

Introductory Questions

What do you view as your crew's role in the community?

Our crew's primary role in the community is to provide youth with extreme BMXing & ATV opportunities they otherwise couldn't access as well as teach youth in the community about maintenance and safety of bikes, ATVs, and automobiles.

Adventure

Describe any Tier I and Tier II adventure(s) your crew underwent, what made them unique, and the planning processes involved.

During this past school year, we did a short campout in Arkansas. The camp had a lot of biking trails with hills, so the newer members of the crew got to practice some more advanced mountain biking skills. The planning for this event was pretty straightforward, the youth picked a location within 4 hours driving time, booked the camp, and did routine check-ups for the bikes prior to leaving for the event.

Describe any Tier III adventure(s) your Crews underwent, what made them unique, and the planning processes involved.

Last summer our crew went on the Polaris ATV experience at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. The crew leadership chose this high adventure experience because they felt it would be of interest to our crew members. Before participating in the trek, our crew spent 3 days exploring the state of West Virginia.

Describe how you tied your crew's specialty into your adventures, meetings, and growth models.

Most of our crews activities and crew meetings are related in some way to our crew focus. This means if our crew meetings are usually centered around educating members about safety & maintenance, and or skill training such as bike or ATV rides whenever possible.

Leadership

Describe any cross-unit relationships or activities that your crew hosts or has participated in.

Our crew is not directly related to a troop through our charter organization, because of this it has allowed us to have a uniquely open relationship with other units in our district. We regularly host merit badge days or meeting activities for troops. Most recently our crew led a 30 mile long distance bike ride for a local troop. The crew was incharge of teaching the scouts about basic bike maintenance and led them on the bike route.

Share any meaningful mentoring opportunities that members of your crew underwent within the past two years.

Our crew hosts an annual leadership conference where the newly elected crew officers' are trained for their new roles by the outgoing officers'. This a weekend long event which allows for the crew members to bond and plan for the upcoming year under the mentorship of the past years officers'.

Describe your crew's recruitment strategy, and your most successful events.

The crew has found the most success in recruitment through our relationships with other district units, this encourages younger scouts to become interested in the Venturing program. Additionally multiple crew members recruit friends from the biking clubs from their local high schools. We don't tend to specifically host recruitment events.

Describe any unique features of your crew's governance or crew officer positions, and how you prepare your officers for said positions.

The crew has created an additional vice president role whose purpose is to serve as the "VP of Maintenance". This person's role is to ensure that bicycles, ATVs, and in some cases cars are always in working order. Along with the help of the entire crew the VP of Maintenance does routine safety checks on equipment before adventures and performs small repairs whenever possible.

Personal Growth

Describe any traditions, bonding opportunities, or teamwork activities your crew has or provides to strengthen crew culture.

Twice a year the crew hosts a breakfast fundraiser so that we can earn money for our annual tier III activity. The crew members all come together at the local community center and cook breakfast for their families & members of the community. Each breakfast the crew chooses a theme and makes decorations and costumes to match. This is one of the events the crew looks forward to the most because it is very different from the usual crew meetings and activities, it also is usually the event that has the most participation from crew members and non-members alike. .

Provide some examples of Developments of Self, Others, and/or Faith that members of your crew have undergone.

Our crew encourages older youth members to take on a personal challenge related to BMX or ATVs. Recently, we had a youth complete his 50 miler cycling patch. Although, we have also had some youth do other personal challenges like rebuild a car with the help of an associate advisor.

Describe any opportunities that your crew provides for crew members to develop specific skills (e.g., vocational skills, professional skills, academic skills).

Our crew focuses on teaching mechanic skills to our youth. We specifically set aside time during meetings and activities to teach about routine bike maintenance and ATV maintenance. On the occasion when a crew member's bike or a camp ATV has a more advanced problem, we usually include youth in the repair process. We have also done a few crew workshops on routine car care for our crew members who own their own cars.

Service

Describe your relationship with your chartered organization and any service your crew has contributed to them.

Our chartered organization is the crew advisor's mechanic shop. We don't usually provide direct service to the mechanic shop, but we do promote his business when we go to events. Some of the older crew members have also ended up working part time at his shop.

Describe any long-term or recurring community service commitments your crew has.

For the past two years our crew has volunteered in our community's street fair by running the booth to promote our crew advisors mechanic shop. This serves the dual purpose of promoting our charter organization while also giving the crew an opportunity to participate in community events. Along with maintaining the mechanic shop booth throughout the event the crew also is involved in assisting in event set-up and clean-up.

Describe any unique service projects your crew has either participated in or facilitated.

We hosted a canned food drive for the local food pantry last summer. By the end of the event, we collected over 200 cans!

Describe any service your crew does for the Scouting program as a whole.

The crew is regularly involved in the planning of district camporees as well as helping plan events for Cub Scout dens and troops throughout the council. Our crew has taught the Automotive Maintenance and Cycling merit badge for a few troops. We have also helped our district host a "Bike Rodeo" for the local Cub Scouts to learn about bike safety.