



# TRY VENTURING

*VENTURERS are 14 to 17 years old.  
so why not TRY NOW and start LINKING*

**Dear Scout Leaders, Venturer Leaders and Venturers**

As part of our ongoing commitment to encourage all Scouts to progress to Venturers, we wish to give Scouts 14 years and over the opportunity to gain the **Try Venturing** badge.

To earn the badge is very simple - all the Scout has to do is to contact one or more Venturer Units, check out their Unit programs and then organise with the Unit(s) which activities they would like to try. Alternatively, your Unit and/or District Venturer Council may arrange some suitable activities and then invite the Scouts to participate.

The Scout is required to participate in 3 Unit activities, but the activities do not have to be with the same Unit. Scouts may use either the back pages of their Scout Passport, or the record sheet provided, to record their participation and to obtain the signature of the Venturer Leader or the Unit Council.

Upon completion of the 3 activities, the Venturer Leader will check the activities and then apply for the **Try Venturing** badge from the Scout Service Centre.

The **Try Venturing** badge does not replace the Scout's Link badge and does not mean that the Scout must progress to Venturers immediately upon completion of the three activities.

The badge is designed to encourage Scouts to look forward to Venturers and when the time is ready for them to progress and join Venturers between 14 - 14½ years of age!

I hope you will encourage all eligible Scouts to participate in your Unit activities - you are most welcome to contact me if you require further assistance.

If your Troop does not have any Venturer Units within a reasonable distance, please have your Scout(s) email me and I will make arrangements for a contact Leader and/or Unit.

Yours in Scouting,

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## Recording of Activities

Scouts may use either the Link Badge pages of their Scout Passport or the record sheet below (pasted in to the Passport back pages) to record their participation, and to obtain the VL or Unit Council signature.

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	<h3>TRY VENTURING</h3> <p>You can be a VENTURER from your 14<sup>th</sup> birthday til your 18<sup>th</sup>, so, why not....</p> <p><b>TRY Now with three Activities &amp; start LINKING</b></p>						
<p><b>UNIT CONTACTS you have made:</b></p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Unit 1: _____</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Unit 2: _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Name: _____</td> <td>Name: _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Phone: _____</td> <td>Phone: _____</td> </tr> </table>		Unit 1: _____	Unit 2: _____	Name: _____	Name: _____	Phone: _____	Phone: _____
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	<h3>Scout / Venturer Link Badge</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♣ Know, show an understanding of, and be prepared to accept the Promise &amp; Law: VL sig.: _____ Date: _____</li> <li>♣ Participate in 3 Unit activities, one to be outdoors - you may use TRY activities.</li> <li>♣ Be accepted by the Unit Council: VL sig.: _____ Date: _____</li> </ul>						

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<h3>ACTIVITY 1</h3> <p>Unit: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>Activity: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Unit Council or VL signature</p> <p>_____</p>	<h3>ACTIVITY 2</h3> <p>Unit: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>Activity: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Unit Council or VL signature</p> <p>_____</p>
<h3>ACTIVITY 3</h3> <p>Unit: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>Activity: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Unit Council or VL signature</p> <p>_____</p>	<h3>COMPLETION</h3> <p>Three activities completed:</p> <p>Unit Council or VL signature</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>Badge Presented on:</p> <p>_____</p>

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### *Some suggestions for Venturers when discussing Venturing with a Scout:*

- ♣ Have copies of your current Unit Term Program - enough for each Scout;
- ♣ Include information about coming major events - H/Hide, VG, Ventures etc.
- ♣ How old do you have to be to start linking into Venturers?
- ♣ Have you heard of Hoadley Hide?
- ♣ Do you know what VG stands for?
- ♣ What color shoulder tabs do Venturer Leaders wear (prior to new uniform!)?
- ♣ Have you heard of the Venturer motto "Look Wide"?
- ♣ Is there a Venturer Unit attached to your Group?
- ♣ Or, is there a Venturer Unit in your District?
- ♣ Do you know anyone who has earned their Queen's Scout?
- ♣ Do you know that Venturers have "Jamboree" type camps called "Ventures"?
- ♣ What age do you leave Venturers and go into Rovers?