East Carolina Council
Venturing Mentor Program

Definitions of a Mentor:
An individual who provides independent support and advice; A person who shares experience, knowledge and wisdom; A person who has knowledge and familiarity in a field and who is prepared to help; A role model and someone who is regularly available to discuss problems, provide information, give advice; … in short -

Mentoring is an opportunity for individuals to have a positive influence on youth.

Overview:
- Remember the short version of the definition of a ***Mentor***, found above.
- You are NOT a unit commissioner for Venturing.
- Upon contact (from a unit) and within reason, call the Crew/Ship for consultation within 2 days.
- Provide help and support to any Crew/Ship contacting you for any assistance.
- Report all contacts to you by Crews/Ships to the Council Venturing Chairman.
- Promote the Venturing Program within the District.
- Be familiar with BSA Program resources that can be used in aiding Crews/Ships.
- If possible, attend the quarterly Venturing committee meetings.
- Encourage all Crew/Ship leaders to attend training to become fully trained leaders.
- Encourage Crew/Ship officers to attend the quarterly VOA gatherings.
- DO NOT visit a unit unless invited.

First Step:
Contact the crew/ship advisors in your district. Explain the mentoring program and your availability. Ensure the leaders have your contact information (phone #, E-mail, Face Book addresses).

Next Step:
Be available!

"Our goal is to have a Venturing Mentor in each district. If you are interested in serving Venturing youth in your district, please contact tcopelan@bsamail.org "