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Want to join? You can look at this list of Venturing Crews, which has meeting places and contact information, or this map of Crews, which shows the meeting places on a map of Durham County. You can also request information online.

Venturing Crews meet at times and dates set by the youth leaders, usually in a facility provided by the church or other organization which sponsors the Crew. Youth members elect a President and other officers, who then plan the Crew year and schedule meetings and activities. Adults are in advisory positions and do much less direct leading of the Crew.

Venturing is for young men and women who are at least 14 years old and have completed the eighth grade, to 20 years old. Venturers experience a program that is fun and full of challenge and adventure. Venturing includes activities that involve outdoor adventure, leadership opportunities, and service to others.

Venturing is Scouting's only co-ed program. Both males and females can be in a Venturing Crew. Crews can also choose to be all-male or all-female.

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- **Outdoor Adventure:** Crews often go on overnight or weekend camping trips where Scouts engage in a variety of activities: camping, cooking, building fires, enjoying water activities like swimming and canoeing, backpacking, rock climbing, and more.
- **Leadership:** Venturing Crews are led by youth leaders, elected by the youth members. Crew members can be elected by their fellow youth to be President, Vice-President - Program, and other positions as well. Leadership training is provided by adult advisors.
- **Service:** Service is an integral part of the program. Venturers engage in conservation

projects, clear and improve trails, help out at their schools or religious institutions, and can even serve Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

More information on Venturing is available here, or at the Boy Scouts of America's Web site.

The safety and protection of boys and girls in Venturing is of utmost importance. Learn more about how Venturing keeps youth members safe.