

Crew 2911

Codes and Bylaws

I. Preamble – Venture 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.

II. Crew Bylaws

A. Objectives

The objectives of Crew 2911 are

1. Have FUN!
2. Develop leadership skills
3. Build the Crew funds to allow a variety of activities
4. Give back to the community
5. Accomplish Venturing Awards
6. Recruit a diverse membership
7. Gain practical backpacking skills

B. Membership

1. Membership shall be open to all young adults who are 14 years of age, or 13 years of age and have completed the 8th grade.
2. No prospective member shall be disqualified because of race, color, creed, or sex.
3. All members must be registered as Venturers and agree to the Crew Code and Bylaws.
4. Membership is accepted by a simple majority vote.
5. Guests may attend a maximum of two non-physical events before they are asked to become registered members.
 - (1) Guests must receive permission from the Advisor, President, Activity Chair and his/her parents to attend a non-physical or appropriate low-physical activity.
6. Guests must be within 2 months of meeting the membership requirements.

C. Officers

1. The elected officers shall be president, two vice presidents, secretary, and treasurer. The president, with the approval of the Advisor, shall appoint activity chairs and make other assignments as needed. The duties of the officers shall be as prescribed in the Venturing Leader Manual.
2. The normal term of office shall be 6 months starting on February 1 and August 1.

3. Elections shall be held the first general meeting in January and July.
4. No member shall serve more than two successive terms in the same office.
5. The president shall appoint a nominating committee, which shall consist of three members. The committee shall interview and present a complete slate of candidates who have agreed, if elected, to serve to the best of their abilities.
6. During the meeting of the elections, nominations may be presented from the floor by any member. If the nomination is seconded and the candidate agrees to serve, he or she must be included on the ballot.
7. All contested ballots shall be secret.
8. 3/4ths of total membership must be present for an election to occur.

D. Crew business

1. Crew business will be conducted under the principles outlined in *Robert's Rules of Order*. Voting on all issues will be by simple majority. A quorum shall consist of one more than the majority of members for votes on routine business.
2. These by-laws may be amended with the approval of 3/5ths of the Officers, the Advisor, and by a 3/5ths majority vote of the total membership.

E. General Meetings

1. General meetings will be held every Monday at 6:30pm.

F. Public Relations

1. The President and Vice Presidents will report to the Charter Organization, First Christian Church, quarterly, which shall include summaries of the previous month's activities.
2. The Crew will maintain a website, which shall include information of interest to the general public.

G. Dues

1. Dues will be \$2 per regular meeting, payable monthly or at any time within the month (up to \$10 at a time).
2. Members delinquent in dues payments for 3 months or more will not be in Good Standing.
3. Members delinquent in dues payments for 6 months or more will be dropped from the Crew roster.

H. Money-Earning Projects

1. All money-earning projects must be approved by the majority vote of crew members. All money-earning projects must be approved by the Advisor and meet the Boy Scouts of America

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requirements.

2. Money earned is entitled to the Crew's general account.

I. Uniform

1. The official uniform consists of the official BSA dark green Venturing shirt with charcoal colored pants.
2. If uniform is not required, the crew t-shirt may be worn.
3. The uniform must be acquired within 3-months of becoming a member.

J. Members in Good Standing

1. Members in Good Standing are those who actively participate in Crew meetings and outings.
2. Members who do not follow these by-laws are considered not in Good Standing. These members will not be able to attend events. To regain Good Standing status, the member must resolve the issue, and meet with a review board consisting of the Advisor, President, and one other officer.

K. Other Bylaws

1. All policies of BSA will be followed.
2. Buddy System- 2 people of same gender or 3 of different gender together at all times.
3. Three Venturers and two Advisors minimum are required for each Crew event.
4. Members should show maturity, professionalism, and Scout spirit, and actively work for the good of the program.
5. No use of electronics other than GPS and safety equipment shall be used during Crew events unless it is the nature of the event.
6. Relationships between crew members are permitted, as long as conduct during activities is reasonable and proper.