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

Application To Host A Venturing Nature Of Leadership Trek

Council HQ City ________________________________ Council No. ________ Date _________

Scout Executive Approval ________________________________ Signature

Staff Advisor ___________________________ Phone No. _____________ Email _________________

Trek Arrival Date ____________ Trek Departure Date __________ Trek Year ____________
        mm/dd/yr                      mm/dd/yr

Trek Arrival City _________________ State ______________ Fee $_________________

Brief, but exciting description of trek itinerary:

Email digital promotional pictures to bevans@netbsa.org

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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