

## Scouting Outside the Troop

### Ventures

Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 14 (and have completed the eighth grade) through 20 years of age.

Venturing's purpose is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.

Venturing is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between youth, adult leaders, and organizations in their communities.

The result is a program of exciting and meaningful activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, develop leadership skills, and become good citizens. Venturing crews can specialize in a variety of avocation or hobby interests.



Venture Crew 27 ([www.v27.org](http://www.v27.org)) is affiliated with Troop 27, allowing boys to be dual registered in both the troop and the crew.



## Other Awards

The awards that scouts can earn are not limited to merit badges. Some others are:

- 50 Miler
- Boardsailing
- BSA Lifeguard
- Crime Prevention
- Den Chief Service
- Emergency Preparedness
- Firem'n Chit
- Historic Trails
- International Activity Badge
- International Youth Exchange
- Interpreter Strips
- Jimmy Stewart Good Citizenship
- Kayaking
- Leave No Trace Achievement
- Mile Swim
- Paul Bunyan Woodsman
- Physical Fitness
- Recruiter Strip
- Religious Emblems
- Scuba
- Snorkeling
- Totin' Chip
- William T. Hornaday Award
- World Conservation



## Troop 27



### Welcome to Troop 27!

This is an overview of the scouting advancement paths—the options for your son to advance in rank, earn merit badges and special awards, and the opportunities to enjoy other scouting activities.

The highest rank—and the most important—is the Eagle rank.

The scouting ranks are:

- Tenderfoot
- Second Class
- First Class
- Star
- Life
- Eagle



Merit badges are required for Star, Life and Eagle ranks. The requirements for all ranks can be fulfilled concurrently but the ranks must be completed in order.

Adult leaders in the troop serve as mentors to guide the boys through the ranks. Older youth in the troop are Troop Guides who provide scout skills training for the boys.

There are many options for your son. To see more information, visit our web site at [www.t27.org](http://www.t27.org).

## The Trail to Eagle

For the Eagle rank, twenty one merit badges are required (12 specific merit badges and 9 elective). There are over 20 merit badges to choose from.



There are no minimum time requirements to earn Tenderfoot, Second Class or First Class. The Star rank requires being a First Class scout for 4 months, Life and Eagle require 6 months each.

All ranks require community service and the number of hours increases with each rank.

The first three ranks focus on learning skills; Star, Life and Eagle teach leadership. The available leadership positions are:

- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
- Chaplain's Aide
- Den Chief
- Historian
- Instructor
- Junior Assistant Scoutmaster
- Librarian
- Order of the Arrow Representative
- Patrol Leader
- Quartermaster
- Scribe
- Senior Patrol Leader
- Troop Guide



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As your son grows in the troop, there are opportunities to expand his career as a scout and to extend his experience after leaving the troop at age 18.

**Order of the Arrow**  
Scouting's National Honor Society since 1915.



The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is:

- To recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives.
- To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit.
- To promote Scout camping.
- To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Scouts are elected to OA by their peers.

### Scoutreach

Scoutreach gives special leadership and emphasis to urban and rural Scouting programs. Scoutreach is the BSA's commitment to making sure that all young people have an opportunity to join Scouting, regardless of their circumstances, neighborhood, or ethnic background.



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### Sea Scouts

Sea Scouting is a coed outdoor program for young adults 14 - 20 years old and their adult advisors. Most Sea Scouting units, called ships, have sailboats or power vessels for learning to sail and cruise.



During the boating seasons, every member has a chance to try his/her hand at the tiller, to trim the sails, and all members are taught safe and proper methods of handling boats. Sea Scouts also learn the meaning of buoys and lights, how to take advantage of wind and tide, and how to drop anchor or approach a dock. Day, weekend, and long cruises are held for all ship members.



You can learn to sail, to row, and to keep a boat in shape; you can cruise local waters or go sailing on long cruises far from home. You can learn to Scuba dive and take care of boats. You'll be active in camping, social events, tours, regattas, excursions, and seamanship contests. You'll also have a chance to develop maritime skills that can lead to careers later on.

