

Venturing



Useful Tips for Conducting Advisor's Conferences

While progressing through the Venturing advancement structure, a Venturer will be required to meet with his or her Crew Advisor for an advisor's conference, which is a meeting, or rather a friendly conversation, between the Venturer and the Advisor. These sessions provide useful opportunities to review the Venturer's goals in the crew and within his or her personal life. They will review progress from their most recent advisor's conference, and encourage the Venturer to set future goals (e.g., crew, personal, faith-related, school, professional, etc.). Meanwhile, the goal of the Advisor should be to ensure that the Venturer is ready for the next board of review.

Here are a few helpful hints to keep in mind when conducting an Advisor's conference:

- Reinforce the ideals of the Boy Scouts of America and Venturing.
- Establish mutual trust. Encourage a mutual discussion where both the youth and adult feel comfortable enough to share and ask questions of one another.
- Keep the meeting environment relaxed, perhaps by being on a crew outing by a lake or outside of your crew meeting location at a bench, while remembering to be in full view of other people in accordance with BSA youth protection guidelines. Avoid conducting a conference at a table or desk. Keep the conversation casual and friendly.
- Give your undivided care and attention to the youth. Take the time to get to know the Venturer personally.
- Invite the Venturer to share by asking open-ended questions, such as:
 - What is the best crew outing memory you have and why?
 - What are your future goals and what will you do to accomplish them?
 - Last time we discussed your goal of xxx. How do you feel you have accomplished this goal? What have you learned from completing this goal?
- Keep the conversations to about 10-15 minutes in length. The Summit Award Advisor's conference may be a bit longer (perhaps 30 minutes).

