

***Boy Scouts of America
Venturing Crew 12***

Chartered by

***Providence Presbyterian
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**Kempsville District – Tidewater Council
Boy Scouts of America**



V E N T U R I N G · B S A

Crew Bylaws

November 2002

Venturing Crew 12 Bylaws

I. Meetings

- A. Meetings will be held on the first and third Thursday of every month
- B. Additional meetings will be added as necessary.

II. Election of Officers

- A. Annual elections will be held on the first meeting in May.
- B. The election will be run by the president and will be run in an orderly fashion.

III. Newsletter

- A. A monthly newsletter will be completed by one of the vice presidents. Which vice president does this duty is up to the two vice presidents to decide.

IV. Uniforms

- A. Types of uniform
 - 1. Class A: green uniform shirts with neat and appropriate bottoms
 - 2. Class B: crew t-shirt
- B. Times to wear uniform
 - 1. Class A: travelling to and from events, at meetings and council events
 - 2. Class B: during Crew activities (camping, hiking, etc.)

V. Adult Responsibilities

- A. Adults should interfere as little as possible with activities, unless harm or possible injury may result to a crew member.
- B. Adults should support youth officers by answering questions, giving advice and offering suggestions only when asked by a crew member.
- C. The adult must act as a follower not a leader during crew activities. Leadership is the youth's responsibility, not the adults.
- D. If a crew member have a question or problem with a situation, adult members should convey concerns to the crew officer in charge or crew advisor in a private member
- E. Adults provide transportation, equipment, etc. for crew activities.
- F. Preference should not be shown to one crew member over another by an adult.
- G. Itimate responsibility lies with the crew advisor during crew activities. The advisor concerns lie with the youth's safety and well being during a crew activity. If an adult leader has questions concerning decisions made, please report to the advisor in a private manner.

VI. Crew Member Relations

- A. All crew members, youth and adult, will be aware of the fact that both sexes are present at all functions. Co-ed behavior expectations include the following:
 - 1. Use common sense
 - 2. Be respectful and considerate of each other
 - 3. No entering the domicile (tents, dormitory rooms, etc.) will not be allowed unless the following stipulations are met:
 - 4. permission to enter or an invitation is offered
 - 5. there are at least three people present
 - 6. Respect opposite gender's nature calls in the backcountry ("males to the left, females to the right")
 - 7. No public displays of affection
 - 8. No co-ed buddies, unless it is a threesome ("triad") or greater
- B. Sexual or Verbal Harassment
 - 1. Any youth crew member who feels he or she is being harassed by another youth or adult member should report the incident immediately to the crew advisor and youth officer present during the activity. If the accused is the crew advisor or youth officer on duty, report to the next adult or youth in charge.
- C. Disciplinary action steps:
 - 1. A discussion session will be held by an adult leader and youth officer in an attempt to resolve the matter
 - 2. If the harassment continues, a youth or adult crew member will be sent home immediately and a parent will be notified. If an adult member is accused of harassment, charges will be filed with the Boy Scouts of America or local authorities. Continuing membership in the crew will be determined by the general crew for anyone who fails to discontinue harassment.

VII. Drug, Tobacco and Alcohol Use

- A. Anyone involved or associated with a crew activity will abstain from the use of:
 - 1. illegal drugs
 - 2. alcohol
 - 3. tobacco

VIII. Discipline

- A. All disputes must first go to the crew officers to be solved.
- B. The three-strike principle will apply for all infractions. This means there will be a warning, discussion, and a punishment appropriate for the infraction as decided by crew officers and advisors.

IX. Amendments

- A. All proposed amendments must first be submitted to the president one week prior to the meeting.
- B. Proposed amendments must be approved by at least two-thirds of the crew to be put into use.