

# SHASTA SHARPSHOOTERS

## Crew/Troop 1006

### Bylaws

**Article 1: Name** – Shasta Sharpshooters

**Article 2: Membership**

Section 1: Membership is open to all boys and girls who are between the ages of 11 and 20 years old as follows:

- A. Male/Female Members 14-20 (14 & completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade) Become members of BSA Venturing Crew 1006.
- B. Male Members 11-13 (10 & completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade) Become members of BSA Troop 1006.
- C. Female Members 11-13 Become members of Shasta Sharpshooters.
- D. Adult Members 21+ Become registered Adults in both the CREW and TROOP. Each adult must take an active role in the Club (Associate Advisor, Committee Member, or Consultant)
- E. Special Considerations will be made for youth that are 10 years old on a case by case basis.
- F. Consultant - Someone with experience or expertise in an area that will benefit Shasta Sharpshooters. Currently we need NRA Instructors, Range Safety Officers, CPR/First Aid Instructors, Leave no Trace Trainers, Land Navigation Instructors, and Hunter Safety Education Instructors. Our needs may change as the club grows.

Section 2: Prospective members shall not be disqualified due to race, color, creed, religion, or sex.

Section 3: All prospective members must be able to legally possess and use a firearm as required by State and Federal Law.

Section 4: All youth members and Adult Advisors of the Shasta Sharpshooters must become members of the NRA. This fee is included in the annual dues.

Section 5: Membership shall not exceed 40 youth. Upon registering 40 youth in Shasta Sharpshooters, potential members will be put on a waiting list on a first come first serve basis. However, priority will be given to siblings wishing to join.

**Article 3: Uniforms**

Required Uniform – Browning Orange Shooting Vest with appropriate patches. Required within 3 months of joining the club.

Optional Uniforms:

- A. Gold Venturing Crew 1006 T-Shirt
- B. Field Uniforms for a Troop or Crew

While on the Range:

1. Orange Vest or Optional Uniform (A)
2. Long Pants, socks, and close toed shoes.

## **Article 4: Officers**

The elected officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Master-At-Arms. Officers will come from the youth registered in Crew 1006 and serve as the Officers for Troop 1006 and Shasta Sharpshooters. The president, with the approval of the Advisor shall appoint activity chairs and make other assignments as needed. The normal term of office shall be for 6 months. Elections will be held in May and November annually. New officers will assume their new office on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month following the election (June 1/December 1). No member shall serve more than two successive terms in the same office. The duties of the officers shall be as followed:

**President:**

- Serves as the Youth Leader of the Club
- Works closely with Advisors and other adult leaders in a spirit of partnership
- Represents the Crew at the Teen Leaders District/Council meetings.
- Assists the crew Advisor in conducting the crew officers' seminar.
- Assesses on an ongoing bases whether the responsibilities of the officers are being considered and carried out effectively
- Attends all crew activities.

### **Vice**

**President:**

- Assumes the responsibilities of the crew president in his or her absence.
- Organizes and recognized the achievements of crew members
- Conducts opening and closing ceremonies for special occasions as scheduled.
- Leads the recruiting and admission of new members during the year.
- Attends all crew activities.
- Works closely with Associate Advisors in a spirit of partnership.

**Secretary:**

- Maintains an up-to-date calendar of crew meetings and activities
- Maintains crew membership and attendance records
- Handles crew correspondence and minutes
- Coordinates crew publicity through local media, crew newsletter/website and the crew's telephone network
- Hand out minutes of last meeting of approval
- Attends all crew activities.
- Works closely with Committee Secretary in a spirit of partnership.

**Treasurer:**

- Collects and disburses crew funds
- Communicates with the officers and members on a regular basis to keep them informed about the crew's finances.
- Attends all crew activities.
- Works closely with Committee Treasurer in a spirit of partnership.

### **Master-At**

**-Arms:**

- Maintains inventory of all Firearms belonging to Shasta Sharpshooters or in our possession.
- Ensures Firearms are stored safely and securely.
- Ensures Firearms are cleaned on a regular and consistent basis.
- Recruits help at each shooting activity to help carry out the above tasks
- Attends all crew activities.
- Works closely with All Advisors in a spirit of partnership.

## **Article 5: Elections**

The president shall appoint a nominating committee, which shall consist of three members. The committee shall interview and present a complete slate of candidates who have agreed, if elected, to serve to the best of their abilities.

On the night of the election, nominations may be presented from the floor by any member. If the nomination is seconded and the candidate agrees to serve, he or she must be included on the ballot.

Every youth member will vote by secret ballot for each position. Member must be present to vote. No absentee ballots.

## **Article 6: Club Business**

Club business will be conducted in Open Forum. 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 active youth membership. A quorum shall consist for one more than the majority of active members for vote on routine business.

## **Article 7: Meetings**

We will meet on the First Wednesday of each month at the Redding Moose Lodge, 320 Lake Blvd, Redding, CA 96003 at 6:30 pm. This meeting will not exceed 2.5 hours. Training related to Hunting and Shooting will be conducted. Every Third Meeting will incorporate an awards ceremony in place of a training night.

The activities of the meetings will be recorded by the Secretary or appointed substitute. The meeting minutes will be published in hard copy in a format set forth by the Secretary and approved by the Advisor(s). These minutes will serve as a reference for the officers while planning activities that were discussed at the meeting.

The monthly meetings will follow the following format and be conducted by the President:

- Call meeting to order
- Post Colors
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Venturing Oath
- Minutes from Last Meeting
- Communications
- Treasures Report
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Training or Awards
- Advisors Minute
- Announce Date, Place, and time of Next Meeting
- Retire the Colors
- Adjourn

## **Article 8: Fundraising**

All money-earning projects must be approved by a majority vote. Members who do not participate in their share of projects are not entitled to benefits of the funds earned. The money earned from each project will be decided how to use it prior to beginning the project. (Will it be put into the general fund, Will it be used towards a specific item or purpose, Will it go into individual scout accounts, or a combination.) All money-earning projects must be approved by the Advisor and meet Boy Scouts of America requirements if done as Boy Scouts.

## **Article 9: Crew Finances**

The Treasurer will Collect, deposit, and account for all money coming to the club from dues, money-earning projects, or other sources.

An adult from your committee will be assigned to assist you. Cooperate with him or her and take advantage of this help to set up a bookkeeping procedure, bank account, and money-handling methods. He or she doesn't do your job for you, but with you, and is responsible to the crew committee. This adult will be available to help you and will arrange for an audit of your accounts once every three months.

Routine expenditures for targets, NRA Training Materials, range fees, membership fees, and uniform items do not require approval from the Officers as long as the money is there to cover the expense. All other expenditures must be approved by your officers and Advisor before a check can be written. Large amounts should be approved by crew members.

The Advisor and Committee Treasurer will be the only signers on the checking account. Only one signature is required.

Individual accounts (Scout Accounts) can be setup to credit members for monies earned from money-earning projects. Individuals may also apply funds into their account. The funds in these accounts may be used to pay for targets, ammo, uniform items, trips, food for trips and or events, travel expense, club activities, event fees, awards, membership fees, archery equipment & accessories, and firearms (as allowed by law i.e. age & parents permission if applicable) & accessories. Request to use funds for other purposes requires approval from the committee. The funds cannot be paid directly to the member unless prior approval from the Committee is granted and can only be paid as a reimbursement. When a member terminates their membership in the club, any funds remaining in their Individual account will be credited to the general fund. Use of funds must be related to club activities. These accounts will be setup for both youth and adults. Any account that has a negative amount must be brought up to date within two weeks.

### **Redding Scout Office/Golden Empire Council**

An account is established for Crew 1006 and Troop 1006 with the Redding Scout Office/Golden Empire Council to purchase BSA materials and to pay for BSA membership fees. The Advisor and Committee Treasurer are authorized to charge against this account. Funds for member's fees may be deposited into the accounts without approval from the Officers and Members. All others funds deposited require approval from the Officers.

## **Article 10: Dues**

Annual dues each year will be as follows:

- \$10 Membership Fee

- NRA Membership Fee Youth/Junior Membership under 18 =\$15.00 Adults \$25/\$35
- Other fees may apply as approved the Members.

## **Article 10: Amendments**

Section 1: Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing at least one week prior to discussion of the amendment at any regularly scheduled meeting.

Section 2: Proposed amendments must be ratified by a 2/3 vote of the active crew membership.

## **Article 11: Tobacco, Alcohol, and Drug Use**

The Boy Scouts of America prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances on encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America, or at any activity involving participation of youth members. Although some Venturing age participants are of legal age to purchase and use tobacco, they are considered Youth Participants under the Guide to Safe Scouting until the age of 21.

Adult leaders should support the attitude that young adults are better off without tobacco and may not allow the use of tobacco products at any BSA Activity involving youth participants.

Adults must adhere to the above policy. A designated area for Adults 21+ to smoke can be setup, but must be away from the youth.

## **Article 12: Fraternization**

Because the Venturing program is designed for young adults, there often is little difference in the ages of the crew Advisors and the Crew members. It has been found that maintaining a close social relationship, as in dating, between registered Ventures is disruptive to the crew's program and, therefore, is not permitted by the Boy Scouts of America.

All members, youth and adult, will be cognizant of the fact that both sexes are present for all functions. Co-Ed behavior expectations include the following: Be respectful and considerate of each others bodies and psychological boundaries. No entering the domiciles (tents, rooms, etc.) of the opposite gender. No Public Display of Affection (PDA) should occur at any club activity. This includes kissing, and handholding.

Youth - At all times there must be co-ed groups of three. Co-ed groups of two are allowed provided they are the same gender. Co-ed groups of two of different genders (male/female) are never permitted to be alone, and must have a third person to leave the designated area.

Adults – No one-on-one contact. One-on-one contact between adults and youth is not permitted other than for his or her own youth. Personal conferences must be conducted in plain view of others.

## **Article 13: Youth Protection Guidelines**

Youth Protection and Venturing Youth Protection Training that can be accessed via our clubs web site. All adults are required to complete this training within 2 month of joining.