

AutumnFest 2017

Blue Grass Council Venturing Officers' Association

October 20-22, 2017

Camp McKee

\$15 per Venturer/advisor

Crews bring their own food

Registration Cutoff: October 18



Welcome to AutumnFest!

Looking for fun, friendship, and adventure? Whether you're a new Venturer or have been a member for years, you're invited to join the council Venturing Officers' Association at Camp McKee on October 20-22 for a brand new experience: AutumnFest 2017!

AutumnFest is the new fall event for Venturers (replacing the KCA Camporee). This year, the VOA is planning a wide range of exciting activities, including shooting sports and more. You'll definitely want to be there!

If you're a youth Venturer and want to get involved with VOA leadership, elections for the 2018 VOA positions will be held at AutumnFest on Friday evening. Check page 2 of this guide for more information.

Here's some information that you should know about. Updates and more information will be posted on the VOA website (<http://venturing.bgbsa.org>).

- ◆ Check-in will begin at 6:00 PM Friday evening, and the event will conclude by 10:00 AM Sunday morning.
- ◆ Crews are responsible for bringing their own food.

We look forward to seeing you at AutumnFest 2017!

–Your 2017 Blue Grass Council VOA Officers

Overview

Elections for the 2018 Blue Grass Council Venturing Officers' Association positions will take place on Friday evening. The VOA positions which will be filled are President, Vice President of Administration, Vice President of Program, and Vice President of Communications. These positions are open to all Venturers registered with the Blue Grass Council who will be under the age of 21 for the entire duration of 2018.

2017 Election Rules

In order to run, Venturers must fill out and sign an Officer Commitment form (see page 7), and email it to advisor@venturing.bgbsa.org by October 18, 2017. They must then be approved by the council Venturing advisor.

Candidates should read the job description for the office which they are seeking before submitting the commitment form. Descriptions are available at <http://venturing.bgbsa.org>.

Venturers must be present at the election in order to run for office (no absentee candidates).

Every youth Venturer from the Blue Grass Council present at the election will have a vote.

Adults (over 21) may not vote, endorse, or campaign for any candidate.

Voting will be by secret ballot unless an election is uncontested, in which case a public vote of acclamation will suffice.

At the discretion of the youth conducting the election, the floor *may* be opened before the election for nominations that have not been pre-approved. It is strongly recommended, however, that youth interested in running submit the Officer Commitment form in advance of the deadline.

Elections will begin with the office of President and will continue down until the election for Vice President of Communication. Candidates who are defeated may drop down to lower offices.

During each election, each candidate will have the opportunity to make a two minute speech explaining why they are qualified for the position and what they would do if elected.

Speeches will be followed by serious and funny questions from the audience, at the discretion of the youth conducting the election. Questions must be Scouting appropriate, relevant, and directed to all candidates. Each candidate will have 30 seconds to respond to each question.

To win, a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast.

In the event of a tie, each candidate will have the opportunity to make a 1 minute speech and answer 1 serious and 1 funny question. A re-vote will then be held. If the tie still holds, the youth conducting the election will break it in favor of the candidate of his/her choice.

Subsidiary VOA positions and unfilled officer positions will be filled after the election by the newly elected 2018 VOA, with the consent of the 2017 Venturing President, Advisor, and Staff Advisor.

More Information

If you have any questions, please email president@venturing.bgbsa.org.

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Crew Registration Form



Crew Number: _____

Crew President: _____

President Email: _____

President Cell Phone: _____

Crew Advisor: _____

Advisor Email: _____

Advisor Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Date: October 18,
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If paying with check, make payable to Blue Grass Council, BSA, and mail to AutumnFest 2017, 2134 Nicholasville Road, Suite 3, Lexington, KY, 40503.



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2018 VOA Officer Commitment Form

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A youth Venturer must complete this form in order to be a candidate for a VOA office in the Blue Grass Council. Please type or print neatly.

Officer Candidate Name: _____

Crew Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Offices Seeking: _____

I have read and understand the list of responsibilities in "The Key" for all offices I am seeking. I agree that, if elected/appointed, I will take responsibility for my position and fulfill all my duties to the best of my ability.

I agree to live the Scout Oath and Scout Law in my daily life.

I understand that I am expected to attend all VOA events, and have a maximum of two unexcused absences for events. I have reviewed the dates for the following events, have placed them on my calendar, and agree to do my utmost best to attend them. I also understand that I am expected to make every possible effort to attend VOA meetings, and other events at which my presence is requested, which are not on the below list. If I have an unavoidable conflict, I agree to request an excused absence from the council Venturing Key 3 no later than two weeks before the event or meeting.

Council Venturing Forum (February 10, 2018)

Spring Adventure (June 1-3, 2018)

AutumnFest (October 19-21, 2018)

Candidate Signature

Date

Please submit the completed form to advisor@venturing.bgbsa.org
no later than midnight on October 18, 2017!