

## Venturing Youth Badges

In August of 1998, the Boy Scouts of American established the Venturing Division. Exploring which was established 40 years earlier had been the last new Division. With the establishment of Venturing, the career-path Exploring program was moved to a subsidiary of the Boy Scouts of American called Learning for Life.

### Crew Office Insignia

When Venturing began, the four youth positions carried over from Exploring. They were:



President



Vice President



Secretary



Treasurer

These positions had been a part of Exploring since 1959 and had been round red badges as today's Advisor badge since 1987. However, with the change to Venturing, the youth badges were changed to white backgrounds with Venturing green borders.

In 2006, three additional Crew positions were shared by Amy DiFrancesco, 2005-06 National Venturing President ([www.nationalventuringyouthcabinet.org/files/positions.pdf](http://www.nationalventuringyouthcabinet.org/files/positions.pdf)):



Crew Guide



Crew Historian



Crew Quartermaster

## Other Office Insignia

As a carry over from Exploring, Venturing also had National officers. These were the National and Regional Venturing Presidents. Beginning in 2001, the National Sea Scout Boatswain became a member of the National Venturing Cabinet so that position badge is included here for completeness.



National President  
(2000)



Regional President  
(2002)



National Boatswain

Additional Venturing President position badges were added in 2007. These positions are not part of the National Venturing Youth Cabinet.



Area President (2007)



Council President (2007)



District President (2007)

The National, Regional, Area and Council Venturing President badges have green metallic borders. These President badges must be requested by calling Sharon Aycock in the Venturing Division at (972) 580-2084.

## Nature of Leadership

This is a three phase training program to develop Venturer's leadership skills. The first phase is the Venturing Leadership Skills Course (VLSC) which was introduced in 1998. In 2001, a VLSC strip was introduced. The strip is similar in size to the Trained strip and is worn in the same location, below the office badge on the left sleeve.



The second phase is Kodiak. The original name for Kodiak was Nature of Leadership which began in 2001. In 2004, the course was renamed Kodiak and in 2005 a Kodiak badge and medal were introduced. In 2006, a Kodiak Staff badge was added.



Kodiak



Kodiak Staff

The third phase is Kodiak X. The badge for Kodiak X and Kodiak X Staff were introduced in 2007 along with a medal.



Kodiak X



Kodiak X Staff

All Nature of Leadership badges are intended for Venturers only. Adults, who have taken the Kodiak/Kodiak-X Course Directors Course and are promoting Kodiak or Kodiak X course, may temporarily wear the medal.

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