

Other Recognitions Available

The Venturing Leadership Award is presented by Boy Scout councils, areas, regions and the BSA National Council to Venturers and adults who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and exemplify the Venturing Code.

The Venturing Advisor Award of Merit is a key program element to recognize Crew Advisors for tenure, training and quality crew programs.

The Hornaday Award is presented for distinguished service in conservation.

The award is given in one of six forms: The local council may give the William T. Hornaday certificate for a unique conservation project by a pack, troop, team, or crew.

The council may also award the William T. Hornaday badge to individual Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers for outstanding service in conservation. All other Hornaday Awards are conferred by the National Council; Scouts and Venturers may apply for the bronze and silver medals, and local councils may nominate Scouters for the gold medal and individuals and organizations for the gold certificate

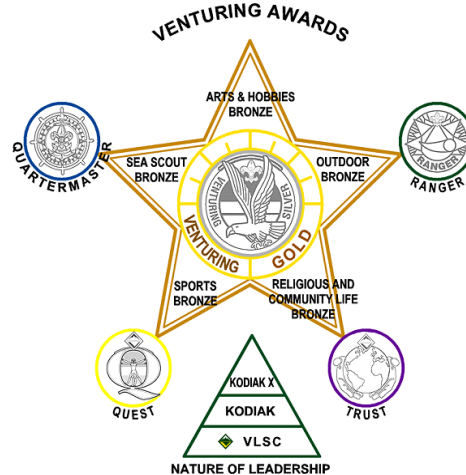
Young American Awards – These awards are available at both the local and national levels, recognizing young adults between 15 and 25 who have achieved excellence in the fields of art, athletics, business, community service, education, government, humanities, literature, music, religion or science. The national Young American Awards include five unrestricted grants of \$5,000.

For more information on these and other awards, go to BSA website, the BSA Sea Scout website or to the National Venturing Youth Cabinet website.

Leadership Recognition

Venturing has a three step **Nature of Leadership Program**.

- The first step is the **Venturing Leadership Skills Course (VLSC)**. Participants learn important leadership skills and apply them in games and projects.
- The second step is **Kodiak**, a six-day leadership course. Consisting of five areas or commissions: effective teams, values, communications, problem solving and planning. It is a program that can be taught anywhere, as long as it is outside, not in a classroom.
- The final step is **Kodiak X**, which adds two more commissions; evaluating performance and mentoring. Every participant emerges as more knowledgeable leader.



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Venturing Awards and Recognition

To provide a pathway for personal development; to encourage Venturers to learn, grow, and serve; and to recognize the high level of achievement of those who acquire these Venturing skills.



The Venturing Silver and Sea Scout Quartermaster Awards are the highest awards in Venturing and Sea Scouts.

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What Venturers say about Awards/Advancement

For participating:

- To further my knowledge of the outdoors through Venturing in the hopes of one day being a very successful person.
- To give myself that self-achievement. I think it is a good way to set goals.
- I enjoy learning new things and getting to new things.
- I am working on my Bronze Religious Life.
- It is fun and I love the stuff we do.
- Great way to learn and build self confidence.
- I want to advance because it is a lot of fun.
- Because each advancement can help teach me something new about life and how to live, and also because I can help people and get my advancements at the same time.
- There are activities that are interesting and [I] can learn from some of the events that I do.
- I think it is a good way to get recognition for things I've participated in while I've been in the Venturing Crew.
- The advancement program will look good on my college applications. If I can show on my applications that I'm in a respected organization such as the BSA and I actively participate in it, I'll have a better chance of getting into my choice.
- It allows me to do more events that I can't do with the Troop. It also allows me to get away and do stuff with the other older scouts.
- For a new experience in activities.
- I believe it could teach me to grow more as a person.
- I am enjoying completing the requirements with our Venturing Crew.

For not participating:

- Focusing on Girl Scout Awards, such as the Rose and Gold Award.
- Focusing on the Eagle Rank and Boy Scouts.
- I do not know much about Venturing awards.
- There isn't motivation.
- I am not really intending to get them; I'm not interested in advancement.
- I enjoy my Venturing experience as it is.
- I just want to go on outings.
- I am not available, am working and in school/college, too busy with other stuff, have conflicts with sports, school, and work.

What Venturers say about Recognition

Being recognized for my accomplishments is important because:

- It gives me a sense of "I did something good and accomplished a task".
- It shows that I am dedicated and enthusiastic about venturing and scouting
- Gives me confidence, makes it worthwhile, and makes me feel important.
- It helps me take pride in my accomplishments and therefore I feel more driven to succeed, to obtain my goals, to become more motivated in completing what I'm doing.
- It makes me smile, makes me happy, makes me feel good, and gives me a sense of pride.
- I think it's important to show people not involved in Venturing the dedication involved in getting awards and advancements.
- It also shows other people that it's possible for them to do the same thing.
- You are recognized for your achievements, you can be recognized as a person who has had experiences in many different areas, and how much you have accomplished.
- It makes me strive for more.

On the other hand:

Being recognized for my accomplishments is not important because I don't care whether or not I am recognized.

Comments gathered from
Venturers at Overdrive 2009



Overdrive 2007 – Camp Winton

Venturing Awards and Recognition

The purpose of the Venturing Awards program is to provide a pathway for personal development; to encourage Venturers to learn, grow, and serve; and to recognize the high level of achievement of those who acquire these Venturing skills. This program is available to all Venturing Youth. The issuance of awards has been an important part of the Boy Scouts of America from its beginning.

The Venturing Silver and Sea Scout Quartermaster Awards are the highest level for these programs and are comparable to the Eagle Scout Rank in Boy Scouts.

Venturing and Sea Scout Awards

In **Venturing**, there are five **Bronze** awards for skills development: Sports, Religious Life, Arts and Hobbies, Outdoors and Sea Scout. Beyond those five awards are the Ranger Award, for outdoor experiences; the Quartermaster award for maritime; the Trust award for religious life and the Quest award for sports. The advanced awards are the **Gold Award** for personal growth and the **Silver Award** for leadership.

Sea Scouts is also a part of the Venturing Program, and their advancement awards include the **Apprentice, Ordinary, Able, and Quartermaster**.

The Venturing Silver Award and Sea Scout Quartermaster Award are the highest level for these programs and are comparable to the Eagle Scout Rank in Boy Scouts.

These awards are further described in the Venturing and the Sea Scout Handbooks.

Additionally, Venturers who have achieved the rank of First Class Scout in a Boy Scout Troop or Varsity Team may continue their work on the Eagle Scout Rank as a Venturer using Venturing Leadership positions until their 18th Birthday, as well as other BSA awards and recognitions.