

VENTURING CREW 461 CODE AND BYLAWS
As of February 4, 2018

Preamble - Scout Oath and Law

On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my Country and to obey the Scout Law. To help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent.

Crew Bylaws

- 1) Vision
 - ◆ Experience new, fun and outdoor experiences.
 - ◆ To enrich our lives and others' lives by teaching others what we have learned and experienced.
 - ◆ Strive toward Venturing Advancement.
- 2) Mission
 - ◆ Brainstorm
 - ◆ Decide
 - ◆ Assign Leadership
 - ◆ Plan
 - ◆ Divide responsibilities
 - ◆ Just Do It and Have Fun
 - ◆ Evaluate
- 3) Membership - shall be open to all youth who are at least 14 years of age or 13 years of age and have completed the 8th grade. No prospective member shall be disqualified because of race, color, religion, creed, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin (ancestry), disability, or marital status. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members. All members must be registered as Venturers and agree to the Scout Oath and Law and Crew bylaws.
- 4) Officers
 - i. The elected officers shall be 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 described in the Venturing Leader Manual.
 - ii. Any candidate for office is required to have taken ILSC.
 - iii. The normal term of office shall be for 6 months starting in June and December. Elections shall be held in June and December respectively.
 - iv. On the night of the election, any member may present nominations from the floor. If the nomination is seconded and the candidate agrees to serve, he or she must be included on the ballot.
 - v. All contested ballots shall be secret.
- 5) Crew Business - will be conducted under the principles outlined in Robert's Rules of Order. Voting on all issues will be by 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 or more than the majority of members for votes on routine business.
- 6) General Meetings - will be held during the first & third Sundays of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- 7) Roundtable attendance - requires at least one representative from the Crew and is held the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.
- 8) Annual Calendar - is to be maintained by the Vice President of Program
- 9) Dues - will be \$3.00 per month, payable in 6 month increments due in January and June or annually due in January.
- 10) Money-earning projects - must be approved by a majority vote of crew members. Members who do not participate in a project are not entitled to any benefits of the funds earned. All money-earning projects must be approved by the Advisor and meet Boy Scouts of America requirements.
- 11) Crew Finances
 - i. The Crew will maintain a checking account with any banking facility located in Whittier.
 - ii. The Treasurer will act as the primary account custodian.
 - iii. The Treasurer will submit a detailed report at every Parent Committee meeting & Crew Meeting.
 - iv. The Treasurer shall maintain and report individual Venturer accounts.
 - (a) All monies in each Venturer's account is to be used solely for scouting events and other scouting expenses.
 - (b) If a Venturer transfers to another scout unit, the money in their account will be sent to the Treasurer of the receiving unit.
 - (c) If the Venturer leaves scouting, the money in their account will be added to the general Crew fund, unless the parent of the exiting Venturer designates the money to be placed in another Venturer's account.
 - v. If supplies and equipment are needed prior to a Committee meeting, the Advisor/Associate Advisor has the authority to spend up to a maximum of \$200 with approval from the Crew Committee Chairman.
 - vi. Crew Camping funds.
 - (a) A Venturer must participate in at least 2 fundraisers sponsored by the Crew or Council.
 - (b) A Venturer must earn at least \$100 for each big trip (i.e. Philmont, Jamboree, NOAC) through fundraisers and/or on their own.
 - (c) Any Venturer attending summer camp, must pay at least \$50 prior to receiving camping funds.
 - (d) Extenuating circumstances will be reviewed by the Crew Executive Board if exceptions to the above policy are needed.
 - vii. Any Venturer applying for a Council campership must participate in a Council sponsored fundraiser and contribute to FOS.
- 12) Uniforms - Crew 461 has two official uniforms: Field "Class A" Uniform & Activity "Class B" Uniform. All members, if not in uniform, should be in conservative dress at all events.
 - i. Field "Class A" Uniform is as follows:
 - Official Venturing Crew 461 Hat
 - Official Venturing Shirt (dark green)
 - Official Venturing Pants/Shorts or similar Gray color
 - Official Venturing Belt (Metal on Metal) or other Scout Belt (Except Boy Scout Belts)
 - Official Venturing Socks (gray w/ Venture insignia) with Shorts and dark colored Socks with Pants
 - Silver LAAC shoulder patch – provided by the Crew
 - Official Scout World Crest patch
 - ii. Activity "Class B" Uniform is as follows:
 - Identical to Class A uniform except the Official Venturing shirt is replaced by the Official Venturing Crew 461 T-shirt

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- iii. New Crew members are given four (4) weeks to buy their uniforms.
- 13) Attendance Policy - In order to be considered active in Crew 461, members must participate in more than 50 percent of the meetings and activities. In addition, members must attend more than half of all important outings, such as Camp-O-Rees and Scout Sundays. If a Venturer misses 3 consecutive meetings, they will be placed on the inactive list. The Venturer on the inactive list must attend 3 consecutive meetings in order to be placed back on the roster and in order to attend activities. Members are required to call the Secretary and let them know they will not be attending.
- 14) Crew Parent Committee
- i. The Crew Parent Committee meeting will be held the first Sunday of the month
 - ii. Shall be conducted under the principles outlined in Robert's Rules of Order
 - iii. A quorum of members must be present to conduct business. A quorum is defined as one half of the membership plus one. Membership is defined as 1 family and represents 1 vote.
 - iv. Voting shall be conducted at the designated monthly committee meetings
 - v. The elected Executive Board are the Chairman, Charter Organization Representative, Advisor, Secretary and Treasurer. Elections are held in December of every year. The term of office shall be from January through December. Elected members must be registered in BSA and must have completed Venturing Leader Specific Training and Crew Committee Training.
 - (a) Nominations for each elected office shall take place at the November Crew Committee meeting.
 - (i) Job Descriptions will be available at the October Crew Committee meeting.
 - (ii) During the month of December, the Key 3 shall interview each nominee, explain the responsibilities of each position and determine whether the nominee is qualified for the position they are nominated for.
 - (iii) All qualified candidates will be presented at the December Crew Committee meeting
 - (iv) Each candidate will campaign for their position at the December Crew Committee meeting
 - (v) A vote will be taken for each position
- 15) Relationships - There will be no display of affection at Crew meetings and outings, including hand holding.
- 16) Use of electronics is prohibited at Crew meetings or Crew outings. This includes cell phones, musical devices, computer games and iPods. The use of appropriate electronic devices for calling parents at the end of the meeting or activity is acceptable, in addition to referring to personal calendars and websites for information requested for Crew business.