



**NATIONAL VENTURE
SWORD**

**QUALIFYING
CRITERIA AND
GUIDELINES FOR
COUNTY SWORD
EVENTS**

Crew size: 4 to 6 venture scouts.

Crews must participate in a County Venture Sword weekend.

Groups can enter multiple crews in County Venture Sword Events.

If two groups cannot create individual crews, they can enter a combined crew to the County Venture Sword Event.

If a Scout County fail to hold a County Venture Sword Event they may submit a combined crew, made up of at least two groups from that Scout County.

1st place crew gains automatic qualification to the National Venture Sword.

2nd place crew gains a wildcard slot.

Two wildcard crews will be selected at random to compete in the National Venture Sword.



All qualifying crews must have attended a summer camp prior to the National Venture Sword. The County Venture Sword Event can qualify as a summer camp if it is over a five-day period.

The National Venture Sword will be a lightweight camp.

All meals to be cooked on Trangia's or lightweight cooking equipment. Meals will be inspected for cooking trophy.

County Venture Sword Events should cover at least three Adventure Skills.

A large-scale pioneering project will form part of the National Venture Sword.

A social crew element (mixed crews from participating crews) will form part of the National Sword marking.

Suggestions for social crew activity: campfire sketch, campfire song, Scout Monopoly Run, Cultural Treasure Hunt, Relay Hike Race or Relay Orienteering Race.

Social crew marks will be incorporated into the overall marks.

EcoBrick Makers: Each crew to bring one completed ecobrick. Each crew to make at least one ecobrick over the course of the weekend, helping to up cycle the waste generated during the event. Additional bricks should gain additional marks. Counties ecobricks should be brought to the National Venture Sword unless the county uses the ecobricks for a local project.

The National Venture Sword is being provisionally added to the National Events Calendar for October 2019. Further information on dates, location, cost and itinerary will be provided closer to the event. Announcements about bookings and other information will be circulated through the Venture Scouts social pages and in National Mailings.

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