



Crew 709 Code and Bylaws

I. Preamble – Venturing Code

As a Venturer, I believe that America's strength lies in our trust in God and in the courage, strength and traditions of our people.

I will, therefore, be faithful in my religious duties and will maintain a personal sense of honor in my own life.

I will treasure my American heritage and will do all I can to preserve and enrich it.

I will recognize the dignity and worth of all humanity and will use fair play and goodwill in my daily life.

I will acquire the Venturing attitude that seeks truth in all things and adventure on the frontiers of our changing world.

II. Crew Bylaws

A. Objectives

The objectives of Crew 709 are:

1. High Adventure
2. Unique Experiences
3. Leadership and Learning
4. Service

B. Membership

Membership shall be open to all young adults of high school or college age who live in the surrounding area and have completed the eighth grade and are at least 14 years of age. Boy Scouts joining Venturing Crew 709 must hold dual registration, and must be of Star rank or above, unless specifically exempted by the Crew President, Crew Advisor and the Troop Scoutmaster. No prospective member shall be disqualified because of race, color, creed, or sex. All members must be registered as Venturers and agree to the Crew Code and Bylaws.

C. Officers

1. The elected officers shall be the president, two vice presidents, secretary, and treasurer. The president, with the approval of the Advisor, shall appoint activity chairs and make other assignments as needed. The duties of the officers shall be as prescribed in the Venturing Leaders Manual.
2. The normal term of office shall be for six months starting in January. Elections shall be held in December/January and July/August.
3. No member shall serve more than two successive terms in the same office.
4. On the night of the election, nominations may be presented from the floor by any member. If the nomination is seconded and the candidate agrees to serve, he or she must be included on the ballot.

D. Crew Business

Crew business will be conducted under the principles outlined in *Robert's Rules of Order*. Voting on all issues will be by a simple majority, with the exception of changes or amendments to the bylaws, which will require a two-thirds vote of the total membership. A quorum shall consist of one more than the majority of the registered youth members for votes on routine business.

E. General Meetings

General meetings will be held during the first and third weeks of each month. The day will be decided by the membership at the beginning of each school year.

F. Officers' Meetings

Officers' meetings will be held at least once a month at a time and place different from the regular Crew meetings of that month.

G. Venturing Forum and Website

The Crew officer's or designee will publish and maintain the Crew website and forum. Both will include all dates and information. The Crew Historian will keep an historical record of the Crew and will be responsible for maintaining the Crew History Book(s).

H. Dues

Dues will be \$5.00 per month, payable monthly or quarterly. Member's delinquent in dues payments may not attend or participate in Crew events and activities, and, if delinquent for six months or more, will be dropped from the Crew roster. Crew 709 members who reside outside of San Diego County who wish to remain registered must pay \$16.00 annually (\$17.00 beginning the 2011 charter year) for BSA registration fees and any costs associated with crew activities and expenses in which they participate.^{1 2}

I. Money-earning projects

All money-earning projects must be approved by a majority vote of current Crew members. All money-earning projects must be approved by the Advisor and must meet Boy Scouts of America requirements. Money earned via fundraising will be deposited into the Crew bank account and tracked via individual "accounts" as kept by the Crew treasurer. Money earned via fundraising shall be used only for expenses related to Crew activities and may not be transferred or cashed out. Monies held for individuals who leave the Crew or become inactive will be converted to Crew general funds. Members who do not participate in a project are not entitled to any benefits of the funds earned.³

J. Public Displays of Affection

Public displays of affection (PDA's) during Crew events are strictly prohibited.

K. Use of electronic devices

Use of portable electronic devices are discouraged during active Crew events. Excepted devices include GPS receivers, cellular telephones for the purposes of making or receiving emergency calls, or other non entertainment-related devices.

L. Uniforms

Class A and dark pants (jeans, slacks, or Venturing gray) for formal events and traveling to and from Crew events, unless otherwise specified, and Class B T-shirt for other events and activities.⁴

M. Expulsion

The Advisor may expel a youth member with approval from Crew Officers after a violation of Bylaws and after a formal warning.

¹ Modification approved by ballot vote January 2010

² Modification approved by ballot vote October 2010

³ Modification approved by ballot vote in April 2009

⁴ Modification approved by ballot vote December 2008