections shall be held every September.

Crew business

Crew business will be modeled after the principles outlined in *Robert's Rules of Order*. Voting on all issues will be by simple majority, with the exception of changes or amendments to the bylaws. For regular meeting business a small quorum of one-third registered crewmembers will be required. For specially scheduled meetings a quorum of two-thirds majority of the registered membership will be required. Only Venturers may vote (youth).

Changes or amendments to the bylaws will require a complete vote of those present and voting if prior notice of the proposed amendment has been given, OR a straight majority vote of the active membership with or without prior notice given.

Active membership is defined as those crew members that are currently registered, have no financial debt to the Crew, and have attended a business meeting within the past month.

Business Meetings

Business meetings will be held during the last Thursday of each month; at 7:00 p.m, unless otherwise announced. Crew members may present motions to amend the meeting schedule. The President may adjust the meeting schedule as needed, or schedule additional meetings, but will announce them at least one week prior.

Activities

The monthly activity will be held at the time and date designated at the business meeting.

Officers' Meeting

Officer's Meetings will be held quarterly, often but not limited to preceding or following a business meeting. The President will schedule officers' Meetings. Advisors are invited observers to these meetings.

Newsletter and Mailings

The VP, Communications will aim to distribute at least one (1) emailing and/or electronic newsletter each quarter, which shall include all meeting dates and other information of interest to the membership. The mailing will serve as the historical record of the crew. Mailings will be distributed by the best means possible. Additionally, a calendar newsletter will be continuous posted on the Crew web site at www.crew42.org.

Dues

In order to be an active member in Venturing Crew 1042, a Venturer must pay for their uniforms and activities. Annual registration fees and insurance will usually be covered by the applicable funding of the American Legion's Americanism or Children & Youth programs.

Yearly fees for Advisors and other registered adult leaders will be $15 to cover registration and a pro-rated amount to cover the insurance fees for that year.

Any member, youth or adult, who wishes to receive *Boys Life* magazine, may pay the annual fee during the charter renewal process each fall.

Money-Earning Projects

All money-earning projects must be approved by a majority vote of the members of the crew. Members who do not participate in a project are not entitled to any benefits of the funds earned. The Advisors must approve all money-earning projects and they must meet BSA (Boy Scouts of America) requirements. The VP, Administration will keep records to fully document all projects.

Attendance and Expectations

All members are expected to attend at least one business meeting per month. If a member cannot make a meeting for any reason, they must accept the responsibility to call or e-mail the Crew officers and inform them of their absence. If a member misses more than 3 consecutive business meetings without cause, that member will be given one chance before being declared "inactive" on the Crew roster. Also, each Crew member is encouraged to attend every activity. Members who are excessively absent from Crew outings will be subject to a conference with the Crew Officers.

Officers' Attendance

Officers are expected to attend every meeting, including the Officers' Meeting, which is separate from the regular Crew meetings. If any officer misses more than two consecutive business meetings without valid cause, their position shall be declared vacant and an election shall be held to fill the position. Exceptions may be made if pre-approved by the President or VP, Administration.

Youth Drivers

Venturing members may drive to events as long as they are in accordance with applicable state laws and BSA standards featured on the Tour Permit. Current BSA requirements include:

- All travel to a Venturing event will be under the leadership of an adult (at least 21 years of age) tour leader.

- All drivers must:

    a. Be at least 16 years old.

b. Have had at least six months driving experience (learner's permit experience not counted).

c. Have NOT been in an accident.

d. Have NOT received any violations.

e. Have written parental permission to drive.

f. Have written parental permission from parents of the passengers, incorporated into the permission slips required for each outing.

Dress Code

The dress code is as follows: For most meetings and private Crew events, the black polo-style shirt with hitchhiker's thumb will be worn. For activities involving the BSA local Council or National events, the Field Uniform of the official spruce shirt and charcoal pants or shorts will be worn. For any event in the public eye, where we are representatives of Crew 42, the American Legion, Boy Scouts of America and/or Venturing, a Field Uniform must be worn. Field Uniform specifics as used by Venturing Crew 42 are the suggested uniform of BSA Official spruce green Venturing shirt and BSA Official charcoal Venturing pants or shorts. Activity Uniform specifics are a scout related shirt and grey or black pants or shorts.

Co-ed Behavior

All crew members, youth and adult, will be cognizant of the fact that both genders are present for all functions. The requirements provided for Venturing youth protection and published by BSA will be observed. Co-ed behavior expectations include the following:

- Use common sense.
- Be respectful and considerate of each other.
- No entering the private spaces (tents, rooms, etc.) of the opposite gender.
- Respect opposite gender "nature calls" in the backcountry (i.e. "males to the left and females to the right" or as determined appropriate at the time). The Philmont protocols as taught at PSR apply.
- No public display of affection (PDA) at ANY crew activities are permitted.
- When observing the "buddy system", there will be no co-ed "buddies", unless the "buddy" is a sibling.

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By Signature below, the undersigned agree to abide by this Code and Bylaws and to uphold the principles of the Venturing Oath and Venturing Code.

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