

SAMPLE VENTURING RECOGNITION CEREMONIES



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Outdoor Bronze Award Ceremony

Props: Three small trees, bonsai or otherwise,
Preferably in a single container

Other items: Outdoor Bronze Award
Award Card
Award Certificate

Would ____ please come before the members of Crew ____
and our invited guests for this evening.

____, before you are three small living trees. This
triad of life is the symbol of Venturing's Outdoor
Bronze Award. The trees, with roots that grow deep
and intertwine to give support to each other, can be
said to represent a Venturer's:

- Knowledge of outdoor skills
- Respect for nature and humanity, and
- Spirit of Adventure

We celebrate with you today on the path you have
chosen in seeking to earn your Outdoor Bronze Award.

In reaching this trailhead, you have completed four of
the eight available opportunities from the core
requirements. The elections you made included:

You have also completed two electives requirements,
those choices being:

It is with respect and great appreciation that I may
now award to you the Venturing Outdoor Bronze Award.

[Present Award and certificate]
[Pause for Kodak Moment]

Your achievement also means that you have now
completed the first half of your journey to earn the
Venturing ranger Award. Please
continue on your chosen path with the same dedication
and spirit of adventure you have shown
to date.

Crew members, and respected guests of Crew ____,
before you stands _____, who is a valued member of
Crew ____ and our first bronze award recipient.
Please join me in congratulating _____ with
[A round of applause or a cheer, preferably something
with particularized meaning to the youth of Crew ____]

HISTORY OF THE SILVER AWARD

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Welcome –

[Scott]

We are pleased to welcome you to this Court of Honor for Kristy _____. Will the audience please rise for the presentation of the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance?

Presentation of Flags & Pledge - [Scott ____, Paul ____ and Matt ____]

Presentation and Pledge

[Scott] – Please remain standing for our invocation by Lloyd _____.

Invocation – [Lloyd ____]

Seating of Honoree and parents –

[Scott]- Will the escort please seat the honoree and her parents?

[Cheryl leads Kristy and Mr. and Mrs. _____ to their seats]

[Scott]- Members of Crew 99 will now lead us in the Venturing Oath:

Venturing Oath:

[Venturer 1(V1) stands behind candles,

Venturer 2 (V2) stands on the left of the candles

Venturer 3(V3) stands on the right of the candles]

V2 As a Venturer... *(V1 lights 1st candle)*

V3 We are taking freely and willingly this identity, this responsibility, and this honor of being called a Venturer,

V2 I promise... *(V1 lights 2nd candle)*

V3 So we, in all honor, publicly commit ourselves to fulfill these responsibilities:

V2 To do my duty to God... *(V1 lights the white candle)*

V3 We commit ourselves to establish as the foundation for all our actions our relationship with and obedience to God. He is the ultimate Judge of all we do, and the source of our talents, strength, and abilities.

V2 And help strengthen America... *(V1 lights 4th candle)*

V3 We commit ourselves to do our part as citizens of the United States of America to do what is needed to make it strong. To face without flinching the battle for justice and truth, to make the effort to be an informed voter, and to serve with honor in any capacity in which we found ourselves serving.

V2 To help others... *(V1 lights 5th candle)*

V3 We commit ourselves to be specific in service. We will keep ourselves alert to and aware of the needs of those around us, and will be willing to help them in whatever way we can. We will seek the training and skills we need to make ourselves both willing and capable servants to others.

V2 And seek truth, fairness, and adventure in our world. *(V1 lights 6th candle)*

V3 We commit ourselves work to develop the habit of searching out the truth instead of accepting appearances; the habit of seeking fairness in our personal actions, in our communities, and in our society instead of ignoring injustice; and the habit of accepting the challenges of new adventures in all realms of our lives, so that the world in which we live may be a better place because we chose to make a difference.

Trail to Silver

[Scott] – The Silver Award is the highest award in Venturing. It honors those who make the determined effort to grow as leaders and as citizens through the Venturing program. In order that you may understand the significance of this award, we would like to take

this time to review for you the trail Kristy has taken to reach this point.

Outdoors Bronze –
[Bridgett _____]

The first requirement that a Venturer must meet in order to receive the Silver Award is to earn one of the five Venturing Bronze Awards. Kristy chose to earn the Outdoors Bronze. To do this, she had to complete 4 of the 8 Core Requirements and 2 of the Electives. She completed the First Aid, Communications, Emergency Preparedness, and Leave No Trace core requirements, and the Mountaineering and COPE electives.

Communications:

Take a communications related training class that includes at least 15 hours of training. This could be a non-required course at school such as creative writing, technical writing, American Sign Language, or film production. It could also be a commercial course such as speed-reading or effective presentation.

and

Make a formal, oral presentation of at least 30 minutes to your crew, another crew, Cub or Boy Scout group, or another youth group. Include demonstrations, visual aides, or other techniques that will help you communicate more effectively.

and

Make a tabletop display or presentation to your crew, another crew, a Cub or Boy Scout group, or other youth group on communications equipment used in the outdoors with emphasis on how this equipment would help in a wilderness survival situation.

Emergency preparedness:

(a) Discuss potential disasters and emergency preparedness with your family and then setup a family emergency plan.

(b) Build a family emergency kit.

(c) Make a tabletop display or presentation on what you have learned

First Aid requirement:

Complete the American Red Cross Standard First Aid course plus the When Help Is Delayed module or equivalent course – Kristy took Wilderness First Aid Basics, which more than meets this requirement.

Leave No Trace:

(a) Recite and explain the principles of Leave No Trace.

(b) Participate in three separate camping/backpacking trips demonstrating that you know and use Leave No Trace principles.

(c) Make a tabletop display or presentation on what you have learned

Cope:

(a) Complete a BSA Project COPE course including both low and high initiatives.

(b) After you have personally been through a COPE course, help run at least two other COPE courses

Mountaineering.

1. (a) Explain the difference between bouldering and technical climbing

(b) Tell how bouldering can help your crew get ready for more advanced climbing.

(c) Demonstrate bouldering, using the three-point stance and proper clothing.

2. (a) Explain the classification and grades of climbing difficulty in technical rock climbing.

(b) Tell how weather can change the difficulty of any ascent.

3. Learn and then teach the following climbing knots to your crew, another crew, Scout group or another group:

Figure eight on a bight

Water knot

Bowline on a coil
Figure eight follow-through
Grapevine knot

- 4.(a) Learn about the different types of ropes available for climbing and explain the uses of each and the characteristics of each.
 - (b) Learn proper climbing rope care. Know and practice proper coiling and storage.
 - (c) Know how to keep proper records on climbing rope and how to inspect for wear and damage. Know when to retire a rope.
 - (d) Using the knowledge acquired above, make a tabletop display or a presentation to your crew, another crew, a Cub Scout or Boy Scout group, or another group.
- 5.(a) Demonstrate the difference between natural and artificial anchors.
 - (b) Be able to identify and describe use of at least three different types of hardware and setups.
 - (c) Tell about proper climbing safety both before and during a climb.
 - (d) Learn about rescue equipment and techniques.
 - (e) Learn about appropriate clothing, footwear, gloves, helmet, and other climbing gear.
6. Be able to correctly put on and then be able to teach others how to put on at least two of the following:
 - Commercial-made climbing harness
 - Diaper sling
 - Knotted leg-loop seat sling
 - Swiss seat sling
7. (a) Demonstrate three types of belays.
 - (b) Learn and then demonstrate that you know proper verbal climbing and belaying signals used between climber and belayer.
8. (a) Under the supervision of a qualified rappelling or climbing instructor, rappel at least 30 feet down a natural or artificial obstacle.
 - (b) Under the supervision of a qualified climbing instructor, climb at least 30 feet up a natural or artificial obstacle.
9. Lead your crew, another crew, older Boy Scout group, or other teenage group on a climbing and/or rappelling activity. Recruit adequate, qualified adult instructors and assist in instruction.

Kristy received her Bronze award on May 6th, 2003.

Gold Award -

[Mr. ____]

The second requirement that a Venturer must meet in order to receive the Silver Award is to earn the Venturing Gold Award. This is a more challenging award, with a number of requirements:

First, The Venturer must have 12 months of tenure in order to earn the Gold Award. Kristy has been a member of Venturing Crew 1772 since April 2001, and Venturing Crew 99 since September 2001.

Second, the Venturer must have served the Crew, their church, or their community in one or more Leadership Positions – Kristy has served as Vice-President Crew 99, President Crew 99, Historian for Alpha Lambda Delta – the freshman honors society at Sam Houston State University. She has also taught Vacation Bible School at her home church and helped organize and lead two church mission trips to West Virginia,

Third, the Venturer must attend one or more District, Council, Regional or National Venturing Events – Kristy has attended the Sam Houston Area Council Venturing Officers Association Meeting, and has served on the Woodbadge Staff SR 576, and as a Powder Horn Consultant for Mountaineering and Project COPE during the 2003 Sam Houston Area Council Powder Horn course.

[Mrs. ____]

Fourth, the Venturer must set and achieve some personal growth goals. Kristy set and met the following goals for her personal growth:

Personal Growth Goals -

leadership – two activities for crew: Kristy organized a garage sale and other fund-raising activities for the Crew, and organized the painting of the new Crew trailer.

service to others – Kristy organized Christmas gift donations for Woodlands Health Care Center residents who may not otherwise have had family to give them gifts for the holidays.

community/family – Kristy worked on the UHBC Easter production, inviting five people to come and hear the story of the Resurrection

outdoor experience – Kristy worked to complete the Land Navigation skills requirement for Ranger

total fitness – Kristy ran a mile and did 40 push-ups every evening. (max at a time: 70)

citizenship – Kristy studied the issues and cast an informed vote in the Conroe ISD school board elections

[Cheryl]

Fifth, the Venturer must lead the Crew in two or more activity projects. Kristy organized a conservation project for Jones State Forest; clearing nesting areas for red-cockaded woodpecker. Crew 1772 and Crew 99 joined her in working on this project. Kristy also helped plan fundraisers and other preparations for the trip to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area and Quetico Provincial Park. She helped plan emergency backup procedures, and took the lead in navigating the Crew as we canoed through these areas.

[Kristy and I felt like a pair of caterpillars when our tent was on a slant and we kept slipping down against one side of the tent, then tried to work our way back up to the other side.]

[Scott]

Sixth, the Venturer must recite from memory the Venturing Oath before the Crew.

Finally, the Venturer must present three Letters of Recommendation and appear before a Board of Review comprised of members of the Crew and adults. Kristy's Board of Review was led by me on September 23rd, 2003, with the other members being Cheryl ____, Paul ____, Larry ____, Larry ____, and Mark ____. We are proud to report that the Board unanimously concurred that Kristy ____ has fulfilled the requirements for her Gold Award.

Presentation of the Gold Award

- [Kristy, Mr. ____ and Mr. & Mrs. ____ come forward]

[Mr. ____]

Kristy, on behalf of Crew 1772, Crew 99, and all Venturers, I am proud to present to you to your Venturing Gold Award.

[Mr. ____ hands Gold Award to Mr. & Mrs. ____, who pin it to Kristy's left shirt pocket]

We would also like to present you with this certificate and this pocket card certifying that you have received your Venturing Gold Award.

Kristy, Mr. ____ and Mr. & Mrs. ____ take their seats.

Silver Award -

[Mr. _____]

Having received her Gold Award, Kristy had a few more things to do in order to receive her Silver Award. As part of being a prepared leader, the Boy Scouts of America feels that one should be prepared to render aid in the case of an emergency, and to learn how to take steps to prevent an accident. So Kristy had to take a First Aid Class, learn CPR, become certified in the BSA Safe Swim Defense, and then lead or participate in a group swim utilizing the Safe Swim Defense. To meet these requirements, Kristy took Wilderness First Aid Basics, where she learned not only how to do basic First Aid, but how to make the tough decisions required when one is hours or days away from professional help. She also learned CPR. Then she became an American Red Cross canoe instructor, where she also became certified in BSA Safe Swim Defense, and participated in a number of swims while on staff the Cockrell River Camp at El Rancho Cima.

[Kat]

We realize that any leader can improve their leadership skills, so the next thing Kristy had to do was to take the Venturing Leadership Skills Course. In this course she learned about Vision, Communication, Organization and Synergism.

Vision Module – We watched excerpts from Gettysburg for examples of how one develops and communicates one's vision of a goal, and how one gets others to choose to try for that goal, also.

Communication Module 1 – Blind Triangle

Everyone stood in a circle and held the rope then they closed their eyes. The triangle was successfully created by the wise guys calling out names of the people in the points and telling them to back up. The second time they could not speak the same guys used a little force with a chest shove to get people back and into a triangle. Both worked this time we talked about which *type of communication* was better verbal or non-verbal body language for this case verbal was #1.

Communication Module – 2 Interrupt Me

In this module, the “listener” is directed to do different things that show they are not really listening, and the “speaker” is directed to behave in ways that don’t always communicate effectively. This one had a nice twist. No one seemed to my observant eye to care that the other was not tuned in. The Venturers just accepted the other’s behavior and kept going. At the reflection they agreed that the action written on their head was what they saw but they were going to try to complete the task as best they could.

Organization Module 1 – Card Tower

At first this was deemed way too easy. Then they needed to arrive at the suggested height of 12” off of the ground. This became a challenge because the cards were on the carpet. First they put the cards on each other. Next they put them on a body. Then they tried a napkin in the middle. Finally they got tape.

Organization Module 2 – Juggling Responsibilities

We used bandanas. The crew decided it was better to delegate than to keep a tight grip on everything.

Synergism Module 1 – Trust Circle

Where we learn to trust the others in our Crew to catch us when we fall.

Synergism Module 2 – Knots

We took a few turns at my favorite game, which also became a new favorite of Shelly ____’s. The first knot was very easy. On the second we closed our eyes to grab hands and then tried to make sure we had different hands without looking. The new twist that was presented was a twisted arm connection that was not untie-able. The persons arm went behind them and then through another set of arms. Even an attempt at a back flip would not allow escape.

Synergism Module 3 – Potato City Council

In this module we took roles of people who are in a meeting with vastly different purposes, understandings, and agendas to learn how to work through these situations when they occur.

Through the Venturing Leadership Skills Course, Kristy learned more about the skills that are needed to be an effective leader.

Learning about leadership skills is one thing, putting those skills into practice is another. So the next requirement Kristy had to fulfill was to serve as an officer 6 months. She has served Crew 99 as President for more than six months, polishing her skills and providing excellent leadership to the Crew.

[Crew member or Dr. ____]

Leadership always involves ethical values. Therefore, the last requirements that Kristy had to meet was to organize two Ethical Controversies, where the Crew members discussed the ethics of specified actions in given circumstances, and to organize and lead an Ethical Forum, where members of the community came to talk with the Crew

members about ethical questions they face in their situations at home or in their places of employment. Kristy lead Ethical Controversies over (a) whether the United States was justified in using military force in Afghanistan and (b) whether it is ethical to donate an organ to save another's life when it meant that the donor would die. In the Ethics Forum, she invited Laura Surmond, Dr. Frank Fair and Kat ____ to talk about ethical situations they face.

[Scott]

Again, the final requirement Kristy had to face was to present her accomplishments to a Board of Review, again comprised of members of the Crew and adults. Kristy's Board of Review was led by me on September 23rd, 2003, with the other members being Cheryl _____, Paul _____, Larry _____, Larry _____, and Mark _____. We are proud to report that the Board unanimously concurred that Kristy _____ has fulfilled the requirements for her Silver Award.

Presentation of Silver Award

[Kristy, Mr. _____ and Mr. & Mrs. _____ come forward]

[Mr. _____]

Kristy, on behalf of Crew 1772, Crew 99, and all Venturers, I am proud to present to you to your Venturing Silver Award.

[Mr. _____ hands Gold Award to Mr. & Mrs. _____, who pin it to Kristy's left shirt pocket]

We would also like to present you with this certificate and this pocket card certifying that you have received your Venturing Silver Award.

Kristy, Mr. _____ and Mr. & Mrs. _____ take their seats.

[Scott] – Kristy, now that you have received Venturing's highest award, several of your Advisors have a little more to say to you:

Words of Encouragement

[Mr. _____,
Mrs. _____,
Kat]

Words of Inspiration

[Mr. _____]

Silver Sayings -

Kristy _____

[Scott] – Lloyd _____ will now lead us in our Benediction, after which we will retire the flags. Will the audience please rise?

Benediction –

[Lloyd _____]

Retire the Flags

[Scott _____, Paul _____ and Matt _____]

Retire the colors

Invitation to Reception

[Scott] – Kristy, her parents, and Crews 1772 and 99 would like to invite you to stay for refreshments and reception of Venturing's newest Silver recipient. This Court of Honor is officially closed.

Silver Award Court of Honor for Venturing Crew 150

President (Eric)- As President for today's ceremony, I would like to open this Crew 150 Court of Honor.

President – Please stand for the presentation of the colors?

[(Eric does calls, Flags and honor guard; Ryan (US), Brad (TX), Taylor (Crew 150)]

President – Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing for the Venturing Oath and Code.

VP (Admin, Ryan) - Venturing Sign (Pause), Venturing Oath

President (Treasurer, Taylor) – Venturing Sign (Pause), Venturing Code

President – Vicki Belcher, the President of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bell County, our chartering organization, will now lead our invocation.

Vicki Belcher - Invocation

President - As President, and on behalf of the Longhorn Council and the National Court of Honor, I declare this Silver Award Court of Honor open. I will begin tonight by first lighting this lone white candle to signify the spirit of Venturing, which will remain lit throughout our court of honor. ((Eric lights white candle))

I would like to extend a special welcome to our District Executive, Mr. John Slaughter ((Pause)), Mr. James Lee our District Commissioner and past District Committee Chairman ((Pause)), Ms. Vicki Belcher, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship President ((Pause)), Mr. Wil Lawrence, our Chartered Organization Representative ((Pause)), Mrs. Judith Wolstein, the publicity chairman for the Chisholm

Trail District ((Pause)), community members and members of our district, crew and their families.

I would now like to ask John Slaughter, the Chisholm Trail District Executive to say a few words about the Venturing Program and the Silver Award.

Council Presentation ((John Slaughter says a few words about Venturing/Silver Award/and the recipients)).

President – ((Eric thanks Mr. Slaughter)) At this time I would like to introduce James Lee the Chisholm Trail District Chairman to say a few words about the history of Venturing:

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When the Venturing Program with its award program was established in 1998 to replace the Old Exploring program the Silver Award was reinstated as the programs HIGHEST AWARD TO RECOGNIZE ITS MOST OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN. We are here today to recognize Lee Barrera, Eric Belcher, Taylor Campbell, Andrew Lovorn, Cleve Stuart and Tom Stuart for their outstanding commitment to the Venturing program in their advancement towards the Silver Award.

President – ((Eric thanks Mr. Lee)) At this time I would like to introduce Mike Belcher, our crew advisor, to present the history of Venturing Crew 150.

Mike – The History of Venturing Crew 150:

Venturing Crew 150 began in the fall of 2001 with 7 crew members and two advisors. It was started as a youth group auxiliary of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bell County, with open membership to other youth, and chartered with the Boys Scouts of America.

Four of the original chartering crew members are receiving Silver Medals today. They are Eric Belcher, Andrew Lovorn, Cleve and Tom Stuart. Taylor Campbell joined the crew in the fall of 2002 and Lee Barrera transferred to this crew from Venturing Crew 153 in January of 2003. Five of them have received the Venturing program's Ranger Medal, for elite wilderness and outdoor experience. Two are Eagle Scouts and another is a Life Scout.

During its two and a half year tenure, Venturing Crew 150 has seen many memorable events. They have participated in wilderness canoeing expeditions to Northern Tier High Adventure Canoe Base in Atikokan, Ontario, Canada, and to the Buffalo National River in Arkansas. They have done backpacking in the Chisos Mountains of Big Bend National Park. They have climbed Guadalupe Peak, the highest peak in Texas and did wild caving at Carlsbad National Park. They have rock climbed, orienteered, hiked, camped and ridden horses on numerous weekend outings. They did a weekend COPE course (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) at Griffith Ranch in Bastrop (Lost Pines Scout Camp).

They have had training in ethics, first aid, wilderness survival, outdoor emergency communications, land navigation, map and compass, cooking, Leave No Trace (minimum impact outdoor ethics in camping, hiking and canoeing), safe swim defense, safety afloat and canoeing. They have participated in and later conducted Venturing Leadership Skills Courses. They have performed community service and conservation projects. They have taught others what they have learned. For all of these things and more, today they will receive the Venturing programs highest award, the Silver Medal.

President – ((Thank you Dad)) I would now like to introduce tonight's Master of Ceremonies. Crew Committee Chairman Scott Sjule.

Committee Chairman (Scott Sjule) – Good evening everyone. I have been informed that Lee Barrera, Eric Belcher, Taylor Campbell, Andrew Lovorn, Cleve Stuart and Tom Stuart have fulfilled all of the requirements for the Silver Award. I have been asked to present this award to them on behalf of the National Court of Honor, Boy Scouts of America. Will the honor guard please escort all of the recipient's forward?
((Honor guard is the flag detail, minus Taylor))

Scott: Since these are the first Silver Awards to be presented in the Chisholm Trail District of Longhorn Council, I must be sure that we are all in agreement that these candidates meet the high standards that we all feel must be set for recipients of the Silver Award. I will now ask for confirmation that these candidates have in fact met these requirements.

Scott: For Venturing advancement, adults as well as peers sit on the boards of review. Would Jeff Martin, please come forward and report on the findings of the Silver Board of Review for these candidates?

Jeff: – Silver Board of Reviews for these individuals were convened on December 19 & 20, 2003 and January 25, 2004 at 7:00 PM. All boards consisted of two to three adults and two to three youth members of the crew. Lee, Eric, Taylor, Andrew, Cleve and Tom were found to have met all requirements for award of the Silver medal. They have all earned the Outdoor Bronze and Venturing Gold Awards as prerequisites. They are all certified in Red Cross First Aid and CPR. Their records of service as Venturers indicate that all have served on various camp staffs during their tenure. They have also staffed or provided instructors for numerous scouting events. They have participated in and have then planned and executed a Venturing Leadership Skills Course. They have also served in an elected leadership position in the crew and have completed the required

ethics training. In addition to these activities they have all completed a wilderness trek. It was the conclusion of the review boards in each case, that the recipients have earned and are entitled to the Silver Award.

Scott – ((Thanks Jeff)) – I would now like to ask Wil Lawrence, our Chartering Organization Representative, a former Scoutmaster himself, to come forward.

Wil Lawrence – The Scouting movement began in England in 1908 and has spread to become a worldwide brother and sisterhood. The Boy Scouts of America was founded in 1910 and was issued a charter by an Act of Congress and signed into law by the President of the United States in 1916. Over the decades millions of people have donated hundreds of millions of dollars to support Scouting's programs and hundreds of thousands of adult leaders and volunteers have donated countless hours working with the millions of youth members in the Scouting programs. I don't believe that this is given freely, some payback is expected. And no, the payback is not required in money; it is not that cheap. Doing one's best to live up to the Scouting ideals is a condition of continued membership and is required for every advancement in the program. Your parent's and grandparent's generation has had its turn at running this country. Soon it will be time for your generation to take its turn. That generation will need leaders to guide this country in the future and to shape succeeding generations in preparation for them to take their turn when it comes. These are high principles, a non-trivial challenge, high expectations. I now call for all Venturing Silver Award holders; all those holding the Venturing Ranger or Quartermaster Award; all Eagle Scouts; all Explorers that hold the Gold, Silver, Ranger or Ace Awards; and all Girl Scouts that are Gold Award winners to please Stand (Pause). Would you all remain standing? The leaders of these various scouts presented a challenge to us; and our peers and committees found us worthy to accept it. Are these recipients worthy to join our ranks? Can these recipients live up to these expectations?

Those who have already received the Silver, Ranger, Quartermaster, Eagle, Gold or Ace Awards had high expectations to meet, their own and others; in their own minds

and hearts they know how well they have succeeded and if they have had some failures. It is no shame to fail to meet some expectations: Those who meet all expectations have expectations that are set too low. The shame is in failing to try and meet expectations or in giving up on expectations. I now ask all Silver, Ranger, Quartermaster, Eagle, Gold and Ace Award recipients who feel that these recipients will live up to expectations to the same degree that they themselves have, who feel that these recipients are worthy of joining their ranks to please come forward and join me in the presentation of these awards. Thank you. ((Wil adds personal note if desired, then joins the other recipients)).

Scott (Thanks Wil) - I would like to ask the Silver, Eagle, Ranger, Quartermaster, GOLD and ACE awardees to remain up front for the award presentation. You have heard that the expectations will be tough to live up to. You have also seen that many people have confidence in your ability to do so. If you had stopped your advancement in venturing with earning the Bronze and Gold Award, as you grow older you could say that you had earned these Awards. Receiving the Silver Award will make you a marked man. You will always be Venturing Silver. For the rest of your life this award will follow you. People will expect more from you. The Silver Award medal features an Eagle in flight moving from place to place seeking out adventure. This award pinned on your uniform will tell the community and your fellow scouts that you are a goal-orientated one that they can look to for leadership. For the rest of your life you are entitled to wear this award on your scouting uniform. Wearing this medal however will mean that there are expectations upon you, and that you are willing to try and meet these expectations.

Scott: - Lee, Eric, Taylor, Andrew, Cleve and Tom would you please give the Venturing sign and recite the Venturing Oath, while Ryan Belcher lights the Green candles?

L, E, T, A, C & T Together – recite Venturing Oath
((Ryan lights three green candles, as recipients recite Oath))

Scott – In recognition of the Venturing Code the recipients will light a silver candle for each important aspect of a Venturers life. .

- * For the Venturer's adherence to his own religious tradition. (Pause for Lee)
- * For personal sense of honor in his own life. (Pause for Eric)
- * For preserving and enriching our American heritage. (Pause for Taylor)
- * For recognizing the dignity and worth of all humanity. (Pause for Andrew)
- * For seeking truth in all things. (Pause for Cleve)
- * For pursuing adventure on the frontiers of our changing world. (Pause for Tom)

Scott – Will the honor guard please escort all of the recipient's parents forward?
((Honor guard is the flag detail, minus Taylor))

Scott - I would now ask that those who have already received Scouting's highest awards please pass the Silver Awards to Advisor Mike Belcher so that he might present it to these young men's Mothers to pin on their chests. It is only from a Mothers hand that such an honor and such a challenge to live up to the honor should be bestowed on a venturer.

(Pinning takes place) (Certificates presented) (Photo opportunity)

Scott - I would like to return the chair to the President of Venturing Crew 150 but first would those who have received Scouting's highest awards please greet the newest members to our select group of scouts and venturers and then be seated. (Pause)

President (Eric) – At this time we would like to show a special remembrance of our Silver Award recipients and the accomplishments we've done during our time in Venturing Crew 150.

(Show slide show)

President (Eric) – Is there anyone having additional business before this Venturing Crew 150 Court of Honor to please stand and be recognized.

(Recognize all who stand)

Before closing I invite all in attendance for cake and punch in the lobby. This will give you the opportunity to congratulate our newest Silver Award recipients. I now officially close this Venturing Crew 150 Court of Honor. Thank you for coming.

Silver Award Court of Honor for Crew 10

President - As President I would like to open this Crew 10 Court of Honor.

President - Would the Crew please present the colors?

President – Would you please join me in the Pledge to Allegiance

Vice President 1 - Venturing Sign (Pause), Venturing Oath

Vice President 2 - Venturing Code

President - would Cindy Morral please lead us in an opening prayer?

President - I would now like to ask Brad Burr, Potomac Council Scout Executive to say a few words about the Venturing Program and the Silver Award.

Council Presentation on Venturing and Award

President - I would now like to turn this Crew 10 Court of Honor over to Doug Schwab, Distinguished Eagle for the review and presentation of the Silver Award.

Presenter – I now declare this Nation Court of Honor open on behalf of the Potomac Council Boy Scouts of America. I have been informed that Davina Danielle Bird has fulfilled all of the requirements for the Silver Award. I have been asked to present this award to her on behalf of the National Court of Honor Boy Scouts of America. Since this is the first Silver Award to be presented in Potomac Council, I must be sure that we are all in agreement that this candidate meets the high standards that we all feel must be set for a recipient of the Silver Award. Are there any challenges to Davina Danielle Bird

receiving the Silver Award?

Cub Scout - Excuse me sir, but I challenge this recipient's qualifications to receive this award.

Presenter - On what grounds do you make this challenge?

Cub Scout – I am a Cub Scout. This Venturer is being presented the highest Award in Venturing can this person serve as a role model for my fellow scouts and me.

Review Committee Chairman. – The Board of Review Committee that was selected by the Crew to review this Silver Award recipient has received several letters of recommendation from her school, community leaders and neighbors. They all speak highly of the recipient. The conclusion of the review board is that the recipient is a suitable role model for the scouting program.

Presenter – Are there any additional challenges?

Boy Scout - I challenge this recipient's qualifications to receive this award.

Presenter – What are your grounds for this challenge

Boy Scout – In describing the requirements for this award the distinguished presenter emphasis the point that the requirements for this award not only require that recipient to acquire skills for this award but that the recipient be proficient enough with these skills to teach them to other scouts.

Council Staff – The Potomac Council has presented this Venturer with an Outdoor Bronze and the Ranger Award. As part of the requirements for these Awards, a Venturer is required to teach all of the skills they have acquired to other scouts. The Crew Advisor has certified in writing that this Venturer has acquired the skills necessary for the

Outdoor Bronze and the Ranger Award. In addition, this Venturer has consented to be on the 2001 Camp Potomac Staff. We feel confident enough in this Venturer's ability that we have assigned her to the New Camper program. She will be teaching the basic scouting skill necessary for the Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class Ranks. Hopefully Danielle will set the example that will guide many of the scouts to the Eagle and Silver Awards.

Presenter – Are there any additional challenges?

Community Member - As a member of this community I challenge this recipient's qualifications to receive this award.

Presenter - On what grounds do you make this challenge?

Community Member – I represent the community. As part of the requirements for the Silver Award this Venture is required to be prepared. What has this scout done to fulfill this requirement?

Sandy – As part of the requirements for the Silver Award this Venturer has fulfilled the requirement to complete a Standard American Red Cross First Aid Course and holds an American Red Cross CPR Certification. She also holds the BSA Safe Swim Defense and BSA Safety Afloat Cards. In addition this Venturer has completed a basic Safe Boating program in a manner that satisfies the State of Maryland laws and regulation.

Presenter – Are there any additional challenges?

Newest Venturer - Excuse me sir, but I challenge this recipient's qualifications to receive this award.

Presenter - On what grounds do you make this challenge?

Newest Venturer – I am the newest Venturer in Crew 10. I believe a Venturer should be a person of action, one that sets goals and shows leadership. What has this Venturer done to demonstrate these skills?

Crew President – As part of the requirements for the Gold Award this Venturer was required to set and fulfill six goals to further her personal growth. These goals were 1) Attend DNA and Genetics Camp for a week at Allegany High School. She completed this program in July of 2000. 2) Create a Crew 10 Web page to explain our crew to other Scouts and the community. This requirement has been completed. 3) Attend Ranger Quest Camp. This was a new program that was offered in the Greater Pittsburgh Council. She was the only scout from our council to attend this high adventure program. She has paved the way for others of us from our council to participate in this program and other programs in that Council. 4) Try Out for the Allegany High School Volleyball team. This Venturer joined a YMCA Volleyball program to improve her Volleyball skills so that she could improve enough to qualify for her High School Team. She qualified for the Team and in several games was the team's high scorer. 5) Run for school office. She ran for school office and was elected the Secretary of the Sophomore Class at Allegany High School. 6) Start a New Crew. This Venturer has been a spokes person for the Venturing program in our Council. She has been a Venturing youth representative in meetings with at least two potential charter partner sponsors. Besides these meeting with charter partners, adults in Crew 6 have given her credit for helping them to get their crew operating. This Venturer has also completed the Venturing Leadership Skills Course, Venturing Officers Leadership Training and has served as the Crews Vice-President and President. This Venturer holds the Potomac Council Venturer Youth Leadership Award. She has recently applied to become the Boy Scouts of America Northeast Regional Venturing President and the Boy Scouts of America National Venturing President.

Presenter – Are there any additional challenges?

District Committee Person - As District Committee Chairman I wish to present a challenge on behalf of the Scouting program.

Presenter - Please, present your challenge.

District Committee Person – The Scouting movement began in England in 1908 and has spread to become a worldwide brother and sisterhood. The Boy Scouts of America was founded in 1910 and was issued a charter by an Act of Congress and signed into law by the President of the United States in 1916. Over the decades millions of people have donated hundreds of millions of dollars to support Scouting's programs and hundreds of thousand of adult leaders and volunteers have donated countless hours working with the millions of youth members in the Scouting programs. I don't believe that this is given freely, some payback is expected. No, the payback is not required in money; it is not that cheap. Doing one's best to live up to the Scouting ideals is a condition of continued membership and is required for every advancement in the program. My generation has had its turn at running this country. Soon it will be time for this recipient's generation to take its turn. That generation will need leaders to guide this country in the future and to shape succeeding generation in preparation for them to take their turn when it comes. These are high principles, a non-trivial challenge, high expectations. I now call for all Venturing Silver Award holders to please stand and remain standing, (Pause), I would like all those holding the Venturing Ranger or Quartermaster Award to stand (Pause) I would like all Eagle Scouts to please stand (Pause), I would like all Explorers that hold the Gold, Silver, Ranger or Ace Awards to Stand (Pause). Would you all remain standing? The leaders of these various scouts presented a challenge to us/them; and our/their peers and committees found us/them worthy to accept it. Is this recipient worthy to join our/their ranks? I now call for all present that believe that the Scouting Ideals must not be diluted and who believe that this award must be earned and not given lightly, to please stand. Can this recipient live up to these expectation.

Presenter – Wow, that's a tough challenge. Would the all Silvers, Eagle, Rangers, Quartermasters, Gold, and Ace Award holders remain standing? That challenge sounds like the standards are impossible to meet, that the expectation are beyond this recipient's or any recipient's human abilities. Yet that cannot possibly be true. Those now standing

were given that challenge. Hindsight is 20/20, so they say and whether or not those now standing have meet the challenge is a moot point. The important point is that their peers and leaders expected them to meet that challenge and had high hopes that those expectations would be met. The challenge is not impossible to meet. Thank you: you may be seated (Pause).

Presenter - After all of the other requirements have been met, the recipient for the Silver Award must receive the recommendation of her peers, the members of Crew 10. You have heard the challenges, heard the answers. I ask the Crew 10 officers who feel this recipient is worthy of receiving the Silver Award to please stand (Pause). Not all of the members of the crew are elected officers. There may be a few who doubt the judgment of their elected officers. Would all Venturers who wish to confirm the judgment of the Crew 10 officers please stand (Pause). Thank you, please be seated. Upon receipt of the Crew's recommendation, the recipient must pass a review by a board of review made up of Adult Committee members and Crew members. Most of those who sat for this Silver Board of Review are present here tonight. They have heard the challenges, heard the answers, have seen the crew reaffirm their recommendation and have seen this confirmed by the membership. I ask those reviewers who still feel this recipient is qualified for the Silver Award to please stand (Pause). Thank you, please be seated.

Presenter - Those who have already received the Silver, Ranger, Quartermaster, Eagle, Gold or Ace Awards had high expectations to meet, their own and others; in their own minds and hearts they know how well they have succeeded or how poorly they have failed in this. It is no shame to fail to meet some expectations: Those who meet all expectations have expectations that are set too low. The shame is in failing to try and meet expectations or in giving up on expectations. I now ask all Silver, Ranger, Quartermaster, Eagle, Gold and Ace Award recipients who feel that this recipient will live up to expectations to the same degree that they themselves have, who feel that this recipient is worthy of joining their ranks to please come forward.

Presenter - You have heard the challenges, heard the answers. The expectations will be

tough to live up to. You have also seen that many people have confidence in your ability to do so. If you had stopped your advancement in venturing with earning the Bronze or Gold Award, as you grow older you could say that you had earned these Awards. Receiving the Silver Award will make you a marked woman. You will always be Venturing Silver. For the rest of your life this award will follow you. People will expect more from you. The Silver Award medal features an Eagle in flight moving from place to place seeking out adventure. This award pinned on your uniform will tell the community and your fellow scouts that you are a goal-orientated one that they can look to for leadership. For the rest of your life you are entitled to wear this award on your scouting uniform. Wearing this medal however will mean that there are expectation upon you that you are willing to try and meet these expectations.

Presenter - Davina Danielle Bird would you please give the Venturing sign and recite the Venturing Oath?

Danielle – Venturing Oath

Presenter - Would you please recite the Venturing Code?

Danielle – Venturing Code

Presenter - Would Danielle parents please come forward?

Presenter - I would now ask that those who have already received Scouting's highest awards please pass me the Silver Award so that I might present it to her Mother to pin on her chest. It is only from a Mothers hand that such an honor and such a challenge to live up to the honor should be bestowed on a scout.

Pinning

Presenter - I declare this National Boy Scouts of America Court of Honor closed and

would like to return the chair to the President of Crew 10 but first would those who have received Scouting's highest award please greet the newest member to our select group scouts and then be seated. (Pause)

President – Is there anyone having additional business before this Crew 10 Court of Honor to please stand and be recognized.

(Recognize all who stand After all have been recognized)

Before closing this Court of Honor I would like to invite all in attendance for cake and punch in the ____ room. This will give you the opportunity to congratulate our newest Silver Award Crew member. I now Officially Close this Crew 10 Court of Honor.

Danielle would you now lead us in closing this Silver Award Court of Honor with the Scoutmaster's Benediction.

Danielle – Scoutmaster's Benediction

Silver Award Court of Honor for Crew 10

President - As President I would like to open this Crew 10 Court of Honor.

President - Would the Crew please present the colors?

President – Would you please join me in the Pledge to Allegiance

Vice President 1 - Venturing Sign (Pause), Venturing Oath

Vice President 2 - Venturing Code

President - Would Jennifer McClellan please lead us in an opening prayer?

President - I would now like to say a few words about the Venturing Silver Award.

ALMOST FROM THE START OF THE SCOUTING PROGRAM IN THE UNITED STATES, THERE HAS BEEN A NEED FOR A PROGRAM SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR OLDER SCOUTS. EVEN LORD BADEN-POWELL, THE FOUNDER OF THE WORLD SCOUTING MOVEMENT, RECOGNIZED THIS NEED. THE VERY FIRST OLDER BOY PROGRAM EVER CREATED WAS SEA SCOUTS, WITH A MANUAL WRITTEN BY BADEN-POWELL'S OLDER BROTHER. THIS PROGRAM WAS ADOPTED EARLY ON BY THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA IN 1912.

IN 1935, THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ESTABLISHED A NEW PROGRAM FOR OLDER BOYS, WHICH THEY CALLED SENIOR SCOUTS. RESEARCH CONDUCTED AS EARLY AS 1927 HAD SHOWN THAT THE TRADITIONAL SCOUTING PROGRAM WAS NOT MEETING THE NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF OLDER BOYS. UNDER THE SENIOR SCOUT PROGRAM, ONCE A BOY TURNED 15, HE WAS AUTOMATICALLY CONSIDERED A SENIOR SCOUT AND COULD PARTICIPATE IN A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT PROGRAMS INCLUDING SEA

SCOUTING, EXPLORER SCOUTING, AIR SCOUTING, ROVER SCOUTING, AND SENIOR SCOUTING IN THE TROOP.

IN SEPTEMBER 1949, AFTER AGAIN RESEARCHING THE NEEDS OF OLDER BOYS, THE SENIOR SCOUT PROGRAM WAS CHANGED INTO THE EXPLORER PROGRAM. WHEREAS THE OLD SENIOR SCOUT PROGRAM HAD AN EXPLICIT OUTDOOR EMPHASIS, THE EXPLORER PROGRAM EXPANDED ITS PURPOSE TO ATTRACT OLDER BOYS. EXPLORER POSTS WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE A WELL ROUNDED PROGRAM THAT INCLUDED OUTDOOR, INDOOR (VOCATION), SOCIAL, AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES. EXPLORER POSTS WERE ALSO MORE LIKELY TO SPECIALIZE IN SOME AREA OF INTEREST, WHICH MIGHT BE HOBBY BASED OR VOCATIONAL BASED. THE ENTRY AGE OF THIS NEW PROGRAM WAS CHANGED FROM 15 TO 14. BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ALSO CHANGED THE POLICY SO THAT WHEN A BOY TURNED 14, HE AUTOMATICALLY BECAME AN EXPLORER. HE COULD CONTINUE IN HIS TROOP, JOIN AN EXPLORER CREW IN HIS TROOP OR JOIN A SEPARATE EXPLORER UNIT. THE NEW EXPLORER PROGRAM ALSO REVAMPED ITS ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM AND OFFERED FOR THE FIRST TIME THE RANKS OF APPRENTICE, BRONZE, GOLD, AND SILVER. ADVANCEMENT WAS DONE BY EARNING RATING STRIPS. TO EARN A STRIP, THE EXPLORER HAD TO PARTICIPATE IN AN OUTDOOR EVENT, SOCIAL EVENT, AND A SERVICE EVENT, AS WELL AS COMPLETING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RATING. RATINGS STRIPS COULD BE EARNED IN AVIATION, COMMUNICATION, CRAFT SKILLS, EMERGENCY SKILLS, NAVIGATION, OUTDOOR SKILLS. PHYSICAL FITNESS, SEAMANSHIP AND VOCATIONAL EXPLORATION. DURING THE PERIOD OF 1950 TO 1964, 18,047 SILVER AWARDS WERE EARNED BY EXPLORERS AND AIR EXPLORERS.

When the Venturing Program with its award program was established in 1998 to replace the Old Exploring program the Silver Award was reinstated as the programs HIGHEST AWARD TO RECOGNIZE ITS MOST OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN. We are here today to recognize Katherine Hawk for her outstanding commitment to the Venturing program

in her advancement towards the Silver Award.

Council Presentation on Venturing and Award

President - I would now like to turn this Crew 10 Court of Honor over to Danielle Bird, Holder of the Silver Award from Potomac Council for the review and presentation of the Silver Award.

Presenter – I now declare this Nation Court of Honor for the Boy Scouts of America to be open. I have been informed by the Potomac Council, Boy Scouts of America that Katherine Hawk has fulfilled all of the requirements for the Silver Award and I have been asked to present this award to her on behalf of the National Court of Honor Boy Scouts of America. Since this is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Venturer, I must reaffirm that we are all in agreement that this candidate meets the highest standards of the Venturing program.

I would like to ask the Review Committee for the Silver Award to present their findings.

Review Committee Chairman. – The Board of Review Committee that was selected by the Crew to review this Silver Award candidate's application. We have received several letters of recommendation from her school, community leaders and neighbors. They all speak highly of the recipient. We also review Katherine's progress towards the Silver Award. The conclusion of the review board is that the recipient is a completed the requirements for this award and is suitable role model to receive the Silver Award. We have submitted the required paper to award the Silver Award to the Potomac Council. Were it is now on file.

Presenter – Since this is such an important award I would like to ask Crew 10 if they agree with this conclusion?

Crew Member – I have been asked by Crew 10 to speak on their behalf. Katherine is one of the four (4) original founding members of the Crew. She served as Crew president.

During her term the crew doubled in size. She holds the Venturing Bronze Outdoors Award, the Venturing Gold Award, the Boy Scout 50 mile Award, and the Potomac Council's Venturing Leadership Award. Katherine is a conservation project away from earning the Ranger Award. Katherine has been a good and loyal friend to all of us in the Crew both inside and outside of the Venturing program.

Katherine is a member of the National Honor Society at Allegany High School as well as other clubs and programs at the School. As one of her goals towards her Gold Award Katherine joined the Allegany Tennis Team, so that she would be well rounded by playing a sport at school. She has now completed her second season on the team. Of particular note is that Katherine is a member of the Allegany High School Band. This program is one of the most demanding in the school. We all know that during band season we will see Katherine at the Crew meetings but she will not be attending our weekend events. Many people in Katherine's position would lose interest in the venturing program during the 4 month she is unable to attend our events. To Katherine's credit we all know that the weekend that band season is over Katherine will be at our event with her back pack, sleeping bag and tent ready to go at it again.

Presenter- Would anyone else like to present evidence on behalf of Katherine Hawk being present her Silver Award.

District Committee Member – The Scouting movement began in England in 1908 and has spread to become a worldwide brother and sisterhood. The Boy Scouts of America was founded in 1910 and was issued a charter by an Act of Congress and signed into law by the President of the United States in 1916. Over the decades millions of people have donated hundreds of millions of dollars to support Scouting's programs and hundreds of thousand of adult leaders and volunteers have donated countless hours working with the millions of youth members in the Scouting programs. I don't believe that this is given freely, some payback is expected. No, the payback is not required in money; it is not that cheap. Doing one's best to live up to the Scouting ideals is a condition of continued membership and is required for every advancement in the program. My generation has had its turn at running this country. Soon it will be time for this recipient's generation to take its turn. That generation will need leaders to guide this country in the future and to

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Presenter – Wow, that's a tough challenge. Would the all Silvers, Eagle, Rangers, Quartermasters, Gold, and Ace Award holders remain standing? That challenge sounds like the standards are impossible to meet, that the expectation are beyond this recipient's or any recipient's human abilities. Yet that cannot possibly be true. Those now standing were given that challenge. Hindsight is 20/20, so they say and whether or not those now standing have meet the challenge is a moot point. The important point is that their peers and leaders expected them to meet that challenge and had high hopes that those expectations would be met. The challenge is not impossible to meet. Thank you: you may be seated (Pause).

Presenter - After all of the other requirements have been met, the recipient for the Silver Award must receive the recommendation of her peers, the members of Crew 10. You have heard the challenges, heard the answers. I ask the Crew 10 officers who feel this recipient is worthy of receiving the Silver Award to please stand (Pause). Not all of the members of the crew are elected officers. There may be a few who doubt the judgment of their elected officers. Would all Venturers who wish to confirm the judgment of the Crew 10 officers please stand (Pause). Thank you, please be seated. Upon receipt of the Crew's recommendation, the recipient must pass a review by a board of review made up of Adult Committee members and Crew members. Most of those who sat for this Silver Board of

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Presenter - Those who have already received the Silver, Ranger, Quartermaster, Eagle, Gold or Ace Awards had high expectations to meet, their own and others; in their own minds and hearts they know how well they have succeeded or how poorly they have failed in this. It is no shame to fail to meet some expectations: Those who meet all expectations have expectations that are set too low. The shame is in failing to try and meet expectations or in giving up on expectations. I now ask all Silver, Ranger, Quartermaster, Eagle, Gold and Ace Award recipients who feel that this recipient will live up to expectations to the same degree that they themselves have, who feel that this recipient is worthy of joining their ranks to please come forward and join me.

Presenter – Katherine you have heard the challenges, heard the answers. The expectations will be tough to live up to. You have also seen that many people have confidence in your ability to do so. If you had stopped your advancement in venturing with earning the Bronze or Gold Award, as you grow older you could say that you had earned these Awards. Receiving the Silver Award will make you a marked woman. You will always be Venturing Silver. For the rest of your life this award will follow you. People will expect more from you. The Silver Award medal features an Eagle in flight moving from place to place seeking out adventure. This award pinned on your uniform will tell the community and your fellow scouts that you are a goal-orientated one that they can look to for leadership. For the rest of your life you are entitled to wear this award on your scouting uniform. Wearing this medal however will mean that there are expectation upon you that you are willing to try and meet these expectations.

Presenter – Katherine Hawk would you please give the Venturing sign and recite the Venturing Oath?

Katherine – Venturing Oath

Presenter - Would you please recite the Venturing Code?

Katherine – Venturing Code

Presenter - Would Katherine's parents please come forward?

Presenter - I would now ask that those who have already received Scouting's highest awards please pass me the Silver Award so that I might present it to her Mother to pin on her chest. It is only from a Mothers hand that such an honor with such a challenge to live up to should be bestowed on a scout.

Pinning

Presenter - I declare this National Boy Scouts of America Court of Honor closed and would like to return the chair to the President of Crew 10 but first would those who have received Scouting's highest award please greet the newest member to our select group scouts and then be seated. (Pause)

President – Is there anyone having additional business before this Crew 10 Court of Honor to please stand and be recognized.

(Recognize all who stand After all have been recognized)

I now Officially Close this Crew 10 Court of Honor. Katherine would you now lead us in closing this Silver Award Court of Honor with the Scoutmaster's Benediction.

Katherine – Scoutmaster's Benediction

And now may the great scoutmaster of all scouts be with us and guide us until we meet again.

THE HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN RANGER

THE HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN RANGER IS A LONG AND COLORFUL SAGA OF COURAGE DARING, AND OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP. IT IS A STORY OF MEN WHOSE OUTDOOR SKILLS HAVE SELDOM BEEN SURPASSED.

THE FIRST RANGERS DID NOT BEGIN WITH ROBERT ROGERS IN THE 1750'S AS IS WIDELY BELIEVED. UNITS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED AS RANGERS AND WERE EMPLOYED ON THE AMERICAN FRONTIER AS EARLY AS 1670. IT WAS THE RANGERS OF CAPTAIN BENJAMIN CHURCH WHO BROUGHT THE INDIAN CONFLICT KNOWN AS KING PHILIP'S WAR TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION IN 1675.

IN 1756 DURING THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR, RANGERS WERE ORGANIZED UNDER THE FAMOUS MAJOR ROBERT ROGERS. A NATIVE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND A SOLDIER FROM BOYHOOD, ROGERS HAD A MAGNETIC PERSONALITY. OPERATING IN THE DAYS WHEN COMMANDERS PERSONALLY RECRUITED THEIR MEN, ROGERS WAS ARTICULATE, PERSUASIVE, AND KNEW HIS TRADE. HIS MOST FAMOUS EXPEDITION WAS A DARING RAID AGAINST THE FIERCE ABENAKI INDIANS. WITH A FORCE OF 200 RANGERS, TRAVELING BY BOAT AND OVER LAND, ROGERS COVERED 400 MILES IN ABOUT 60 DAYS. PENETRATING DEEP INTO ENEMY TERRITORY AND DESPITE LOSSES EN ROUTE, THE RANGERS ATTACKED AND DESTROYED THE INDIAN SETTLEMENT. THE ABENAKIS WERE NEVER A THREAT AGAIN.

RANGERS CONTINUED TO PATROL THE BORDER AND DEFEND THE COLONISTS AGAINST SPORADIC INDIAN ATTACKS FOR THE NEXT DECADE. WHEN THE TIME CAME FOR THE COLONIES TO FIGHT FOR THEIR INDEPENDENCE, THE AMERICAN RANGERS WERE READY. ON JUNE 14,

1775, WITH WAR ON THE HORIZON, THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS RESOLVED THAT "SIX COMPANIES OF EXPERT RIFLEMEN BE IMMEDIATELY RAISED IN PENNSYLVANIA, TWO IN MARYLAND, AND TWO IN VIRGINIA." IN 1777, THIS FORCE OF HARDY FRONTIERSMEN PROVIDED THE LEADERSHIP AND EXPERIENCES NECESSARY TO FORM, UNDER DANIEL MORGAN, THE ORGANIZATION GEORGE WASHINGTON CALLED "THE CORPS OF RANGERS". ACCORDING TO BRITISH GENERAL JOHN BURGOYNE, MORGAN'S MEN WERE "THE MOST FAMOUS CORPS OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY, ALL OF THEM CRACK SHOTS."

DURING THE WAR OF 1812, CONGRESS CALLED FOR THE RANGERS TO SERVE ON THE FRONTIER. THE DECEMBER 28, 1813 ARMY REGISTER LISTS OFFICERS FOR 12 COMPANIES OF RANGERS.

CONFEDERATE COLONEL JOHN S. MOSBY COMMANDED THE BEST KNOWN RANGERS DURING THE CIVIL WAR. FROM A THREE-MAN SCOUT UNIT IN 1862, MOSBY'S RANGERS GREW TO EIGHT COMPANIES OF RANGERS BY 1865. MOSBY BELIEVED THAT BY THE USE OF AGGRESSIVE ACTION AND SURPRISE ASSAULTS HE COULD COMPEL THE UNION FORCES TO GUARD A HUNDRED POINTS AT ONE TIME. ON ONE OF HIS RAIDS, MOSBY EMPLOYED A FORCE OF NINE MEN THAT ATTACKED AND ROUTED AN ENTIRE UNION REGIMENT IN ITS BIVOUAC.

WITH AMERICA'S ENTRY INTO THE SECOND WORLD WAR, RANGERS CAME FORTH TO ADD TO THE PAGES OF HISTORY. MAJOR GENERAL LUCIAN TRUSCOTT SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL TO GENERAL GEORGE MARSHALL THAT "WE UNDERTAKE IMMEDIATELY AN AMERICAN UNIT ALONG THE LINES OF THE BRITISH COMMANDOS". THE NAME RANGER WAS SELECTED FOR THESE NEW UNITS AS A "COMPLIMENT TO THOSE IN AMERICAN HISTORY WHO EXEMPLIFIED THE HIGH STANDARDS OF COURAGE, INITIATIVE, DETERMINATION AND RUGGEDNESS, FIGHTING ABILITY AND

ACHIEVEMENT.” CAPTAIN WILLIAM DARBY, A WEST POINT GRADUATE, WAS SELECTED TO ORGANIZE THE NEW AMERICAN RANGERS. AFTER RUGGED AND REALISTIC TRAINING WITH LIVE AMMUNITION AT THE FAMED BRITISH COMMANDO TRAINING CENTER IN SCOTLAND, DARBY’S RANGERS SPEARHEADED THE NORTH AFRICAN INVASION AT THE PORT OF ARZEW, ALGERIA BY A SILENT NIGHT LANDING. ON MARCH 31, 1943, DARBY’S RANGERS LED GENERAL GEORGE PATTON’S DRIVE TO CAPTURE THE HEIGHTS OF EL GUETTAR WITH A TWELVE MILE NIGHT MARCH ACROSS MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN SURPRISING THE ENEMY POSITIONS FROM THE REAR.

OTHER RANGER UNITS PROUDLY CARRIED THE PROUD STANDARDS IN THE EUROPEAN AND PACIFIC THEATERS OF OPERATION. LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES RUDDER’S RANGERS CARRIED OUT THE MOST DESPERATE AND DANGEROUS MISSIONS OF THE OMAHA BEACH D-DAY LANDINGS WHEN THEY ASSAULTED THE PERPENDICULAR CLIFFS OF POINT DU HOC UNDER INTENSE MACHINE GUN, MORTAR AND ARTILLERY FIRE AND DESTROYED THE LARGE GUN BATTERIES THAT WOULD HAVE DESTROYED THE ALLIED FLEET OFF SHORE. ON THE BEACHES BELOW, ANOTHER BATTALION OF RANGERS WAS PINNED DOWN BY MURDEROUS CROSS FIRE FROM THE HEIGHTS ABOVE. IT WAS THERE THAT GENERAL NORMAN COTA, ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER OF THE 29TH DIVISION GAVE THE NOW FAMOUS ORDER “RANGERS LEAD THE WAY!” THAT HAS BECOME THE MOTTO OF ALL RANGERS. IN THE CHINESE BURMA THEATER, MERRILL’S MARAUDERS SUPPORTED THE CHINESE ARMY WITH A LONG RANGE PENETRATION BEHIND JAPANESE LINES. WITH NO TANKS OR HEAVY ARTILLERY TO SUPPORT THEM, THE MARAUDERS WALKED OVER 1000 MILES THROUGH EXTREMELY DENSE AND ALMOST IMPENETRABLE JUNGLES. IN FIVE MAJOR AND THIRTY MINOR ENGAGEMENTS, THE MARAUDERS DEFEATED THE VETERAN SOLDIERS OF THE JAPANESE 18TH DIVISION, RESULTING IN THE CAPTURE OF THE

MYTKINA AIRFIELD, THE ONLY ALL-WEATHER AIRFIELD IN BURMA.

IN 1950, HOSTILITIES BROKE OUT IN KOREA WITH A SURPRISE INVASION OF THOUSANDS OF NORTH KOREAN TROOPS. AMERICA'S PEACETIME ARMY REACTED SWIFTLY TO THIS NEW THREAT AND OVER 5000 SOLDIERS VOLUNTEERED TO BE TRAINED AS RANGERS. WITHIN 6 MONTHS FROM THE START OF THE CONFLICT, THE FIRST AMERICAN RANGERS LANDED ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. THEY WERE NOMADIC WARRIORS PERFORMING THE "OUT FRONT" WORK OF SCOUTING, PATROLLING, RAIDS, AMBUSHES, SPEARHEADING ASSAULTS, AND COUNTERATTACK FORCES TO REGAIN LOST POST POSITIONS.

DURING THE VIETNAM WAR, RANGER COMPANIES WERE ASSIGNED TO MAJOR COMBAT COMMANDS AS AN ELITE RECONNAISSANCE ELEMENT TO PROVIDE THE INTELLIGENCE NEEDED TO FIND A VERY ELUSIVE ENEMY THAT FOUGHT A SUSTAINED BATTLE WHEN AND WHERE HE CHOSE. TYPICAL RANGER MISSIONS INCLUDED LOCATING ENEMY BASES AND LINES OF COMMUNICATION. SPECIAL MISSIONS INCLUDED WIRETAP, PRISONER SNATCH, BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT, AND AMBUSHES. THE HELICOPTER SERVED AS THE RANGER'S PRIMARY MEANS OF INSERTION INTO ENEMY TERRITORY. OTHER METHODS INCLUDED FOOT, WHEELED, TRACKED VEHICLES, AIRBOATS, NAVY SWIFT BOATS, AND STAY BEHIND MISSIONS WHERE RANGERS STAYED IN PLACE AS A LARGER TACTICAL UNIT WITHDREW. AS A RESULT OF HEROIC ACTIONS IN VIETNAM, THREE ARMY RANGERS WERE AWARDED THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR.

SINCE VIETNAM, RANGERS HAVE LED THE WAY AT VARIOUS HOT SPOTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. RANGERS WERE PART OF THE IRANIAN HOSTAGE RESCUE FORCE IN 1980 THAT ABORTED ITS MISSION AT DESERT 1. RANGERS PARACHUTED IN AND SECURED AIRFIELDS IN BOTH

GRENADA AS PART OF OPERATION URGENT FURY IN 1983 AND IN PANAMA AS PART OF OPERATION JUST CAUSE IN 1984. DURING DESERT STORM, RANGERS MOVED INTO IRAQ WEEKS BEFORE THE INITIAL ASSAULT OF THE GROUND COMBAT FORCES AND GATHERED INTELLIGENCE THAT SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE ALLIED EFFORT.

IN 1993, RANGERS WERE DEPLOYED TO SOMALIA TO ASSIST UNITED NATIONS FORCES TO BRING ORDER TO A DESPERATELY CHAOTIC AND STARVING NATION. ON OCTOBER 3, AS PART OF A RAID INTO AN ENEMY STRONGHOLD, AN EXTRACTION HELICOPTER WAS SHOT DOWN, KILLING AND WOUNDING SEVERAL AMERICAN SOLDIERS AND TRAPPING ONE OF THE PILOTS IN THE DAMAGED AIRCRAFT. A GROUND AND AIR REACTION FORCE WAS FORMED TO RESCUE THE WOUNDED AND RECOVER THE DEAD AT THE DOWNED AIRCRAFT SITE. THE GROUND FORCE MET HEAVY ENEMY FIRE AND WAS UNABLE TO REACH THE DOWNED AIRCRAFT. WITH THEIR VEHICLES DESTROYED, THE RANGERS DISMOUNTED AND TOOK UP POSITIONS IN BUILDINGS IN THE OBJECTIVE AREA. A SECOND HELICOPTER SUPPORTING THE GROUND FORCE WAS SHOT DOWN. BY NOW, ALMOST 90 RANGERS WERE ENCIRCLED AND RECEIVING INTENSE DIRECT AND INDIRECT ENEMY FIRE. THE SITUATION APPEARED GRAVE. A SECOND GROUND FORCE, NOW AUGMENTED WITH ARMORED VEHICLES MOVED IN TO RESCUE THE SURROUNDED RANGERS. FOR THE NEXT FOUR HOURS, THIS GROUND FORCE FOUGHT THEIR WAY TO THE TRAPPED MEN. DESPITE OVERWHELMING ODDS, THE GROUND FORCE RECOVERED ALL THE DEAD AND WOUNDED, LIVING UP TO THE RANGER MOTTO OF NEVER LEAVING A FALLEN COMRADE TO THE HANDS OF THE ENEMY.

WHEN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA INTRODUCED THE VENTURING PROGRAM IN AUGUST OF 1998, IT WAS FITTING THAT THE RANGER AWARD WAS SELECTED TO RECOGNIZE THOSE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAD ACQUIRED THE NECESSARY SKILLS TO BECOME ELITE

OUTDOORSMAN. THE RANGER AWARD, HOWEVER, IS NOT NEW TO BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA. IN THE 1940S, THE EXPLORER SCOUT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED A FOUR TIER ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM OF APPRENTICE, WOODSMAN, FRONTIERSMAN, AND RANGER, WITH RANGER AS THE HIGHEST AWARD. DURING THE PERIOD OF 1944 UNTIL 1949 WHEN THIS ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM WAS REPLACED, ONLY 2,782 RANGER MEDALS WERE AWARDED. IT IS THEREFORE AN HONOR THAT TODAY, WE DISTINGUISH THE VERY BEST SKILLED OUTDOOR VENTURERS WITH AN AWARD THAT IS OVER 50 YEARS OLD AND RECOGNIZES THE BRAVERY, LEADERSHIP, AND SACRIFICES OF THE MEN WHO HAVE BORNE THE TITLE OF RANGER AND HAVE BEEN A PART OF OUR AMERICAN HISTORY FOR OVER 300 YEARS.

Star Theme Ceremony

(From 1950 Explorer Handbook)

Since celestial navigation or orientation is an activity in Venturing, several ceremonies have been based on the theme of the North Star and the constellations of Ursa Major or Big Dipper. The stars symbolize such ideas as outdoor adventure, leadership, group traditions, loyalty to the group, and community service, with Polaris, the guiding star, representing the Venturing Oath and Scout Law.

The equipment for carrying out this theme is simple. A large sheet is stretched across one end of the darkened room. On the back of it are pinned eight cutouts of stars to form the constellation and Polaris. The cutouts are cardboard about 8 inches square, each with a five-pointed star, 2 ½ inches in diameter cut out of the center.

Each person participating has a flashlight. As his turn to speak comes, he snaps on his light about 2 inches behind his cutout, holding it there until the end of the ceremony. If necessary, the lines he speaks may be written on the back of the cutout.

This theme has many possibilities. Try it in producing a new ceremony for your crew.

Script

Since celestial navigation is an activity in Venturing and Sea Scouting, it is fitting that we will base this worthy recognition of the leadership and contributions of several fellow Venturers and Sea Scouts on celestial navigation. When we teach celestial navigation as part of Boy Scouting, Sea Scouting, or Venturing, we usually start with the North Star and the constellations of Ursa Minor or the Big Dipper.

Like the stars that define these easily recognized constellations, Venturing also has "stars" or ideas that symbolize it. Those Venturing stars are outdoor adventure, leadership, group traditions, loyalty to the group, and community service, with Polaris, the guiding star, representing the Venturing Oath. Venturing and Sea Scouting are more than just programs. They are navigational tools that can guide us throughout our lives. Those constellations that have guided countless explorers throughout time are made up of individual stars. Venturing is also made up of stars that guide us.

Tonight, we recognize many of those stars that have shined so brightly guiding Venturing and those who follow the Venturing path. We will also install several new stars to that constellation we call Venturing. These new stars will shine very brightly as they take over the leadership of the youth of the Boy Scouts of America.

First I would like to recognize _____ who has been the _____ Star (appropriate for his/her achievement) (shine star in backdrop if using). This young man/woman _____ (bio on honoree).

Describe accomplishment _____

(Honoree comes forward to receive honor.) _____, all of us in Venturing appreciate you sharing your light with us. You have shined brightly so that many may follow. Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in recognizing _____.

Applause!

We would like to continue the Court of Honor recognizing several stars from other constellations (if from other crews) or same constellation (if from same crew).

Note: Continue on in same manner, using different stars if desired.

Closing:

Tonight we have seen the sky illuminated by the light of this/these young people. Their example and their light will guide those who follow perpetuating the movement we call Venturing.

