



## **What is Scouting America's Venture Crew?**

### **The Basics**

Venture Crew is a youth-led program for ages 14-21 (or those who've completed 8th grade). We're part of Scouting America, but with a completely different vibe.

### **Youth-Led**

You decide what we do. Adults provide mentorship and safety training, but this is your crew.

### **Co-Ed Since 1970s**

Over 50 years of mixed crews. Inclusive and welcoming to all.

### **No Uniforms or Ranks**

Focus on adventures, not badges or advancement.

### **Flexible Commitment**

Monthly planning meetings. Attend the activities you want.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Wait, is this Scouts?**

Kind of, but not really. Same organization, completely different vibe. No uniforms, no badges, no ranks to earn. If traditional Scouting isn't your thing, Venture Crew might be.

### **How much time does this take?**

One planning meeting per month (5:30-6:45 PM, typically hybrid). Then you choose which activities to join. The time commitment is totally up to you.

### **Do I need to be super outdoorsy or fit?**

No. All skill levels welcome—beginners to experienced adventurers. We help you build skills. You just need curiosity and willingness to try new things.

### **I've never done Scouts before. Is that weird?**

Not at all. Most current members came from Scouts, but we're growing and actively looking for people who want something different. You don't need previous Scouting experience.

### **How much does it cost?**

**Free to join.** Individual activities have costs, but we provide generous scholarships based on need and service hours.

### **Will this help my college applications or resume?**

If you want leadership opportunities, they're there. But that's not what this is about. This is about doing stuff that's fun, challenging, and meaningful. Real adventure comes first.

### **What Activities Do You Actually Do?**

- **Rock Climbing** — Indoor and outdoor, all skill levels
- **Whitewater Boating** — Kayaking and canoeing on local rivers
- **Backpacking** — Multi-day wilderness expeditions
- **Scuba Diving** — Open water certification and diving adventures
- **Skiing** — Winter adventures at nearby slopes
- **Whatever Sounds Good** — You decide. This is your crew.

### **Crew 20's Certifications & Training**

#### **Boating**

- ACA Whitewater Instructors
- ACA Swiftwater Rescue Technicians

#### **Climbing**

- BSA Climbing Director and instructors
- Proper equipment and safety protocols

**Safety First:** Teaching youth to manage and minimize risks, gain self-sufficiency, and build self-confidence through proper training, equipment, and planning.

### **Learn More About Venture Crews**

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