

Opening

- Pledge

"I **pledge allegiance** to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

- Oath

On my honor, I will do my best. To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the **Scout** Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

- Law

A **Scout** is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

MC:

Just as every story has a beginning and every trail has a head, Venturing begins with a dream and a desire to reach higher, stretch further and blaze trails.

But even in the early stages, commitment to principles becomes the essential base camp from which the climb to the Summit can commence. The Venturing Award is achieved by taking part in a crew activity, discussing the purposes of Venturing with youth and adult crew leaders, completing Personal Safety Awareness training, and committing to follow the Scout Oath and Law in the pursuit of adventures, great and small, leading others along the path of accomplishment as well.

Will the following members come forward to be inducted?

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When you make the commitment to join Venturing, you are not just joining your crew. You are joining the worldwide Scouting movement."

"Is it your desire to join the worldwide Scouting movement?"

(Inductee responds) **It is**

Then it is time. Raise your right hand in the scout sign (P mirrors) and repeat after me... The ideals in the Scout Oath and Scout Law are the guidelines all Scouts use to guide their thoughts and actions. They are honored by the Scouts around the world.

To complete your pledge, please make the Universal Scout Sign with me as we together say the Scout Oath and Law.

On my honor... I will do my best... To do my duty to God... and my country... and to obey the Scout Law... To help other people at all times... To keep myself physically strong... mentally awake... and morally straight.

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Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty,
Brave, Clean, and Reverent.**

You may lower your hand - As the newest members of our Crew we present you with your **venturing** award

Thank you, please sit down

Early in every adventure, a Venturer makes choices and must develop proficiency in practical skills. Venturers recognize that preparation is key to success and that success is more fun when you

share it with others. They understand that sharing service to the community builds bonds of friendship as well as a healthier society.

The **Discovery Award** is achieved by participating in more advanced activities, first aid training, training for planning and managing events and leadership skills. At this level, Venturers must also explore and evaluate their own faith and personal development as well as learn how to *encourage others in their personal development, by setting goals and meeting challenges necessary to attain them.*

Will the following members please stand?

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These youth are working Discovery award

Thank you, please sit down

True Venturers, **Pathfinders** must participate and organize more complex adventures and encourage, teach and train others to get the most out of the opportunities available. They practice working together and receive aid from mentoring relationships to accomplish goals that individually could be unreachable.

The Pathfinder Award is the third Venturing program level award. The Venturer's capabilities and skills expand, and with them come increased responsibility for defining their own way forward in life, service to others, and formal planning and leadership of the crew toward its goals.

Blazing the trail for others does not stop them from reflecting on personal growth and priorities. Rather, they use the lessons learned in their personal growth to encourage and walk alongside others to spur each other onward in their spiritual and moral development as well. They continue to serve their communities

Will the following members please stand?

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These youth are looking on their Path finder. -Thank you, please sit down

Please call up the Summit Candidate

To reach the Summit, Venturers must continue to plan and participate in adventures. They extend the training and assistance to others that they have received from those who have climbed the trail a head of them. They recognize that their personal growth and moral choices give them greater strength and firmer footholds toward greater accomplishment and service, and they commit to choose their paths carefully not only for their own benefit but because they know others look to them for guidance. They design and lead others in a project to serve their community.

Will _____ please come forward to share a bit about our candidate

_____ is a graduating senior from Palmyra Macedon High School. She's been involved in all levels and in all manner of school activities including assistant or stage manager for 13 musical productions in high school and middle school. She's been a member of the varsity swim team for the past 4 years and played JV and modified lacrosse. On top of those commitments she also is in many clubs such as National Honor Society and Peer 2 Peer. Outside of school Katie works at Marble Slab Creamery. She is also a founding member of venture crew 313 sponsored by the Palmyra-Macedon Kiwanis Club. She has served as the crews treasurer and then the president for the past two years. She is a four star recipient of the God and Life program. Also with that she has earned her

Venture, Discovery and Pathfinder award. As a 2017 recipient of the dare to dream scholarship Katie spent six weeks in south africa working in an underserved preschool program. As part of her trip she incorporated her summit award service project. She coordinated and executed the collection of needed school supplies and winter clothing and had them transported to South Africa and distributed them through the school system in which she was working.

She is also a member of the High School Select Choir and Wind Ensemble. She has had the opportunity to compete and perform in Montreal, Greece and Carnegie Hall in New York City. In the summer she will complete her third year as a staff member of BSA's National Youth Leadership Training. Her plans is to attend SUNY Potsdam to minor in Stage Management and Major in Special Education but prior to that he's planning on a gap year this fall. During this

upcoming semester she plans on being a stage management intern in Kansas city and then working on another production in Sarasota, Florida. She also hopes to volunteer with Up With People, this is an international touring and performing organization that emphasizes culture with opportunities to learn technical theatre.

_____ **please come to present the charge?**

Everyday, when you wake up, you are presented with a choice. To either climb the mountain that lies in front of you, or stand at the bottom and wonder what the view looks like from the top.

You see, your mountain comes in many forms. May be it's that job you've always wanted, or finally getting in shape, like you've talked about doing for years. No matter what it is, I can guarantee you one thing they'll all have in common. That is, effort will be required! No, DEMANDED of you, if you want to achieve them.

The motivation to climb, That's individual, that's personal. Is it your family, pride, finally doing something you said you were going to do? It doesn't matter what it is, what matters is that you have something

that drives you. And you can identify it. Most mountains can't be climbed alone.

Those that climb the highest are pushed towards the summit by those behind them, pulled up by those ahead of them, and inspired by the courage of those beside them.

Now I'm not arguing the comfort and security that comes from staying at the bottom of the mountain. After all, It's easy to focus on all of the reasons not to climb. To focus on how high, how steep, and how rugged the terrain is, instead of concentrating on how amazing the world, your world, could actually look from the top. Will this always be left to your imagination?

The faster you realize that all that separates your imagination from reality ,is simply taking that foot, and putting it in front of the other, feeling the earth with every step, Living, conquering your mountain, the sooner greatness and great things await you.

If you decide not to climb, don't tell me it's because you some how convinced yourself that you don't have a mountain to climb. No, you just never looked up to see it! You never looked up for fear that you might be inspired to try and climb it.

The irony is that the truly successful will accept the fact that there is something that can never be fully reached. Conquer one mountain, then find another taller, steeper one to take it's place.

Because, you see, it's not about reaching the top that matters, but that you are reaching for the top, Every. Single Day

I now will _____ come to present the Summit oath?

Those Venturers who reach the Summit command a breath-taking view not only of their own accomplishments and the accomplishments of others around them, but also of further challenges. They know that beyond the peak on which they stand, are further valleys and obstacles to cross to reach new heights

beyond. They commit to light the way for others to achieve and stretch and to serve others along their way.

_____, please make the scout sign and repeat after me:

I, _____, promise

To continue to grow in my faith

And develop personal skills

So that I may continue to lead others

As we do our best

To perform our duties to God and to country,

To help others each day, and

To pursue the adventures of a life well lived.

Before the Award is bestowed upon you, I am going to ask that your parents please come stand by your side."

No words of this Court of Honor could do justice to the devotion and patient perseverance with which your Parents and scout leaders have helped you towards worthy manhood. Only from their help and HIS guiding hand could you receive your Summit award at this moment. The symbol of your success is the Summit badge which I now present to your mother. Your mother will, in turn, pin the badge over your heart

Stick Badge on

No one will ever know the unnumbered acts of self-sacrifice and helpfulness from the mother of this Scout which have led us to this night. As the symbol of what her mother has made possible, Katie will to present her mother with a pin.

Pins Mother

We will now as your dad to pin the Summit Medal on you

Pin Medal on

Because your father raised you, taught you important lessons, gave you solace, comforted you and assisted in your development, I ask you to please present to him the small Eagle lapel pin, a outward symbol of your achievement which he may wear with pride.

The Boy Scouts of America has created the Mentor pin as a way of honoring those whose efforts have assisted a Scout to reach the summit award; and tonight, _____ has the opportunity to present a mentor a small token of their appreciation.

This is the time each scout will have a few minutes to say a few words and present his mentor pin

Katie to sit down

After the benediction pleas join us for refreshments

Closing

May the Great Master (all make gesture toward heavens) of all Scouts (inclusive gesture from right to left at height of shoulder) be with you till we meet again (right hands being brought to hearts and heads bowed).