VENTURE CREW 58 JOINING INFO

WHAT IS VENTURE CREW 58?

Founded in the fall of 2011, Venture Crew 58 is an optional high adventure program for scouts in Troop 58 and other interested male & female youth in the community between the ages of 14 - 21 (or have completed the 8^{th} grade).

THE THREE FOUNDING PRINCIPALS OF CREW 58

- 1. Engage and challenge older scouts physically and mentally through the BSA High Adventure program.
- 2. Support & enhance the scouting programs of Troop & Pack 58.
- 3. Develop the unique leadership skills & talents of each individual scout.

MEETINGS & ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

1st Tuesday Regular Meeting and Trip Prep the Tuesday before a trip 7:00-8:30 PM 4th Thursday @ 8:00 PM Crew Leadership Zoom (Elected Officers Only) *Scouts are only required to attend prep meetings for trips they participate in.

UNIFORMS



CREW PROVIDES: crew badges of office (if any) and a Class 'B' T-shirt.

<u>SCOUT PROVIDES</u>: green class 'A' uniform shirt, white venturing patch, red unit numerals, green venture epaulets, council patch (same as troop shirt) venture webbing belt and gray venture convertible zip-off pants. Awards/badges of office from the troop can be transferred to the venture uniform as this becomes the only uniform shirt for troop & crew 58. Uniforms can be purchased online at scoutshop.org or at the scout shops in Charlotte or Concord

- 1410 East 7th St., Charlotte, NC, 28204 Phone 704-333-5471
- 904 Cloverleaf Plaza, Kannapolis, NC 28083-704-720-9264

TRIPS

CREW HIGH ADVENTURE OVERNIGHT TRIPS: (\$25-\$125)

These trips are typically Friday afternoon through mid-day Sunday or Sat-Sun with just the Venture Crew and include annual trips like the famous Ski, Swim & Slice trip at Snowshoe.

CREW DAY TRIPS: (\$15-\$30)

These Saturday trips are held during typically busy months for most of the Crew and are entirely optional.

<u>WINTER HIGH ADVENTURE EXPEDITION</u>: (\$200-\$300) FEB - President's Day Weekend A major high adventure trip that the Crew will plan. Past trips include

- RTV & ski Trip to the Poconos in PA
- Ice climbing & snowshoe expedition in the Keene Valley of the Adirondacks in NY
- Snowmobiling trip to Michigan
- Snowshoe & downhill ski trip to Vermont
- Snorkel/ speedboat trip in FL Keys

SUMMER HIGH ADVENTURE EXPEDITION: (\$500-\$2,000) JULY

Largest high adventure trip that the Crew will plan and prepare for during the course of the year. Past trips include:

- 2020- AT Backpacking trek over Max Patch Mtn and whitewater Nolichucky Gorge
- 2019- glacier ascent of Mt. Baker, Mt. Rainier and sea kayaking Orcas Island
- 2018- sea kayaking, offroading and sailing expedition in NC Outerbanks
- 2017- mountaineering and sea kayaking in Alaska
- 2016- 12 day backpacking to Philmont in New Mexico
- 2015- Canyoneering, mtn biking, 4-wheeling, multi-day rafting in Moab, Utah
- 2014- sailing 50 foot boats in Sea of Abaco, Bahamas
- 2013- 12 day backpacking to Philmont in New Mexico
- 2012- sailing, motorboating, scuba & kayaking off Wadmalaw Island, SC

LEADERSHIP

All Crew members serve in a leadership position, there are no participants in Venture Crew 58, only leaders. Those not elected as officers will serve as a trek leader, crew cook, ranger or another position of responsibility within the Crew.

CREW OFFICERS: President, VP-Administration, VP-Program, Quartermaster, Historian, Treasurer

ADULT SUPPORT: Christopher Willingham (Lead Advisor), John Bragg (Associate Advisor, Committee Chair), Madison Willingham (Adult Female Advisor), Summer Pharr (Membership), Angie Tinnell (Communications) and Jason Berry (Treasurer).

ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



All scouts will have many opportunities to continue working towards the rank of Eagle Scout. Mr. Bragg will hold sessions throughout the year to provide advice and guidance on Eagle Projects and will teach Merit Badges. Scouts should contact him directly with questions at john@braggfinancial.com