

Am I Ready...

To go to Venturer Scouts



Use this resource to support Scouts, their adult and youth leaders, and their parents to identify when an individual is ready to transition to the Venturer Scout section.

This is a guide for working with your Scouts. It helps you to explore the Educational Objectives of the developmental age group, when considering their transition to the next age section.

The items in the checklists are based on the SPICES I... Statements as well as other indicators that individuals can use to determine their readiness. This list will provide guidance as to when a young person is ready to change, and each dot point should involve a conversation with the young person.

However, this checklist should not be the only thing used to inform the decision. Scouts themselves, and their immediate circle of friends, family, and fellow Scouts know them the best.

Instructions (for youth):

- » Sometime after you turn 14 you might begin thinking about new challenges to be found in the Venturer Scout section.
- » Find out about your local Venturer Scout Units and get involved by inviting them to run an activity at your Scout Unit or participate in one of their programs. Ask your adult leaders for support if you need it.
- » Take some time over the following weeks to discuss going to Venturer Scouts with a trusted adult or fellow Scout, using the points below as discussion prompts.

You do not need to be able to tick every box to transition to Venturer Scouts. This is a guide to help you think about what your strengths are, and what you might be working on.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I am open to different opinions and lifestyles | <input type="checkbox"/> I look for other ways to do things when I need to change plans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I respect and accept others and their points of view | <input type="checkbox"/> I can demonstrate Plan>Do>Review |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I can work well in a group and with youth of different ages | <input type="checkbox"/> I am aware of my own and others' safety, and who I ask for help to stay safe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I encourage other Scouts | <input type="checkbox"/> I can state what I need to do to be healthy and stay fit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I look for new experiences to develop my skills and interests | <input type="checkbox"/> I understand ways to cope with different feelings I have |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I can plan and manage my time | <input type="checkbox"/> I can talk about my feelings to others. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I can make a decision and have my own opinion | <input type="checkbox"/> I can listen to feedback from others about my behaviour |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I work well in a Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> When I say I am going to do something, I try to always follow through. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I help to plan new and energetic activities | <input type="checkbox"/> I know the Australian Scout Promise, and Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I can look at the risk of an activity and minimise it | <input type="checkbox"/> I can discuss how they guide my actions. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I can look after the environment during activities | <input type="checkbox"/> I am aware of my own and others' safety, and who I ask for help to stay safe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I can express my thanks and appreciation for the world around me and the opportunities that I have. | <input type="checkbox"/> I can state what I need to do to be healthy and stay fit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I can identify what adventurous, fun, challenging and inclusive is for me, and have discussed whether this is better met by the Scout or Venturer Scout sections | <input type="checkbox"/> I am excited about going to Venturer Scouts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I can plan and manage my time | <input type="checkbox"/> I am ready to go to Venturer Scouts |

You should also refer to the Program Handbook for further notes about transition between sections. Always use Plan>Do>Review> to ensure the best possible experience for your Scouts.