



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.

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