

Scouts Australia NSW Branch

Venturer Scout Section

Desirable Standards for Venturer Scout Units

UNIT: _____

| PROGRAM AND PARTICIPATION | YES | NO |
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| 1. The Unit Program: | | |
| • Activity Based. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • The Unit-in-Council brainstorms activity ideas. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Unit-in-Council/Unit Council prepares detailed program on a six or 12 month basis. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Unit Council fine tunes the program every three months. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • The Unit program is conducted as planned. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • The Unit program: | | |
| ➤ Provides Unit members with friendship and a sense of belonging. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ➤ Provides experience in working with a purposeful group and the opportunity to exercise leadership. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ➤ Provides appealing activities designed to cater for the needs, interests and capabilities of members. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. It must be recognised that not all members of the Unit desire to gain the Queen's Scout Award. However, the Unit Program in all cases is to be based on the Award Scheme. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Venturer Scouts attend all Group activities. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. The Unit provides support for District Scout activities. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. The Unit attends Region Venturer section activities. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. The Try Venturing program is in operation and is promoted by the VSL and the Unit Council. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Associate Venturer Scouts are encouraged to join with the Unit. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. An experienced Venturer Scout is appointed to sponsor each new member entering the Unit. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. On invitation, Venturer Scouts participate in Troop activities to talk with or instruct Scouts. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. On invitation, Venturer Scouts act as tutors or instructors for Patrol Leader's and older Scouts. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| PROMOTION AND RECRUITMENT | | YES | NO |
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| 11. | The Venturer Scout Link badge scheme is in operation and is promoted by the VSL and the SL. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. | A Leader visits each Scout Troop feeding the Unit at least once per term. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. | Older Scouts are invited to Unit activities. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14. | Scouts holding the Venturer Scout Link Badge are invested immediately on advancement to the Unit. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| UNIT RESOURCES | | YES | NO |
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| 15. | The Unit Library contains: | | |
| | • P&R | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • The Venturer Scout Handbook | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • The Resources Book | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • QSA Policy Handbook | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Access to LSG and O&I | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16. | The Constitution includes: | | |
| | • Unit name | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Meeting time | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • The location of the Unit | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • The objectives of the Venturer Scout Section and the Unit | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Membership qualifications | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • The commitment the Venturer Scout makes at Investiture | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Any membership requirements expected of new members | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Associate Venturer conditions of acceptance | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • When the Unit-in-Council meets | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • How and when the election of the Unit Council occurs | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Subscriptions, registration and activity fees, fundraising and spending | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Attendance at meetings and activities | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Unit property security, maintenance and repair and management | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Relationships between Venturers | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Alterations to the Constitution | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Quorum of meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Involvement of individual members and the Unit in activities with other Units | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Organisation of special teams | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Rules of Conduct | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Uniform | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| UNIT COUNCIL | | YES | NO |
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| 17. | The Unit Council consisting of elected Venturer Scouts and the Leader is operating and meets at least once each month. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18. | A member of the Unit Council is appointed Scout Troop Liaison Officer. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 19. | The Unit Council at least: | | |
| | • Plans and operates a balanced program. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Manages the Unit Finances. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Actively recruits. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Communicates effectively in all directions. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Ensures that the constitution is reviewed and updated by the Unit in Council annually. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Ensures regular fundraising is conducted. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Effectively manages Unit equipment. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Ensure the Unit is represented on the District/Zone VS Council by both Leaders & Venturers. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Establish and maintain the agreed standard of behaviour that's consistent with the Law & Promise. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 20. | The Unit Secretary: | | |
| | • Advises the Unit Council of location, date & times of Unit Council meetings. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Arranges the agenda and distributes before meetings. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Minutes the proceedings of meetings. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Records decisions & who is responsible for action. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Handles correspondence. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Operates an efficient filing system. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Maintains a record of attendance at all meetings and activities. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 21. | The Unit Treasurer: | | |
| | • Manages the Unit subscription. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Ensures all monies received are banked within two weeks. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Records all transactions. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Presents the financial report at all meetings. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 22. | The Unit Equipment Officer/QM: | | |
| | • Maintains the Equipment Record Book. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Arranges for repair and maintenance of Unit equipment. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Maintains a loan register. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Arranges branding/labelling and safe storage of equipment. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | • Arranges insurance cover if deemed necessary. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| UNIT MEMBERSHIP | | YES | NO |
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| 23. | The Unit membership consists of at least 10. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>If not</u>, is the Unit meeting regularly with another unit? • <u>If not</u>, does the Unit have the Region Commissioner's approval to operate with less than 10 members? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 24. | The Unit has: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A VSL with basic training complete. • An AVSL with basic training complete. • <u>If</u> with mixed male/female membership, a Female Leader with basic training complete. | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |

| AWARD SCHEME | | YES | NO |
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| 25. | The Venturer Scout Award Scheme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venturing Skills are gained by new members within three months of joining. • The Venturer Award is held by every member with 18 months of service. • 60% of members are working toward the QSA. | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 26. | Youth Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All members attend a Unit Management Course within the first year of membership. • All members attend a Leadership Course in the first two years of membership. | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 27. | Venturer Scouts are encouraged to become Youth Helpers to the Mob, Pack and Troop. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 28. | The Unit invites the SL to encourage Scouts to attend QSA presentations. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |