

Advisor

Fosters an environment within the Venturing crew that has a true sense of community and that encourages everyone's growth and responsibility to one another.

Develops crew officers to lead—to plan, make decisions, and carry out a program of activities over an extended period

Encourages participation and support for the Venturing crew from the chartered organization, associate Advisors, crew committee, parents, and other adults in the community

Upholds the standards and policies of the chartered organization and the Boy Scouts of America

Provides the necessary framework for protecting the members of a crew from abuse

Ensures that activities are conducted within BSA safety guidelines and requirements. Advisors should be trained by BSA

Seeks to cultivate within the members of a crew a capacity to enjoy life—to have fun through the Venturing experience

The Advisor is the key adult leader and is responsible for training crew officers, helping them plan a program of activities, coaching them in their leadership responsibilities, and obtaining adult help and resources as needed through the crew committee. The Advisor is supported by two or more associate Advisors who serve as backup leaders and provide assistance for the program and administration of the crew.

The ultimate responsibility for the crew rests with the Advisor. This person is recruited by the crew committee of the chartered organization and is registered with the Boy Scouts of America as the primary adult leader. All information about Venturing from the chartered organization or the BSA council goes to the advisor. The Advisor participates in all crew meetings and activities, crew officer's meetings, and crew committee meetings, and conducts the annual crew officer's seminar.

As the primary adult leader, the Advisor sets the tone for the crew, models the desired form of leadership, and helps the officers and members become the leaders of their own crew. The Advisor coaches and guides, demonstrating through actions with the officers and members what the youth officers need to learn and similarly demonstrate with one another and with the members of their crew.

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