

Senior Youth Programs – December Update

Senior Youth Programs comprises Venturing, Sea Scouting and Exploring. For more information about Exploring please check out Exploring's page in the Area Scouter.

What is a VOA?

Since Venturing is a youth-led program, it is essential that our leadership structure above the unit is youth-inspired and youth-led. We believe that youth should organize program events, lead entertaining trainings, and provide forums to bring the crews, districts, councils, and areas together. A Venturing Officers' Association, or VOA, consists of a team of youth officers who are supported by advisors. It provides leadership opportunities that prepare young people for their respective futures and gives them a voice to help strengthen the Venturing program.

VOAs provide opportunities for personal growth and leadership for their officers, just as the leaders and members of the VOA provide programming of interest to their constituents. A strong VOA has a positive correlation with strong crews. Program and training events offered by the VOA give Venturers the chance to meet other Venturers, build friendships and networks, learn from their experiences, and have fun!

The purpose of VOAs is not to hold meetings but to provide fun and informative program opportunities for Venturers. In many ways, the VOA serves as a forum for planning and carrying out a great program. The VOA officers and advisors know they have done their job well when they see that the efforts of the VOA have served to strengthen the Venturing program in their area of operation.

If you have questions about starting a VOA in your District or joining the Council VOA, please contact our Venturing Officers Association Advisor, [Alexander "AJ" Jones](#).



Crew 851 & Troop 361G Help With Their Members Eagle Project

Dayna R., member of Troop 361G and Crew 851, enlisted the help of **both** her units in completing her Eagle project! Venturing and Scouts BSA go hand in hand.





Upcoming Events:

- December 17, 700pm, Senior Youth Programs Committee Meeting, [request link](#)
- Feb 19-21, 2021, **SAVE THE DATE** Winter Rendezvous, Broad Creek Scout Reservation

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