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Section 1 - Vision

Leadership requires vision. It is a critical leadership task. It establishes the framework for all other leadership activities.

The first dictionary definition of a “leader” describes a primary shoot of a plant, the main artery through which the organism lives and thrives. In much the same way, organizations prosper or die as a result of their leader’s ability to define and communicate his or her vision. The leader needs to “paint the picture” of where the organization and its people are heading and why they should be proud of it.

The Venturing Leadership Skills Course introduces vision first, recognizing that it will create a foundation for the development of additional skills. The module Vision on Video was developed to help Venturers observe examples of vision on selected movies. After viewing the videos, Venturers should be led in a meaningful reflection, which includes reciting and understanding the importance of the Venturing Oath and Code. The Venturing Oath and Code remind us that before the “vision” framework is built, there must be core values in place.

To apply the leadership skill of vision in real life, the Venturers will then create a crew “vision/mission statement,” and then an individual “vision/mission statement.” The vision statements should serve as a tool and guideline for all future crew decisions and activities.