



January 6, 2008

TO: Scout Executives, Area Directors, Regional Directors
FROM: Keith Walton, Associate Director, Venturing
**SUBJECT: Nomination Form for 2008-2009 Regional Venturing President
(Please copy and share with all professionals.)**

Within this packet you will find the nomination form for regional Venturing president for the 2008-2009 year. Over the past years councils across the country have prepared outstanding young men and women who have served on the national Venturing cabinet representing their respective regions.

These young men and women have exemplified all that Venturing offers, and they represent your councils as they strive to serve others. They are the future of America and will continue to carry forth the mission of the Boy Scouts of America with the possibility of being elected regional Venturing president.

Each council having a Venturer who meets the qualifications listed below may nominate him or her to its region with one nomination per council.

TERM OF OFFICE: The regional Venturing presidents will serve from June 1, 2008, through May 31, 2009.

ACTION: Each council wishing to nominate a Venturer should approve and forward the attached nomination form to their **regional office** by March 1, 2008. The selection by each region of their regional Venturing president should be sent to the national Venturing Division, S211, by April 16, 2008.

NOTE: *The national Venturing president will be selected from the present (2007–2008) regional Venturing presidents. By using this process, the national Venturing president will have one year's experience before taking office. It also gives the regional Venturing presidents something to aspire to. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to the national Venturing president at the end of his or her term.*

cc: John Green, Director, Program Group
Wayne Brock, Assistant Chief Scout Executive
Charles Holmes, Director, Venturing Division

2008-2009 REGIONAL VENTURING PRESIDENT COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

(Nomination Form Deadline Due to Your Regional Office by March 1, 2008)

Council Headquarters City _____ Council No. _____ Region _____ Area _____

Nominates the following Venturer for regional Venturing president. He or she meets the qualifications listed on the reverse side of this form.

Name _____
(Type or print)

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (Day) _____ (Evening) _____ Cell No. _____
(Area code + #) (Area code + #) (Area code + #)

E-mail _____

Age on May 31, 2008 _____ Birth Date _____ Currently Registered in Crew/Ship No. _____

Chartered Organization _____

_____ Present (or) _____ Past Teen Leaders' Council Officer and Position Held _____

_____ Crew President Service Dates _____

Yes, our candidate will be able to attend the BSA National Annual Meeting, May 21-23, 2008, to be held in San Diego, CA, and the national Venturing cabinet orientation continuing July 10-13, 2008, in Dallas, TX.

NOMINEE'S AGREEMENT: *I am able and willing to run for regional Venturing president. I meet the qualifications listed. If selected by my region, I will serve as its regional Venturing president. If selected as national Venturing president following my term as regional Venturing president, I will serve to the best of my ability. **I will be able to attend the BSA National Annual Meeting, May 21-23, 2008, to be held in San Diego, CA, and the national Venturing cabinet orientation July 10-13, 2008, to be held in Dallas, TX.***

Signed _____ Date _____
(Nominee)

Parent(s) Approval _____ Date _____

Crew Advisor/Skipper _____ Date _____

COUNCIL APPROVAL: We recommend and approve this Venturer as our council's nominee for regional Venturing president. He or she meets the qualifications listed on the back.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Scout executive)

(OVER)

QUALIFICATIONS: To run for regional Venturing president, a Venturer must:

1. Be a present or past crew president, or a present or past Teen Leaders' Council chairperson or officer (or equivalent district or council organization) in his or her council.
2. Be recommended and approved by his or her council.
3. Be less than 19 years of age on May 31, 2008.
4. Be a currently primary registered Venturer in his or her council.
5. Be able to attend the BSA National Annual Meeting, May 21-23, 2008, to be held in San Diego, CA, and the national Venturing cabinet orientation continuing July 10-13, 2008, in Dallas, TX.

The nominee should attach no more than six 8½ x 11-inch pages on white paper to this application stating his or her qualifications for regional Venturing president. Please staple these pages to this application. Do not enclose them in notebooks, binders, or sheet protectors. These pages should include:

1. Experience as the crew president or Teen Leaders' Council chairperson or other officer.
2. Leadership experience, awards, training, and other activities related to Venturing.
3. Honors, leadership positions, awards, and training from church, Scouting, or other organizations.
4. School awards, clubs, sports, scholarships, and leadership positions.
5. A statement on college or career plans.
6. A brief statement on why you want to be regional Venturing president.
7. Other information on your qualifications to run for office.

Attach a 3x5 photograph for publicity purposes. This should be a head-and-shoulders shot with Venturing uniform. **This photo should be of reproducible quality.**

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For region use:

Date received _____ (March 1, 2008, due date)

Interview date _____ (for top three regional selections)

_____ All nominees informed of selection.

_____ Selection notice with bio and picture of the new regional Venturing president sent to the national Venturing Division, S211, by April 16, 2008.

Northeast Region
P.O. Box 268
Jamesburg, NJ
08831-0268

Southern Region
P.O. Box 440728
Kennesaw, GA
30160

Central Region
230 West Diehl Road
P.O. Box 3085
Naperville, IL
60566-7085

Western Region
4765 S. Lakeshore Dr.
Tempe, AZ
85285-2019

Bob Legg

Greg Taylor

Joseph Vollmer

Gene Wadford

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE REGIONAL VENTURING PRESIDENT

1. Represents Venturing at:
 - National meetings (when designated)
 - Regional activities and meetings (when designated)
 - International activities and meetings (when designated)
 - Council activities (when invited)
 - Special projects/task forces (as assigned)
2. Will serve as the youth Venturing president on the regional program committee and/or regional board, if appointed by the regional office.
3. **Must attend the national Venturing cabinet orientation.**
4. Is responsible to the staff member assigned to Venturing in his or her region.
5. Supports the programs and activities designed by the region.
6. Assists councils upon request of the region.
7. Supports the region in any effort to train council Venturing officers and Advisors.
8. Promotes national, regional, and area activities, programs, and awards.
9. Serves in a leadership position for any national event as assigned by the Venturing president and national Venturing staff.
10. Agrees to wear the Venturing uniform and identity items as suggested by the regional staff member assigned to Venturing (paid for at own expense).

REGIONAL VENTURING PRESIDENT Overview

Purpose: To clarify the required qualifications, selection process, and role of regional Venturing presidents.

Background: Even though Venturing was officially started in 1998, its youth officers follow a long tradition started when the first regional and national Exploring officers were elected at the first national Exploring Congress held in Washington, D.C. Since that time, many quality young men and women have effectively led the BSA's premier young adult program.

QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN FOR THE OFFICE OF REGIONAL VENTURING PRESIDENT

1. Be a currently registered Venturer in his or her council.
2. Be a present or past crew president, or a present or past chairperson or officer in his or her council's Teen Leaders' Council or equivalent district or council organization in his or her council.
3. Be recommended and approved by his or her council.
4. Be less than 19 years of age on May 31, 2008.

TERM OF OFFICE

From June 1, 2008, through May 31, 2009

RESPONSIBILITIES

(Job Description)

1. Serves as the youth Venturing president on the regional program committee and/or the regional board if so desired by the regional director.
2. Is responsible to the staff member assigned by the region.
3. Supports the programs and activities designated by the region.
4. Attends and participates in regional and national meetings and activities as requested and approved by the national Venturing Division or regional office.
5. Attends regional, area, and council meetings and activities when invited and on approval of the regional office.
6. Assists councils with Venturing activities, upon the request of the region.
7. Supports the region in any effort to train council Venturing officers and Advisors.
8. Serves in a leadership role for any national event as assigned by the national Venturing president and national Venturing staff.
9. Agrees to wear the Venturing uniform and identity items as suggested by the regional staff.
10. Agrees to resign from office if requested by the regional director.

SELECTION PROCESS

1. Election/selection process varies by region.
2. Regions may select their regional Venturing president through area conferences or meetings.
3. There is a nationally produced council nomination form for nomination of candidates for the regional Venturing president that is due to regions by March 1, 2008 (see attached form).
4. Regions must select and approve their regional Venturing president and submit name, bio, and a picture to the national office by April 16, 2008.
5. For those regions that select their regional Venturing president, it is suggested that a representation of the region personally interview each of the top three candidates before making their selection.
6. Regional staff, volunteers, and especially the person who will serve as the staff adviser to the regional Venturing president are invited and encouraged to attend the National Court of Honor, May 23, 2008, where the new national and regional Venturing presidents are installed and the outgoing presidents are recognized.

TRAINING

The national Venturing Division will pay the expenses for each new 2008-2009 regional Venturing president to attend the BSA National Annual Meeting, May 22-23, 2008, to be held in San Diego, CA, and the national Venturing cabinet orientation continuing July 10-13, 2008.

Regional office will pay for outgoing officers attending the national meeting.