



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA (BSA) VENTURING PROGRAM

VENTURE HUNTING CREW .30-06



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Crew .30-06 Charter Organization: American Legion Post 490

CREW .30-06 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 100% HUNTING & HUNTING RELATED (First of its kind focused exclusively on hunting and conservation year-round)
- 100% NRA MEMBERSHIP (First of its kind)

HAS A TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF 43

14 Youth (between the ages of 14-17);

6 Venture Participants (between the ages of 18-20); and

23 Adults (21 and older)

BSA VENTURING PROGRAM

- Used to be called Exploring
- The Exploring and now the Venturing program is Co-Ed
- Venturing is open to both young men and women ages 14 to 21 years of age
- The Venturing program allows its members to shoot firearms over .22 caliber
- The Venturing program allows its members to participate in hunting activities



A FORGOTTEN PAST

- Historically, hunting was common among Explorer Post
- Hunting events were organized Council Activities, memorialized with awards and patches for participants



COULD THERE A CORRELATION BETWEEN THE DECLINE OF HUNTING IN YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS AND THE DECLINE IN THE OVERALL PARTICIPATION IN HUNTING?



ANOTHER FORGOTTEN PAST

- Historically, the NRA spoke directly to the youth of America
- NRA ads were run in magazines such as Boy's Life, Comic Books, etc.



COULD THERE A CORRELATION BETWEEN THE NRA TALKING DIRECTLY TO THE YOUTH OF AMERICA AND THE DECLINE IN THE OVERALL PARTICIPATION IN THE HUNTING?



INTRODUCING VENTURING CREW .30-06

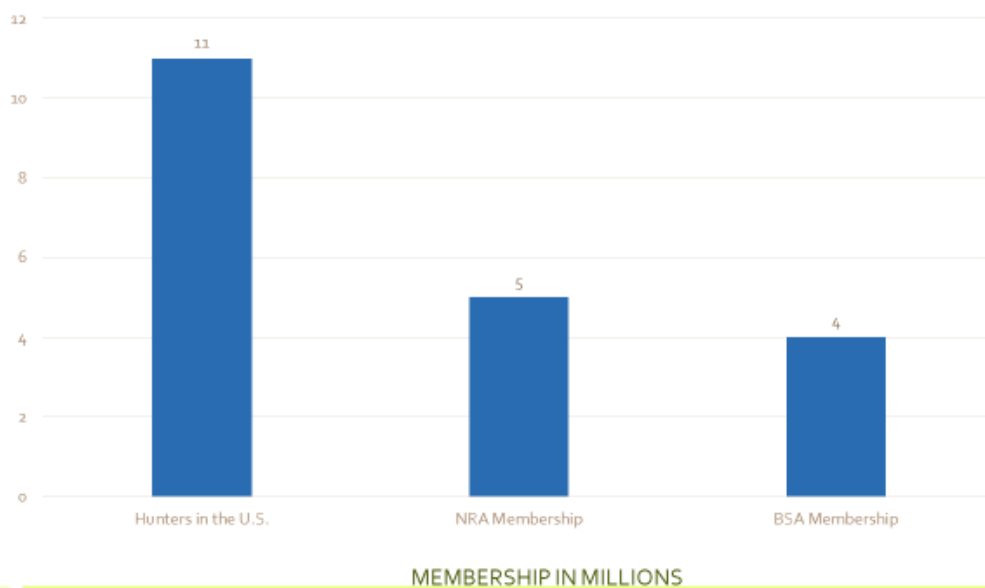


- 100% Hunting
- 100% NRA - All members - Scouts, Parents, and Adult Leaders – Member, RSO, Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun
- The meetings are focused on the biology and identification of the species being hunted
- Range time is focused on the calibers or gauges and distances of the species being hunted
- During the off season, Scouts will be learning about and participating in land management activities
- Scouts are expected to work for the opportunity to hunt on private land by working as a group to assist landowners, if needed, to improve wildlife habitat



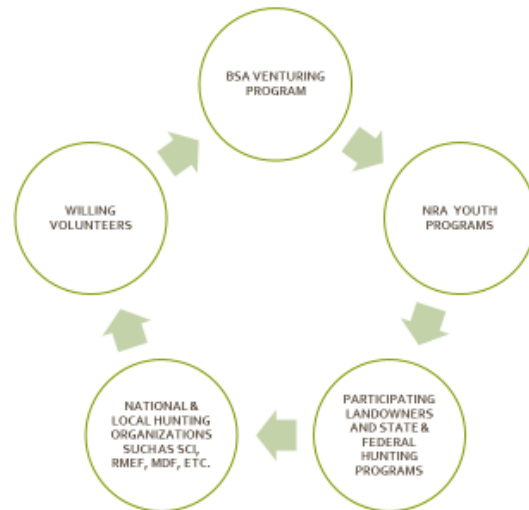
MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT **IS THE KEY COMPONENT OF** **ANY ORGANIZATIONS** **SURVIVAL!!!!**

RECRUITMENT POTENTIAL BETWEEN THE NRA, BSA, & HUNTERS IN THE U.S.



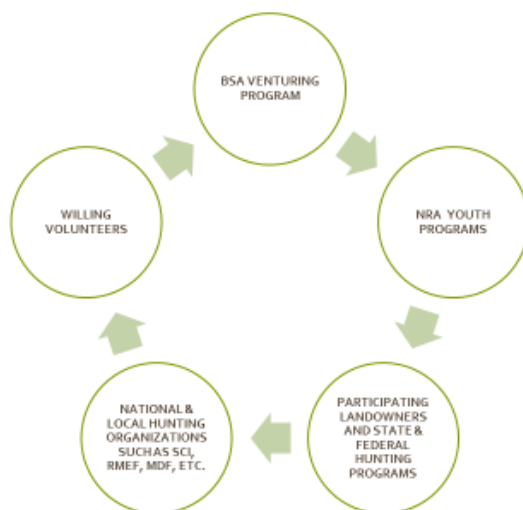
VENTURING CREW .30-06 MODEL

- A crew must form under existing BSA guidelines
- All scouts must have at least one parent join to meet “two-deep” leadership requirements in hunting scenarios
- All members – scouts, parents, and leaders must be or become NRA members at the time of joining
- All members, scouts included, must be willing to go through RSO, rifle, pistol, and shotgun
- All NRA requirements are for BSA requirements and safety to the shooter, other scouts, leaders, landowners, and anyone else who could get injured



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- Work with landowners to assist with any land improvement service projects to improve wildlife habitat
- Attend state and federal workshops to learn about the biology of targeted species
- Attend state and federal workshops to improve marksmanship and shot placement for clean and ethical kills
- Work with national and local hunting organizations to promote hunting, hunting organizations, and the NRA
- Recruit qualified volunteers



BENEFITS OF THE CREW .30-06 MODEL

- There are 272 BSA Councils in the United States
- There is a potential that there could be one Hunting Crew per Council
- Each crew has an average of 15 venture scouts
- If at least one parent is required to join because of the need of “two-deep” leadership and with addition leadership there is approximately 35 members in each crew
- That equates to 35 NRA memberships, 35 RSO Certifications, 35 Rifle Instructor Certifications, 35 Pistol Instructor Certifications, and 35 Shotgun Instructor Certifications
- BSA requires all leaders to be Rifle, Pistol, and/or Shotgun Instructors if supervising a youth with one of these firearms

