

CREW CODES AND BYLAWS

I. Preamble - 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.

I. Crew Bylaws

A. Objectives

The objectives of Crew No. 890 are to:

1. Have fun while learning and improving outdoor and activity skills.
2. Learn new leadership skills and how to use them.
3. Be of service to our community.
4. Make new friendships while improving old ones.

5. Go to new places as a crew.
6. Work for the good of the crew.

B. Membership

1. Membership shall be open to all area young adults who have completed the ninth grade, and are at least 15 years of age and less than 21 years of age. All members must be registered as Venturers and agree to the crew code and bylaws.
2. No prospective member shall be disqualified because of race, color, creed, or sex.
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4. Prospective and active members do not need to be members of the charter organization (LHUMC) or be a member of a Boy Scout Troop.

C. Officers

1. The elected officers shall be a president, two vice presidents, a secretary, and a 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 for 6 months starting on January 1 and July 1 respectively. Elections shall be held in mid December and mid June, at the monthly crew outing, or a meeting designated by the president and advisor. The term of office for appointed officials is for the duration of the activity appointed for.
3. No member shall serve more than two successive terms in the same office, unless no other candidate is nominated for the office.
4. On the night of the election, 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.
5. All contested ballots shall be secret, and totaled by the Crew Advisor.

D. Crew business

Crew business will be conducted under 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, which will require a two-thirds vote of the total membership. A quorum shall consist of one more than the majority of members for votes on routine business.

E. General meetings/Activities

The setting and program for general meetings shall be decided by the officers. Our goal is to set up one activity per month during the 9-month school year, preceded by a brief (15-min.) general meeting. We will strive to plan and execute one weekend travel/campout activity per semester and one extended activity during the summer.

F. Officers' meetings

Officers' meetings will be held approximately once a month, prior to crew activities.

G. Distribution of Information

The crew will distribute information by e-mail and in printed form, to include all meeting dates and other information of interest to the membership. Hard copies should be saved to serve as the historical record of the crew.

H. Dues

1. Dues will be \$50 per year, payable at the beginning of the crew's fiscal year to the crew treasurer. Under specific circumstances, a member may talk to the advisor and/or president, if the amount for dues becomes a financial hardship, and may work out a payment plan (i.e.: monthly, quarterly, subsidized, or waived completely). No member will be denied membership due to financial hardship.
2. Members who are not current with their dues will be ineligible to attend the monthly outings and meetings until dues are paid.
3. Members who are not current with their dues may be denied advancement until dues are paid.
4. Adults are hereby exempt from the stated dues policy.

5. The re-charter money will come out of the member's individual accounts, provided that they are up to date. Adult's re-charter will come out of the general treasury.

6. Members delinquent in dues payments for six months or more will be dropped from the crew roster, but may be re-added when they have paid their outstanding dues.

I. Money-earning projects

All money-earning projects must be approved by a majority vote of crew members present at a properly called meeting. Members who do not participate in a project are not entitled to any benefits of the funds earned. All money-earning projects must be approved by the Advisor and meet Boy Scouts of America requirements.

J. Additional bylaws added by the crew

Amendments to the bylaws can be made by a 2/3 majority vote of the then-registered crew members who are present at a meeting at which notice of such amendment(s) has been given to the crew in advance.

K. Uniforms

Optional Class A uniforms comprise the official BSA green venture shirt with green epaulets, worn with khaki-colored shorts or long pants. This uniform should be worn at official BSA and/or Venture functions when Scouts are required to be in Class A uniform. No specific shoes or socks are required.

Class A uniform is the current venture T-Shirt worn with jean shorts or pants.