

LASSEN SHARPSHOOTERS - DRAFT

Crew/Troop 40

Bylaws

Article 1: Name – Lassen Sharpshooters

Lassen Sharpshooters is an NRA Junior Shooting Club consisting of Youth from Boy Scout Troop 40 and Venturing Crew 40 (Shingletown, CA).

Section 1. The Venturing Oath

As a Venturer, I promise to do my duty to God and help strengthen America, to help others, and to seek truth, fairness, and adventure in our world.

Section 2. Venturing Code

As a Venturer, I believe that America's strength lies in our trust in God and in the courage, strength and traditions of our people.

I will, therefore, be faithful in my religious duties and will maintain a personal sense of honor in my own life.

I will treasure my American heritage and will do all I can to preserve and enrich it.

I will recognize the dignity and worth of all humanity and will use fair play and goodwill in my daily life.

I will acquire the Venturing attitude that seeks truth in all things and adventure on the frontiers of our changing world.

Section 3. Sharpshooter Promise:

As a Lassen Sharpshooter, Venturer / Scout, I promise to do my best:

To always follow the rules of safe firearm handling and shooting;

To seek to master those physical and mental factors essential to the firing of an accurate shot;

To treasure my American heritage and do all I can to protect and preserve the inalienable Individual Right to Keep and Bear Arms as guaranteed by the Second Amendment;

To recognize such individual right as being justly considered as the palladium of the liberties of our republic and deterrent to tyranny.

Section 4. Motto:

Exercising the American Bill of Rights.

Section 5. Purpose / Objectives

The purposes and objectives of Lassen Sharpshooters are:

- A. Promote the duty and responsibility of Citizen Marksmanship, in a safe environment;
- B. Develop and hone the personal discipline, dedication, physical and mental conditioning, and power of focused concentration necessary to be a good marksman.
- C. Expand our knowledge and understanding of the American Bill of Rights, with emphasis upon the duty and responsibility of the inalienable Individual Right to Keep and Bear Arms as guaranteed by the Second Amendment.

Article 2: Membership

Section 1: Membership is open to all boys and girls who are between the ages of 11 and 20 years old as follows:

- A. Male/Female Members 14-20 (13 & completed 8th grade) Become members of BSA Venturing Crew 40.
- B. Male Members 11-13 (10 & completed 5th grade) Become members of BSA Troop 40.
- C. Female Members 11-13 Become members of Shasta Sharpshooters.
- D. Adult Members 21+ Become registered Adults in both the CREW and TROOP. Each adult must take an active role in the Club (Associate Advisor, Committee Member, or Consultant).
- E. Special Considerations will be made for youth that are 10 years old on a case by case basis.
- F. Consultant - Someone with experience or expertise in an area that will benefit Lassen Sharpshooters. Currently we need NRA Instructors, Range Safety Officers, CPR/First Aid Instructors, Leave no Trace Trainers, Land Navigation Instructors, and Hunter Safety Education Instructors. Our needs may change as the club grows.

Section 2: Prospective members shall not be disqualified due to race, color, creed, religion, or sex.

Section 3: All prospective members must be able to legally possess and use a firearm as required by State and Federal Law.

Section 4: All youth members and Adult Advisors of the Lassen Sharpshooters must become members of the NRA. This fee is included in the annual dues.

Section 5: Membership shall not exceed 40 youth. Upon registering 40 youth in Lassen

Sharpshooters, potential members will be put on a waiting list on a first come first serve basis. However, priority will be given to siblings wishing to join.

Article 3: Uniforms

Required Uniform – Crew 40 Shooting Vest with appropriate patches. Required within 3 months of joining the club.

Required While on the Range / Activities involving shooting:

- 1. Venturing Crew / Troop 40 Shooting Vest with appropriate patches (with plain closed neck shirt underneath - e.g., crew neck style or polo type, etc...); or Venturing Crew / Troop 40 T-Shirt.**
- 2. Long Pants (e.g., blue jeans), belt, socks, boots or heavy shoes (close toed).**

Required For Meetings / Events not involving a shooting activity:

- 1. Venturing Crew 40 Member: Venturing Crew 40 Green Polo Shirt with Venturing Crew Logo, or
Venturing Uniform Standard Green Shirt (long or short sleeve) (if use the Venturing Uniform Standard Green Shirt - pants must be the charcoal grey).**
- 2. Members of BSA Troop 40 - Boy Scout Uniform with Venturing Crew Patch.**
- 2. Long Pants (i.e., Blue Jeans, Dockers, Venturing Uniform Standard Green Pants), belt, socks, and shoes.**

Above rules apply to all members, adult advisors and officers. No overly baggy pants.

Article 4: Officers

The elected officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Master-At-Arms. Officers will come from the youth registered in Crew 40 and serve as the Officers for Troop 40 and Lassen Sharpshooters. The president, with the approval of the Advisor shall appoint activity chairs and make other assignments as needed. The normal term of office shall be for 6 months. Elections will be held in May and November annually. New officers will assume their new office on the 1st day of the month following the election (June 1/December 1). No member shall serve more than two successive terms in the same office. The duties of the officers shall be as followed:

- President:**
- Serves as the Youth Leader of the Club
 - Works closely with Advisors and other adult leaders in a spirit of partnership
 - Represents the Crew at the Teen Leaders District/Council meetings.
 - Assists the crew Advisor in conducting the crew officers' seminar.
 - Assesses on an ongoing bases whether the responsibilities of the officers are being considered and carried out effectively
 - Attends all crew activities.

Vice

- President:**
- Assumes the responsibilities of the crew president in his or her absence.
 - Organizes and recognized the achievements of crew members
 - Conducts opening and closing ceremonies for special occasions as scheduled.
 - Leads the recruiting and admission of new members during the year.
 - Attends all crew activities.
 - Works closely with Associate Advisors in a spirit of partnership.

- Secretary:**
- Maintains an up-to-date calendar of crew meetings and activities
 - Maintains crew membership and attendance records
 - Handles crew correspondence and minutes
 - Coordinates crew publicity through local media, crew newsletter/website and the crew's telephone network
 - Hand out minutes of last meeting of approval
 - Attends all crew activities.
 - Works closely with Committee Secretary in a spirit of partnership.

- Treasurer:**
- Collects and disburses crew funds
 - Communicates with the officers and members on a regular basis to keep them informed about the crew's finances.
 - Attends all crew activities.
 - Works closely with Committee Treasurer in a spirit of partnership.

Master-At -Arms:

- Maintains inventory of all Firearms belonging to Lassen Sharpshooters or in our

possession.

- Ensures Firearms are stored safely and securely.
- Ensures Firearms are cleaned on a regular and consistent basis.
- Recruits help at each shooting activity to help carry out the above tasks
- Attends all crew activities.
- Works closely with All Advisors in a spirit of partnership.

Article 5: Elections

The president shall appoint a nominating committee, which shall consist of three members. The committee shall interview and present a complete slate of candidates who have agreed, if elected, to serve to the best of their abilities.

On the night of the election, nominations may be presented from the floor by any member. If the nomination is seconded and the candidate agrees to serve, he or she must be included on the ballot.

Every youth member will vote by secret ballot for each position. Member must be present to vote. No absentee ballots.

Article 6: Club Business

Club business will be conducted in Open Forum. Voting on all issues will be by simple majority, with the exception of changes or amendments to the bylaws, which will require a two-thirds vote of the total active youth membership present. A quorum shall consist for one more than the majority of active members present for vote on routine business.

Article 7: Meetings

We will meet on the First Wednesday of each month at the **Redding Moose Lodge, 320 Lake Blvd, Redding, CA 96003 at 6:30 pm.** This meeting will not exceed 2.5 hours. Training related to Hunting and Shooting will be conducted. Every Third Meeting will incorporate an awards

ceremony in place of a training night.

The activities of the meetings will be recorded by the Secretary or appointed substitute. The meeting minutes will be published in hard copy in a format set forth by the Secretary and approved by the Advisor(s). These minutes will serve as a reference for the officers while planning activities that were discussed at the meeting.

The monthly meetings will follow the following format and be conducted by the President:

- Call meeting to order
- Post Colors
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Venturing Oath
- Sharpshooter Promise**
- Minutes from Last Meeting
- Communications
- Treasures Report
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Training or Awards
- Advisors Minute
- Announce Date, Place, and time of Next Meeting
- Retire the Colors
- Adjourn

Article 8: Fund-raising

All money-earning projects must be approved by a majority vote. Members who do not participate in their share of projects are not entitled to benefits of the funds earned. The money earned from each project will be decided how to use it prior to beginning the project. (Will it be put into the general fund, Will it be used towards a specific item or purpose, Will it go into individual scout accounts, or a combination.) All money-earning projects must be approved by the Advisor and meet Boy Scouts of America requirements if done as Boy Scouts.

Article 9: Crew Finances

The Treasurer will Collect, deposit, and account for all money coming to the club from dues, money-earning projects, or other sources.

An adult from your committee will be assigned to assist you. Cooperate with him or her and take advantage of this help to set up a bookkeeping procedure, bank account, and money-handling methods. He or she doesn't do your job for you, but with you, and is responsible to the crew committee. This adult will be available to help you and will arrange for an audit of your accounts once every three months.

Routine expenditures for targets, NRA Training Materials, range fees, membership fees, and uniform items do not require approval from the Officers as long as the money is there to cover the expense. All other expenditures must be approved by your officers and Advisor before a check can be written. Large amounts should be approved by crew members.

The Advisor and Committee Treasurer will be the only signers on the checking account. Only one signature is required.

Individual accounts (Scout Accounts) can be setup to credit members for monies earned from money-earning projects. Individuals may also apply funds into their account. The funds in these accounts may be used to pay for targets, ammo, uniform items, trips, food for trips and or events, travel expense, club activities, event fees, awards, membership fees, archery equipment & accessories, and firearms (as allowed by law i.e. age & parents permission if applicable) & accessories. Request to use funds for other purposes requires approval from the committee. The funds cannot be paid directly to the member unless prior approval from the Committee is granted and can only be paid as a reimbursement. When membership is terminated in the club, any funds remaining in their Individual account will be credited to the general fund. Use of funds must be related to club activities. These accounts will be setup for both youth and adults. Any account that has a negative amount must be brought up to date within two weeks.

Redding Scout Office/Golden Empire Council

An account is established for Crew 40 and Troop 40 with the Redding Scout Office/Golden

Empire Council to purchase BSA materials and to pay for BSA membership fees. The Advisor and Committee Treasurer are authorized to charge against this account. Funds for member's fees may be deposited into the accounts without approval from the Officers and Members. All other funds deposited require approval from the Officers.

Article 10: Dues

Annual dues each year will be as follows:

- \$10 Membership Fee
- NRA Membership Fee Youth/Junior Membership under 18 = \$15.00 Adults \$25/\$35
- Other fees may apply as approved by the Members.

Article 10: Amendments

Section 1: Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing at least one week prior to discussion of the amendment at any regularly scheduled meeting.

Section 2: Proposed amendments must be ratified by a 2/3 vote of the active crew membership present.

Article 11: Tobacco, Alcohol, and Drug Use

The Boy Scouts of America prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances on encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America, or at any activity involving participation of youth members. Although some Venturing age participants are of legal age to purchase and use tobacco, they are considered Youth Participants under the Guide to Safe Scouting until the age of 21.

Adult leaders should support the attitude that young adults are better off without tobacco and may not allow the use of tobacco products at any BSA Activity involving youth participants. Adults must adhere to the above policy. A designated area for Adults 21+ to smoke can be setup, but must be away from the youth.

Article 12: Fraternization

Because the Venturing program is designed for young adults, there often is little difference in the ages of the crew Advisors and the Crew members. It has been found that maintaining a close social relationship, as in dating, between registered Ventures is disruptive to the crew’s program and, therefore, is not permitted by the Boy Scouts of America.

All members, youth and adult, will be cognizant of the fact that both sexes are present for all functions. Co-Ed behavior expectations include the following: Be respectful and considerate of each others bodies and psychological boundaries. No entering the domiciles (tents, rooms, etc.) of the opposite gender. No Public Display of Affection (PDA) should occur at any club activity. This includes kissing, and hand holding.

Youth - At all times there must be co-ed groups of three. Co-ed groups of two are allowed provided they are the same gender. Co-ed groups of two of different genders (male/female) are never permitted to be alone, and must have a third person to leave the designated area.
Adults – No one-on-one contact. One-on-one contact between adults and youth is not permitted other than for his or her own youth. Personal conferences must be conducted in plain view of others.

Article 13: Youth Protection Guidelines

Youth Protection and Venturing Youth Protection Training that can be accessed via our clubs web site. All adults are required to complete this training within 2 month of joining.

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Member Signature / Date

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Parent Signature / Date

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