



Corps of Discovery



What

- It's a **service** society of Venturers and Adult Leaders who are committed to promoting Venturing within the Scouting Community and the general public.
- There is no "organization" for Corps of Discovery. It occurs most often at the Council or District VOA, the Crew or the individual level through extraordinary service to Scouting.
- It is not a co-ed version of the Order of the Arrow.

Purpose

- The primary purpose of the Corps of Discovery is to promote Venturing and its ideals through service.
- It is also intended to recognize those who serve Venturing and Scouting and to offer them opportunities for fellowship with other like minded Venturers and Scouters.

History

- The Corps of Discovery is named for the group who traveled with Lewis and Clark on their expedition through the west in an effort to find a route to the Pacific.
- Likewise, the Venturing Corps of Discovery is an effort to develop a program to recognize members of the Venturing program who have gone the extra step to help a unit grow and develop.
- A pilot group was formed in July, 1999 in the Northwest Suburban Council near Chicago (in the Central Region!).
- It is now considered a grassroots movement but is not officially associated with BSA.

Who

- The Corps of Discovery is open to youth and adults who have been elected upon demonstration of significant contributions to the Venturing program.

How

- Your Crew, District, Council, Scout Camp, or Kodiak Trek can start a Corps of Discovery
- Meetings are not necessary. Individual members provide individual service, promoting Venturing wherever they go.
- Members promote the Corps by wearing a Corps of Discovery pocket flap on their official green Venturing Uniform.

Recognition

- Corps of Discovery pocket flap.
- Certificate.

