

# VENTURE CREW 215 CODE AND BYLAWS

## Charter Organization: First Presbyterian Church – Anderson, SC

### I. Preamble – Venturing Code

As a Venturer, I believe that America's strength lies in our trust in God and in the courage, strength, and traditions of our people.

I will, therefore, be faithful in my religious duties and will maintain a personal sense of honor in my own life.

I will treasure my American heritage and will do all I can to preserve and enrich it.

I will recognize the dignity and worth of all humanity and will use fair play and goodwill in my daily life.

I will acquire the Venturing attitude that seeks the truth in all things and adventure on the frontiers of our changing world.

### II. Crew Bylaws

#### A. Objectives

The objectives of Crew No. 215 are

1. Crew members to continue to advance.
2. Have monthly activities
3. Recruit new members
4. Remain active/involved in Home Troop – when it applies.
5. Have a good time and enjoy the experience in a scouting setting.

#### B. Membership

1. Membership shall be open to all young adults of high school age who live in the surrounding area and have completed the eighth grade up until the age of 21. No prospective member shall be disqualified because of race, color, creed, or sex. All members must be registered as Venturers and agree to the crew/ship code and bylaws.
2. Crew membership shall be limited to a total of 12 active members (current on dues and on active roster) – in the case where there is a waiting list for membership the active Crew members will vote for persons on the waiting list to approve for membership when open slot are available.

#### C. Officers

1. The elected officers shall be president, vice presidents – activity planning, vice president administration / recruiting, secretary, treasurer, and quartermaster. The duties of the officers shall be as prescribed in the Venturing Leader Manual.
2. The normal term of office shall be six months with elections during the first week of March and September.
3. No member shall serve more than two successive terms in the same office – 1 year.
4. On the night of the election, nominations may be presented from the floor by any member. If the nomination is seconded and the candidate agrees to serve, he or she must be included on the ballot.
5. All ballots shall be public, unless voted to be secret.

#### D. Crew business

Crew business will be conducted under the principles outlined in Robert's Rules of Order. Voting on all issues will be by simple majority, with the exception of changes or amendments to the bylaws, which will require a two-thirds vote of the total membership. A quorum shall consist of one more than the majority of members for votes on routine business.

#### E. General meetings

General meetings will be held during the first Tuesday of each month and will take place during the BSA Troop 215 meeting in the scout hut. General meetings can be changed due to scheduling conflicts and the Crew will approve these changes on a case by case basis one occurrence at a time.

#### F. Officers' meetings

Officers' meetings will be held at least once per quarter, prior to and at a time and place different from the first crew meeting of that month.

#### G. Website Calendar/Communications

The crew will publish all meetings and events on the Crews Website Calendar, it is the responsibility of the Crew members to check the website for updates on Crew Activities/Meetings – it will be the Secretaries responsibility to keep this current and to e-mail the crew members with reminders and updates.

#### H. Dues

Dues will be \$5.00 per month / \$15 per quarter, payable by the end of each quarter (Apr 1, July 1, Oct 1, Jan 1.) or at any time within the quarter. Members delinquent in dues payments for six months or more will be dropped from the crew roster. Payments should be made to the Crew Treasurer – make all checks out to BSA Venture Crew 215.

#### I. Money-earning projects

All money-earning projects must be approved by a majority vote of crew members. Members who do not participate in a project are not entitled to any benefits of the funds earned. All money-earning projects must be approved by the Advisor and meet Boy Scouts of America requirements.

#### J. Additional bylaws

1. No drugs or alcohol is allowed on any crew events,
2. Electronic devices on events will be decided by the crew on case by case basis prior to going on the event.
3. Male and Female members are at all times to restrain from any non-appropriate behavior in each others presence and as a non-negotiable will respect at all times each others privacy.
4. Overnight events – coed sleep arrangements or Crew \ Members with Adult Advisors is not allowed.

Crew Members Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_