

**TO:** Scout Executives, Area Directors, and Regional Directors

**FROM:** Bill Evans, Team Leader, Youth Development

**SUBJECT: Nomination Form for 2009–2010 Regional Venturing President  
(Please copy and share with all professionals.)**

Within this packet you will find the nomination form for Regional Venturing President for the 2009–2010 year. In years past, local councils across the country have prepared outstanding young men and women who have served on the National Venturing Cabinet representing their respective regions.

Each council having a Venturer who meets the qualifications listed below may nominate this individual to represent its region. Only one nomination per council will be allowed.

**Term of Office:** The regional Venturing presidents will serve from June 1, 2009, through May 31, 2010.

**Action:** Each council wishing to nominate a Venturer should approve and forward the attached nomination form to its **Regional office** by March 2, 2009. A copy of the nomination packet for the 2009–2010 Regional Venturing President must be sent to the Youth Development Office, S209 at the national office, by April 15, 2009.

**Note:** *The National Venturing President will be selected from the 2008–2009 Regional Venturing Presidents. By using this process, the National Venturing President will have one year's experience before taking office. It also gives the Regional Venturing Presidents something to aspire to for the following year. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to the National Venturing President at the end of his or her term.*

**cc:** Gary Butler, director, Council Solutions  
Wayne Brock, assistant Chief Scout Executive  
James Shearer, manager, Program Impact

# 2009–2010 Regional Venturing President Council Nomination Form

(Nomination form deadline: Due to your regional office by March 2, 2009.)

Council headquarters city \_\_\_\_\_ Council No. \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_ Area \_\_\_\_\_

Nominates the following Venturer for Regional Venturing President, who meets the qualifications listed on the reverse side of this form.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type or print)

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Area code + No.) (Area code + No.) (Area code + No.)

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Age on May 31, 2009 \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Currently registered in Crew No. \_\_\_\_\_

Chartered organization \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Present (or) \_\_\_\_\_ Past teen leaders' council officer and position held \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Crew president service dates \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes, our candidate will be able to attend the BSA National Annual Meeting, May 20–23, 2009, in Orlando, Florida, and the National Venturing Cabinet orientation, July 9–12, 2009, in Irving, Texas.**

**Nominee's agreement:** *I am able and willing to run for Regional Venturing President. I meet the qualifications listed. If selected by my region, I will serve as its Regional Venturing President. If selected as National Venturing President following my term as Regional Venturing President, I will serve to the best of my ability. I will be able to attend the BSA National Annual Meeting, May 20–23, 2009, in Orlando, Florida, and the National Venturing Cabinet orientation, July 9–12, 2009, in Irving, Texas.*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Nominee)

Parent(s) approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Crew Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Local council approval:** *We recommend and approve this Venturer as our council's nominee for Regional Venturing President. He or she meets the qualifications listed on the back of this form.*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Scout executive)

(OVER)

**Qualifications:** To run for Regional Venturing President, a Venturer must:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be a currently registered Venturer in his or her council.</li> <li>2. Be a present or past crew president, or a present or past chair or officer in his or her council's teen leaders' council or equivalent district or council organization in his or her council.</li> <li>3. Be recommended and approved by his or her council.</li> <li>4. Be less than 20 years of age on May 31, 2009.</li> <li>5. Be able to attend the BSA National Annual Meeting, May 20–23, 2009, in Orlando, Florida, and the National Venturing Cabinet orientation, July 9–12, 2009, in Irving, Texas.</li> </ol> |
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The nominee should attach no more than six 8½ x 11-inch pages on white paper to this application stating his or her qualifications for Regional Venturing President. Please staple these pages to this application. *Do not enclose them in notebooks, binders, or sheet protectors.* These pages should include:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Experience as the crew president or teen leaders' council chair or other Venturing officer</li> <li>2. Non-Scouting awards, recognitions, and scholarships</li> <li>3. Scouting experience</li> <li>4. School, clubs, sports, and other leadership positions</li> <li>5. A statement on present school status and college or career plans</li> <li>6. A brief statement on why you want to be Regional Venturing President</li> <li>7. Other information on your qualifications to run for office</li> </ol> |
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**Attach a 3x5 photograph for publicity purposes.** This should be a head-and-shoulders shot with the Venturing uniform and **of reproducible quality.**

***For region use:***

Date received \_\_\_\_\_ (March 2, 2009, due date)

Interview date \_\_\_\_\_ (for top three regional selections)

\_\_\_\_\_ All nominees informed of selection.

\_\_\_\_\_ Selection notice with biography and picture of the new 2009–2010 Regional Venturing President sent to the Youth Development Office, S209 at the national office, by April 15, 2009.

**Northeast Region**  
P.O. Box 268  
Jamesburg, NJ  
08831-0268

**Southern Region**  
P.O. Box 440728  
Kennesaw, GA  
30160

**Central Region**  
230 W. Diehl Road  
P.O. Box 3085  
Naperville, IL  
60566-7085

**Western Region**  
4765 S. Lakeshore Drive  
Tempe, AZ  
85282

*James Dolberg*

*Greg Taylor*

*Joseph Vollmer*

*John Van Dreesse*

## **Responsibilities of the Regional Venturing President**

1. Represents Venturing at:
  - National meetings (when designated)
  - Regional activities and meetings (when designated)
  - International activities and meetings (when designated)
  - Council activities (when invited)
  - Special projects/task forces (as assigned)
2. Serves as the youth Venturing president on the regional program committee and/or regional board, if appointed by the regional office.
3. **Mandatory attendance at the National Venturing Cabinet orientation.**
4. Responsible to the staff member assigned to Venturing in his or her region.
5. Supports the programs and activities designed by the region.
6. Assists councils upon request of the region.
7. Supports the region in any effort to train Council Venturing officers and Advisors.
8. Promotes national, regional, and area activities, programs, and awards.
9. Serves in a leadership position for any national event as assigned by the National Venturing President and National Youth Development staff.
10. Agrees to wear the Venturing uniform and identity items as suggested by the regional staff member assigned to Venturing (paid for at own expense).

## Regional Venturing President Overview

**Purpose:** To clarify the required qualifications, selection process, and role of Regional Venturing Presidents.

**Background:** Even though Venturing was officially started in 1998, its youth officers follow a long tradition started when the first regional and national Exploring officers were elected at the first national Exploring Congress held in Washington, D.C. Since that time, many quality young men and women have effectively led the BSA's premier young adult program.

### Qualifications for the Office of Regional Venturing President

1. Be a currently registered Venturer in his or her council.
2. Be a present or past crew president, or a present or past chair or officer in his or her council's teen leaders' council or equivalent district or council organization in his or her council.
3. Be recommended and approved by his or her council.
4. Be less than 20 years of age on May 31, 2009.
5. Be able to attend the BSA National Annual Meeting, May 20–23, 2009, in Orlando, Florida, and the National Venturing Cabinet orientation, July 9–12, 2009, in Irving, Texas.

### Term of Office

The Regional Venturing President will serve from June 1, 2009, through May 31, 2010.

### Responsibilities (Position Description)

1. Serves as the youth Venturing president on the regional program committee and/or the regional board if so desired by the regional director.
2. Responsible to the staff member assigned by the region.
3. Supports the programs and activities designated by the region.
4. Attends and participates in regional and national meetings and activities as requested and approved by the Youth Development team, Chief Scout Executive, or regional office.
5. Attends regional, area, and council meetings and activities when invited and on approval of the regional office.
6. Assists councils with Venturing activities, upon the request of the region.
7. Supports the region in any effort to train council Venturing officers and Advisors.
8. Serves in a leadership role for any national event as assigned by the National Venturing President and Youth Development staff.
9. Agrees to wear the Venturing uniform and identity items as suggested by the regional staff.
10. Agrees to resign from office if requested by the regional director.

### **Selection Process**

1. Election/selection process varies by region.
2. Regions may select their Regional Venturing President through area conferences or meetings.
3. There is a nationally produced council nomination form for nomination of candidates for the Regional Venturing President that is due to regions by March 2, 2009 (see the attached form).
4. Regions must select and approve their Regional Venturing President and submit this individual's name, bio, and a picture to the national office by April 15, 2009.
5. For those regions that select their Regional Venturing President, it is suggested that a representation of the region personally interview each of the top three candidates before making their selection.
6. Regional staff members, volunteers, and especially the person who will serve as the staff adviser to the Regional Venturing President, are invited and encouraged to attend the National Court of Honor on May 22, 2009. At that time, the new national and Regional Venturing Presidents will be installed and the outgoing presidents will be recognized.

### **Training**

The Youth Development Team will pay the expenses for each 2009–2010 Regional Venturing President to attend the BSA National Annual Meeting, May 20–23, 2009, in Orlando, Florida, and the National Venturing Cabinet orientation, July 9–12, 2009, in Irving, Texas.

***The Regional Office will pay expenses for the 2008–2009 outgoing Regional Venturing Presidents attending the National Annual Meeting and Venturing Court of Honor.***