Venturing Advisor Position-Specific Training # 106
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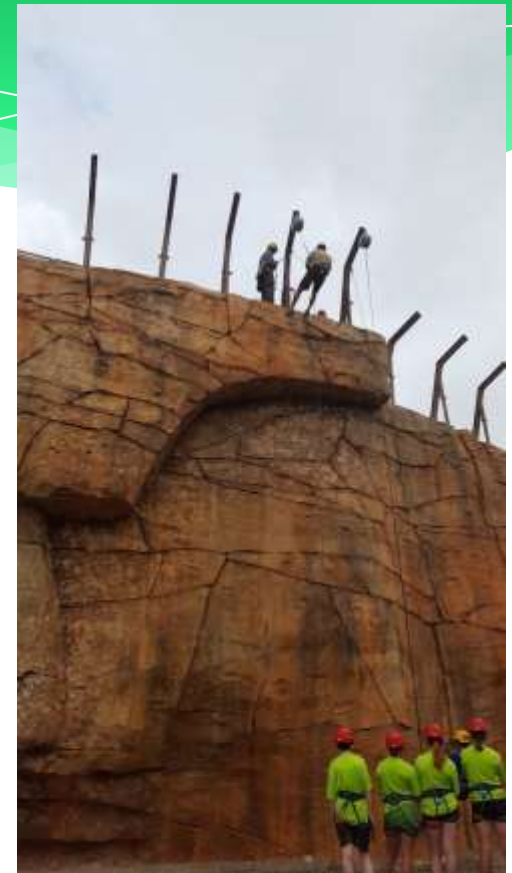
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Group Activity

Objectives

➢ Define Venturing & Program Value

➢ Program Specifics: Aims & Methods

➢ Understanding Venturers

➢ Officer & Advisor Responsibilities

➢ Recognition

➢ Annual Program Planning

The Basics

Venturing is co-ed!
Venturers are 14-17
Adult Venturing Participants are 18-20
Adult Leadership must be 21+

Venturing Motto:
Lead
the Adventure!!

What are we called? Common misconceptions

* It's Venturing, **NOT** "Venture"

* They're Venturers, **NOT** "Venture Scouts"

* It's Venturing Crew, **NOT** "Venture Crew"

Aims & Methods: 4 Aims of the BSA

Character Development

Citizenship Training

Personal Fitness

Leadership Training

Methods Specific to Venturing

* Leadership & Mentoring
  * Activities and Adventure
    * Recognition
    * Adult Association
      * Ideals
        ● Group Identity
          ● Service

CHALLENGE GAME!!!

The Program: ALPS

Service

Personal Growth

Leadership

Adventure

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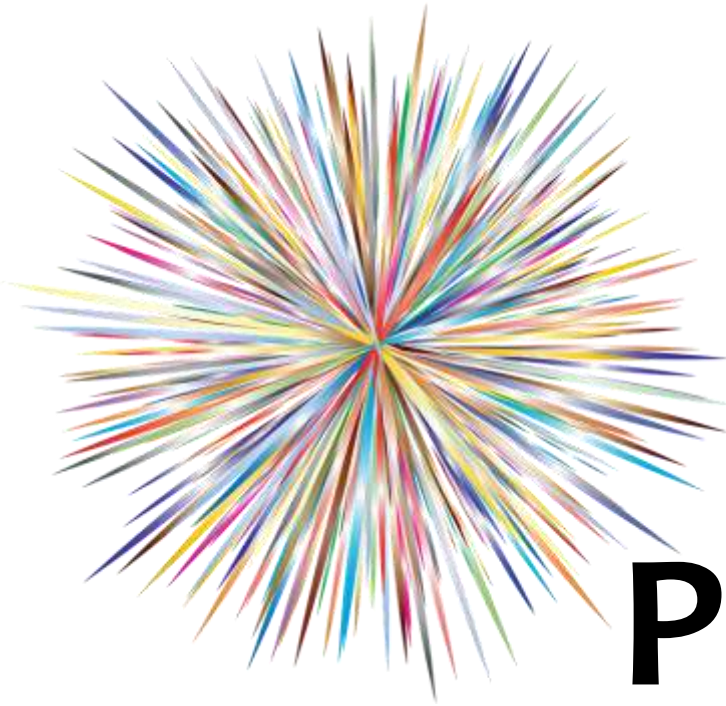# Part 2 of 4
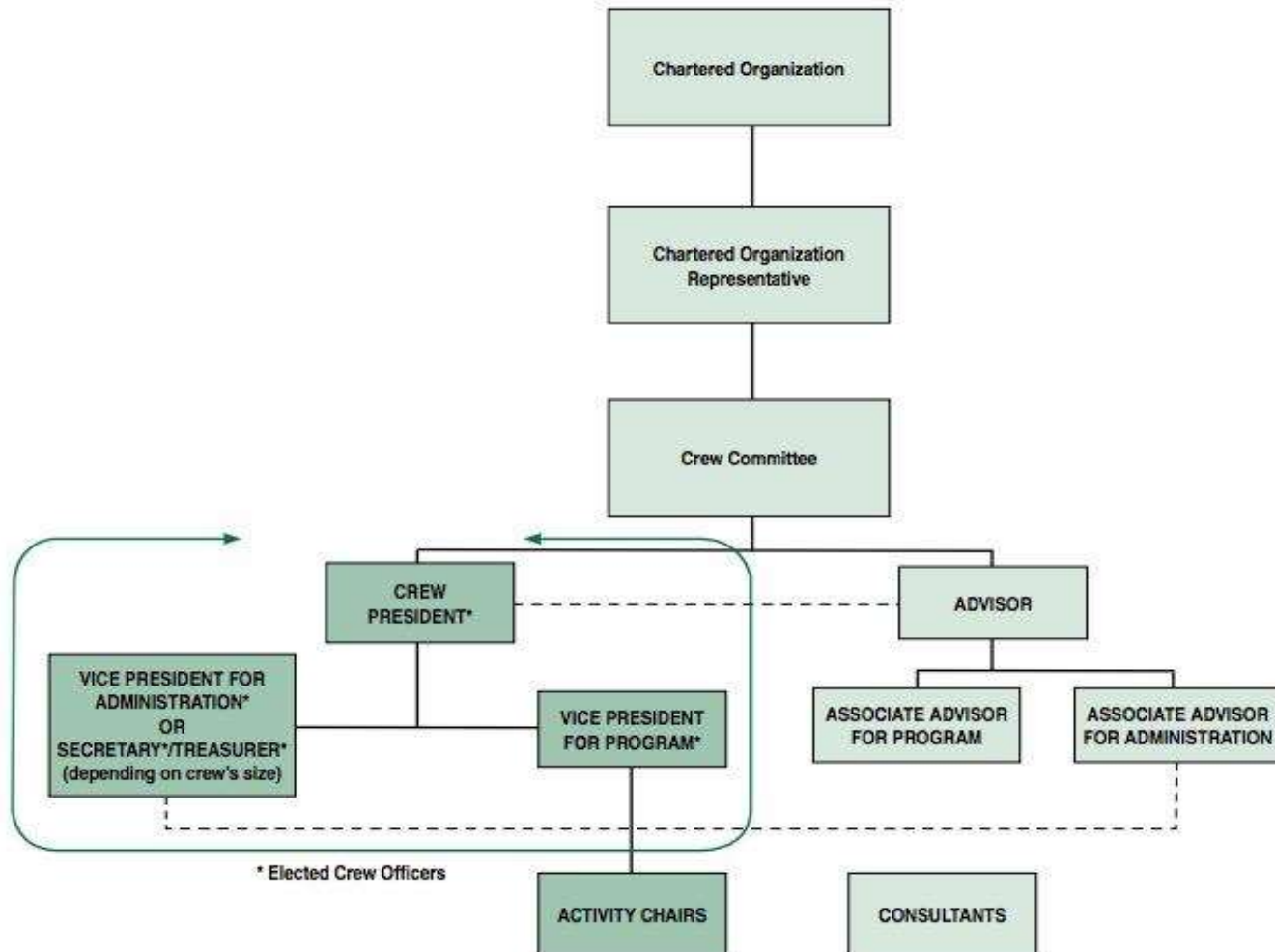
Crew Leadership, Organization, and understanding Venturers

It's time for:

Org. Chart Pyramid

Organization Chart

Chartered Organization

Chartered Organization Representative

Crew Committee

CREW PRESIDENT*

ADVISOR

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION* OR SECRETARY*/TREASURER* (depending on crew's size)

VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAM*

ASSOCIATE ADVISOR FOR PROGRAM

ASSOCIATE ADVISOR FOR ADMINISTRATION
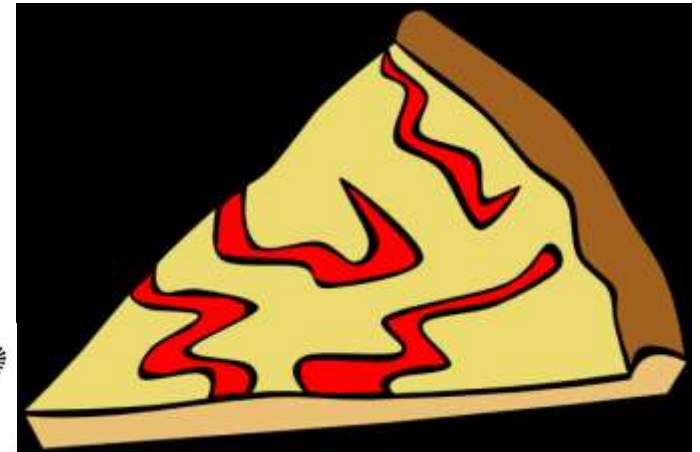
* Elected Crew Officers

ACTIVITY CHAIRS

CONSULTANTS

Understanding Venturers

Why do you think older youth and young adults want to join Venturing?

Understanding Venturers

Write two or three adjectives (positive and negative) that describe a Venturing-age youth.

Understanding Youth Development

Experimentation

Dependence to Interdependence

Physiological Changes

Social Relationships

Questioning Values

Understanding Adult Leadership

Leadership Styles for Advisors…..

Train

Coach

Mentor

Ask Questions!

Guiding Venturers Through Reflection

* The Tangle Knot!!!

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Program Review: ALPS

Service

Personal

Growth

Leadership

Adventure

Session Objectives

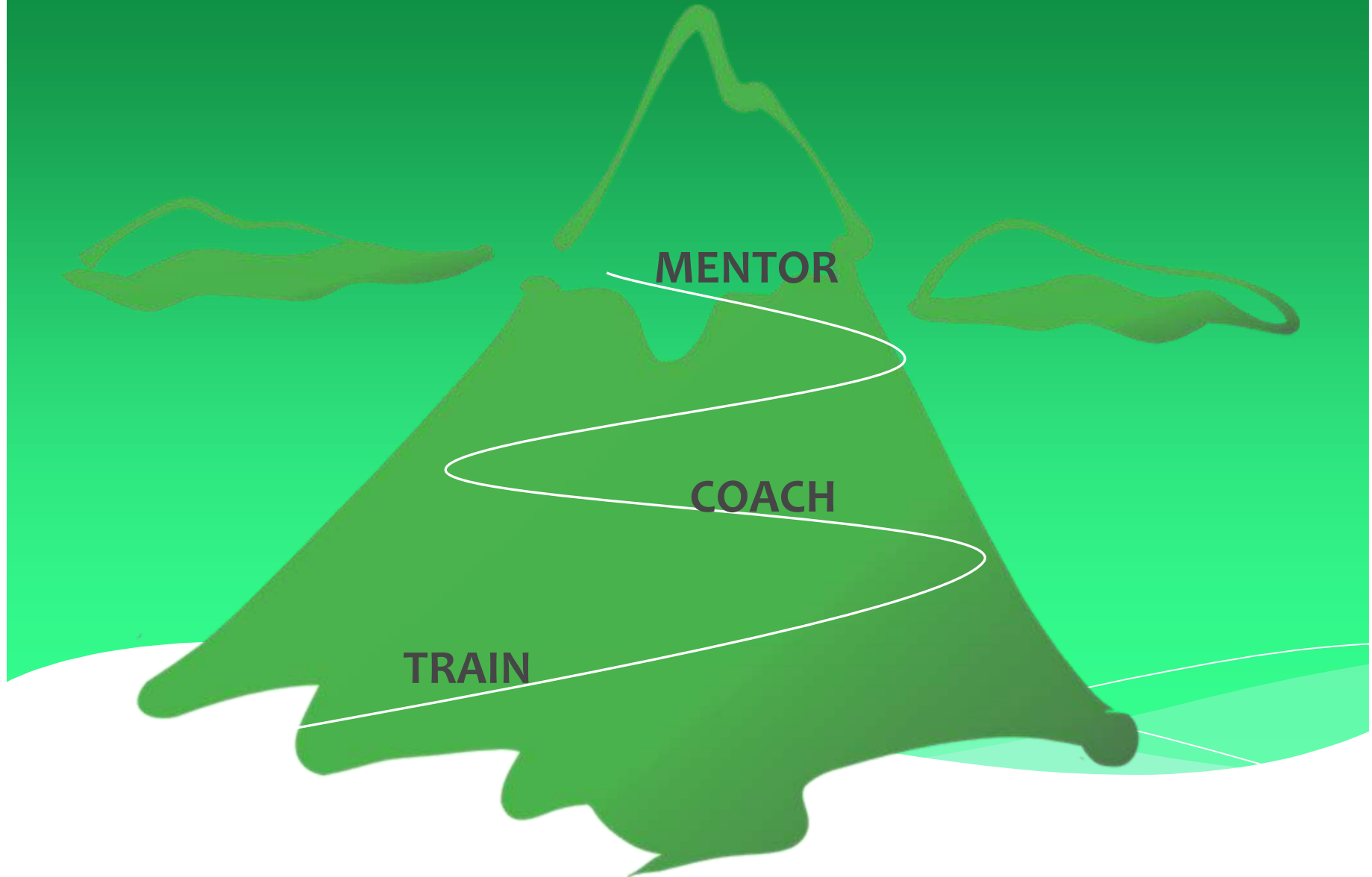What do Advisor's do?

Where do we have impact?

Scouting: A Game with a Purpose!

BSA Mission Statement:

To prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

The Advisor's Purpose

MENTOR

COACH

TRAIN

Advisor Responsibilities: Set the Environment

- **Foster a sense of community**
  - **Develop Officers to plan & Lead**
- **Encourage Participation**
- **Cultivate a capacity to enjoy life (Get to Yes!)**
- **Uphold the Standards (Oath & Law)**
- **Ensure a safe environment**

GUIDE TO
SAFE SCOUTING
A GUIDE FOR CURRENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Advisor Responsibilities: Protect the Youth

* **We provide the framework for protecting members from abuse**
* **We ensure activities are conducted within BSA safety guidelines**

New to Scouting?
Click Here To Take Training

WITH YOUTH PROTECTION BEGINS

https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/

Advisor Responsibilities: Where you can help

- **OFFICERS & ELECTIONS**

- **OFFICER TRAININGS**

- **CREW TRAININGS: Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC) – at least annually**

Additional Trainings

- **National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)**

- **Kodiak Challenge**

- **Powder Horn**

Questions?

Advisor Responsibilities: Empower your Crew

- **Youth Create & Enforce Code of Conduct and Operating Procedures (Review it)**

- **Crews Meetings: Give them space, but be available**

- **Let them choose and plan activities**

- **Show them how to stay safe**

Back to the BSA Mission: How do we build character?

- **Learn by playing games, problem solving, overcoming obstacles, ethical controversies.**

- **We pair challenges with outcomes and reflecting after each activity.**
- **We celebrate goals with recognition which builds confidence.**

Recognition

Recognition: The Venturing Trail

- ALPS

- Advisor Conferences

- Boards of Reviews

  (youth led)

Summit Award

Pathfinder Award

Discovery Award

Venturing Award

Recognition

Skill Based Awards

And …

Once a Scout reaches First Class Rank in a Troop, Venturing Activities can be applied to complete the Eagle Rank.

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*Program Planning

Qualities of a good program??

Phases of Planning the Annual Program

Step 1: Gather information

Step 2: Annual Planning Conference

Step 3: Program Implementation
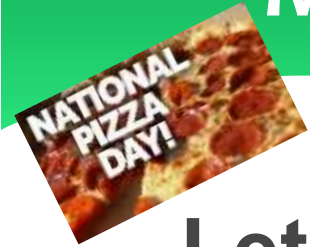
Annual Program Planning:
Step 1 - Gather Info

* **Adult & Consultant Info**: PCI

* **Youth Gather Info: Activity Interest Survey**

* **Dates**

Step 2
Mock Annual Program Planning

Let's Plan A Year Long Calendar!!!

1. Evaluate Gathered Information
2. Brainstorm Ideas
3. Discuss and Evaluate activity ideas
4. Select activities for coming year's program (Draft Calendar)

Program Planning: Step 3 Implementation

1) Put on Calendar & Distribute
2) Youth lead assigned to each activity
3) Use and Activity Planner!!
- What, When, Where, Why
- How do we get there?
- How much will it cost??

And finally…

What is the final step that pulls it
Together?

Reflection
It builds character!

Resources

Your District and Council are here to help!

VOA Meetings

Council Trainings

www.seattlebsa.org

www.venturing.org

https://www.facebook.com/seattleventuring/

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