

## Being a Venture Scout



The great thing about Venture Scouts is that, with your Venture Crew, you can decide your own activities and trips. We could plan a trip to the Alps, to a scout centre abroad, to the cinema... Most Venture Crews will meet regularly, maybe once a week, to plan projects or trips or to do activities. Through choosing your activities, you're creating your own path through scouting. Here are some tips to help you get the most of your Venture Scouting:

- 1. Attend every meeting possible.** Your participation is important. If you know you can't attend, let the others know in good time (set up a group chat).
- 2. YOUR programme.** Your unit/crew depends on ideas and suggestions from its members, so contribute your share. You can probably think of many things you'd like to do. Contribute to planning and help others develop their plans, each Venture Scout and Crew should be responsible for organising parts of the programme.
- 3. Venture Executive:** Appoint an Exec, and make sure you all support them. Participate in electing an Exec and then help them with running the unit; they need your support. They have specific duties and will want to do them well. Get involved in the general activities of the unit, and do your best to complete them successfully



4. **Crews:** Form Crews, either permanent ones for the year or activity based ones for the duration of a programme cycle. As a member, you could be asked to be an activity leader. Your crew might be interested in planning a trip, locating a guest speaker or organizing a linking activity.
5. **Decision-making:** All members should be involved in making big decisions, such as deciding on your summer camp/expedition. Have all the facts and consider them carefully. Listen to the views of others and be careful not to make assumptions. Ask questions and give your opinion before votes are taken or consensus is reached. Don't complain after a decision is made. Support the decision, and do what you can to make it work.
6. **Communications:** It is essential that you have good communication in the unit and with the Group. Your Scouters will offer advice, but can only help with known problems or needs. If you have doubts about how to do your job, tackle a project, get a guest speaker or resolve a personality clash, ask your Scouters for guidance.

This advice has been modified from the Scouts Canada Venture Scout Handbook: <http://www.scouts.ca/wp-content/uploads/vs/venturer-scout-handbook.pdf>

