

## What The National Venturing Division Does

1. Supply the Nature Of Leadership syllabus to the host council
2. Approve courses
3. Annually print a flier promoting all courses
4. Promote courses nationally
5. Train and support instructors
6. Maintain course recognition items (Supply Division)

*If you have questions, please contact Bill Evans, Associate Director, Venturing Division at 972-580-2427 or email: [bevans@netbsa.org](mailto:bevans@netbsa.org)*

### Application To Host A Venturing Nature Of Leadership Trek

Council HQ City \_\_\_\_\_ Council No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Scout Executive Approval \_\_\_\_\_  
Print \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Trek Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ mm/dd/yr      Trek Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_ mm/dd/yr      Trek Year \_\_\_\_\_

Trek Arrival City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Brief, but exciting description of trek itinerary:*

Email digital promotional pictures to [bevans@netbsa.org](mailto:bevans@netbsa.org)

**Return to:**  
**Venturing Nature Of Leadership Treks, S211**  
**PO Box 152079**  
**Irving, TX 75015**



# Nature of Leadership Treks



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## Background and Purpose

Leadership and service to others are two key tenants of Venturing, the Boy Scouts of America's fast growing teenage program. Combine these two elements and you get the concept of "the servant leader." Servant leadership as a philosophy teaches that the leader works with and through a team to accomplish the mission.

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Rather than just talking about leadership, Venturing through the new **Nature of Leadership Treks** teaches useable, relevant leadership skills that every teen can use.

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**Methods** Challenging high adventure trek  
Nationally promoted  
Hosted by a council  
Participants come from around the country  
Team taught by two instructors per crew of 8-12  
Only 5 leadership skills taught called Commissions  
At least 7 days long  
Uses hands-on learning approach with very short presentations  
Constant reinforcement  
Creates a leadership fraternity

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**Requirements**

1. Be a registered Venturer (youth only)
2. Be at least 16 years old
3. Have physical capability for specific trek
4. Have outdoor skills for specific trek

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## What A Council Does

1. Set the itinerary and fee
2. Manage the budget
3. Order course support materials
4. Recruit adult leadership/instructors
5. Communicate with participants
6. Promote locally
7. Send an After-action report to the national Venturing division

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## How a Council Hosts A Course

1. Council leadership commits to hosting a course in writing to the national Venturing division at S211, PO Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015
2. Include description of the trek for promotional purposes (pictures too)
3. Set fee, arrival and departure dates, and arrival/departure city
4. Assign a staff advisor
5. Best to set dates at least a year out, two even better

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