

Vitz-Norris Crew Award

The Vitz-Norris Challenge Award has been developed to recognize units who are delivering a high quality program to the youth they serve. Recipients of this award are those who have gone over and above the minimum requirements of the Quality Unit Award. Qualifying units are eligible to receive a 5% discount for their summer camp fees at any Crossroads of America Council summer camp. In order to qualify for the Vitz-Norris Challenge Award each unit must earn 10 points including each of the *d (mandatory) requirements. Each of the 10 requirements is worth 1 point. If you miss on requirements #9 or #10, you can still earn the Vitz-Norris Challenge by earning enough points in the bonus area to get your unit's score to 10.

<u>CRITERIA</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u> (Enter 1 or 0)
#1* Quality Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earn the Quality Unit Award and • Participate in the Venturing Leadership Skills Course 	
#2* Advancement: Have at least 1 advancement: Bronze, Gold, Silver, Quest or Ranger in the past year for every 8 Venturers registered at the start of the charter year.	
#3* Camping: 50% of Venturers participate in a super activity. (Based on unit membership on 6/30)	
#4* Program Planning: The Program Capability Inventory (PCI) and Venturing Activity Interest Survey shall be completed on a consistent basis and developed into program planning forms. The crew will conduct a minimum of two meetings or activities per month. A super activity will be conducted.	
#5* Adult Leadership: The committee meets at least nine times per year and has at least six members in addition to the Advisor and Associate Advisor.	
#6* Training: Unit leaders have completed basic training for their position and have one trained Associate Advisor.	
#7* Membership: The unit recharter with an equal or increased membership over last year's recharter.	
#8* Financial Stewardship (must do both) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participate in the annual popcorn sale including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending district kick-off/training • Participate in Take Order sale and either or both of Show and Deliver and/or Show and Sell • Based on your unit's annual budget, each Venturer has a product sales goal • Achieve sales of at least an average \$150 per registered youth member 2. Schedule and conduct a Friends of Scouting Family presentation/campaign that raises more than last year or an average of \$75 or more per family. 	
#9 Activities: Every crew participates with at least 50% of its members in 12 outings or activities during the year (in addition to "normal" Crew meetings).	
#10 Youth Leadership: Election of the five officer positions shall be conducted annually, with the Crew Officers' Briefing conducted prior to the Crew Officers' Seminar. Additional crew members are engaged as activity chairs.	
Bonus Points can be earned for Camping – Venturers can earn 10 bonus points if 60% participate in a super activity. Membership – Crews can earn 1 bonus point for having a 10% increase in membership when they recharter as compared to registered membership at the beginning of the charter year.	

****THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR RECHARTER PACKET OR NO LATER THAN MARCH 31ST****

We certify that Crew _____ of _____ District has qualified for the Vitz-Norris Crew Award:

Advisor

Committee Chair

Unit Commissioner