

LDS Scouting Positions

Priest Quorum Assistant Advisor Venturer Assistant Advisor

Wherefore, now let every man learn his duty, and to act in the office in which he is appointed, in all diligence. D&C 107:99

The Purposes of Your Calling: Through your ward outlined Scouting Program, help the assigned young men in your ward, ages 16 to 18 achieve the purposes of LDS Scouting.

The purposes of LDS Scouting are twofold. Those of the Aaronic Priesthood are:

- (1) Become converted to the gospel of Jesus Christ and live by its teachings.
- (2) Magnify Priesthood callings and fulfill responsibilities of his priesthood office.
- (3) Give meaningful service.
- (4) Prepare to receive the Melchizedek Priesthood and temple ordinances.
- (5) Commit to, prepare for, and serve an honorable full-time mission.
- (6) Prepare to become a worthy husband and father.

Second, it is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping to instill values in young people, and other ways to prepare them to make ethical choices during their lifetime in achieving their full potential. The values we strive to instill are based on the Scout Oath and Law. The aims of Scouting are to develop in youth (1) a strong ethical character, (2) an active, participating citizenship, including leadership ability, and (3) personal fitness: physical, mental, emotional and moral.

Guidelines of Your Stewardship

Under the direction of the bishopric, you may be called to be both an assistant Advisor to the priests, and the Venturer Advisor.

- Register with the Boy Scouts of America.
- Become trained with Venturer Fast Start, Basic Training, and Advanced training if possible.
- Get to know and become closely aware of all Venturers in your Crew and quorum members.
- As a shadow leader, tentatively plan for the entire year of Crew activities; then plan and carry out a detailed calendar for at least three months in advance to be approved by the Bishop in Key Scout Leaders Meeting.
- Develop and conduct one outside-the-ward activity each month and one super activity each year.
- Plan and carry out Crew activities that are calendared at least three months in advance.
- Assist the young men to conduct weekly regular Crew meetings and monthly officers meeting.
- Be a shadow leader to the young men, thereby helping them develop their leadership capabilities.
- Implement a balance of the Venturing Areas: Leadership, Citizenship, Social, Service, Fitness and Outdoor.
- Read manuals fully, review Venturer video if available.
- Maintain the standards of a chartered organization and BSA.
- Train Crew members to plan and operate a Quality Award program.
- Coach, guide and implement the Crew program through its officers and Venturers.
- Develop needed activity support and secure adult help and resources through the adult Venturer Committee as part of monthly committee meetings.
- Plan and carry out activities with a priesthood purpose.
- Become proficient at being a good leader developer, through study, awareness and application.
- For insurance coverage, your protection, and risk management purposes, Local Tour Permit Applications are mandatory, to be submitted two weeks in advance to the Scout Service Center for outside-the-ward activities involving travel.
- Establish and live your own Crew Venturer Code and Bylaws.

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- Maintain two-deep Advisor leadership in **all** activities
- Report regularly to your designated member of the Bishopric.
- Rule One: Make **it fun!**

Qualifications You Should Develop

- Ability to work closely with young men.
- Ability to organize time effectively.
- Ability to develop leadership and crew spirit.
- A testimony and good relationship with the Lord

Meetings/Activities to attend

- Weekly Crew meetings, and a monthly planning meeting.
- Monthly ward Key Scout Leaders Meeting if invited by CR.
- Monthly stake VOA (Venturer Organization Association) Meeting, along with a Venturer youth leader
- Committee planning meetings.
- District Round Table monthly.
- District and Council activities support.
- General church meetings.
- Appropriate stake YM and YM/YW activities, i.e., Standards Night, Sports, Stake Dances, etc.

Average amount of time spent in your calling per week: 6-8 hours

Handbooks or supplemental materials available to help you:

- Church Handbook of Instructions Book 2, section 2 Atonic Priesthood (LDS)
- Scouting Handbook (LDS)
- Venturer Handbook #33493; Venturing Leader Manual #34655B; Venturing Ranger Guidebook #3128
- Varsity-Venturer Program Features, Vol. 1, 2, and 3, #'s 34837, 34838, 34839
- Boy Scout Handbook (BSA), #33105
- Scouting Handbook (LDS)
- Duty to God and On My Honor Awards forms (LDS).