

**Community Mennonite Church
Job Description**

Committee/Position _____ **Venture Club Sponsor** _____

Commission _____ **Youth** _____

Mission/Purpose:

To nurture the spiritual growth of each Venture Club member by being an example of Christ's love in our interactions with the youth and with others we encounter; to encourage a sense of community and service to others by involving the youth in service projects for CMC and for the broader Harrisonburg community; to promote a sense of belonging and self-worth in each Venture Club member by encouraging involvement in each event; to develop positive relationships between sponsors and members and among members through fun activities; to widen each member's worldview by providing information about different cultures and people.

Responsibilities:

One sponsor attends Youth Commission meetings to report activities and coordinate with other youth groups. Sponsors meet in early August to plan the entire year's activities. In addition to CMC Monthly Gathering activities, one activity per month is planned. Sponsors divide up events so that one sponsor is in charge of an event. That sponsor is responsible for planning the event and communicating the details to other sponsors and Venture Club youth. Other sponsors are expected to attend events to help.

Regular Activities/Responsibilities:

January:

- Event – often snow tubing

February:

- Event – often Lock-in, may involve service project

March:

- Event – often an international meal asking a CMC member to share about an international experience.

April:

- Event for Spring – often mulching CMC or other service project

May:

- Event – often outing to Riven Rock or other outdoor hiking – Fridley Gap

June:

- Event – often a picnic at a park or swimming at Westover Park

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August:

- Sponsors meet to plan activities for the upcoming year. One sponsor will make up a welcome letter that includes goals, a roster of Venture Club youth (including parents, phone number, email, and names of sponsors), and event schedule. They distribute these to kids, church office and sponsors.

September:

- Event at retreat to kick off the year - often games to get to know new sponsors

October:

- Event – often a Fall Festival cookout at a CMC member’s farm

November:

- Event – ice skating in Charlottesville, indoor swimming, rent EMHS gym for play

December:

- Event – often service project related to Christmas – cookies for Patchwork Pantry
- Write annual report
- Carryover sponsor check with pastor for church events for the coming year to avoid when planning Venture Club activities.