

**Earning your QS was never meant to be easy, but, understanding how it works and what you need to do is, and your Unit will have a better Program!**

**Check out the Queen's Scout Award chart on the opposite page - it really is not that complicated!**

Need more information - all Venturers, Leaders & Examiners are encouraged to attend the District/Zone Venturer Council meetings which is a great place to start your award. Also more info & activity ideas at [www.vicscouts.asn.au/Venturers](http://www.vicscouts.asn.au/Venturers).

**1. A COUPLE OF REMINDERS:**

- You receive recognition (badges, tapes) at each level, so you don't have to wait until the final QS badge;
- you choose which activity you wish to undertake;
- see your Venturer Record Book (passport) for details;
- each activity requires you to plan, with help from Leaders, and to set **PRE-DETERMINED OBJECTIVES** - just a fancy term for TARGETS;
- you need to obtain approval of your activity plan and the EXAMINER, and then you are on your way!

**2. ACTIVITIES NEED TO BE APPROVED:**

- The Venturer Record Book notes that the Award Standards Committee (ASC) manages the scheme;
- In Victoria we delegate this authority through the Regions to the District/Zone Council and then to your Unit Council; so
- Before starting, make sure you have their OK.

**3. WHO APPROVES WHAT?**

In Vic., these levels of approval apply, taking precedence over the Record Book:



**UNIT COUNCIL APPROVAL:** *they have responsibility for these activities - you need their prior approval to be able to start the activity - they will advise the D/ZVSC via a Unit report at the next meeting. (This includes 10 hrs of Service).*



**EXAMINER APPROVED BY D/ZVSC:** *if there is already a D/ZVSC approved Examiner, you only require the prior approval of the Unit Council to be able to start the activity - otherwise, D/ZVSC prior approval for Examiner & activity.*



**D/ZVSC APPROVAL REQUIRED:** *due to the number of hours for these activities and for safety reasons, you require prior approval from both the Unit Council & D/ZVSC, as well as final approval on completion (includes 20 hrs*

**Venturer Courses:** (make the course happen

by applying early and encouraging others to apply)

A range of courses is provided each year, which you need to apply for if you are interested. Details of the courses may be found on the web, as well as in your Unit's copy of the monthly issue of Interchange, and also in the annual mini calendars provided for each Venturer in the February Unit mailing each year.

**Need some assistance with QS, or anything - who are you going to call?**

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EASTERN	Maxine Gibson	9799 1012	arc.venturers.eastern@vicscouts.asn.au
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HOADLEY	Bruce Ellis	5428 3806	arc.venturers.hoadley@vicscouts.asn.au
NORTHERN	Jacki Whan	5439 3228	arc.venturers.northern@vicscouts.asn.au
NORTHWEST	Julie Fleming	5828 5251	arc.venturers.northwest@vicscouts.asn.au
STH METRO	Gary Steinhardt	9570 6519	arc.venturers.southmetro@vicscouts.asn.au
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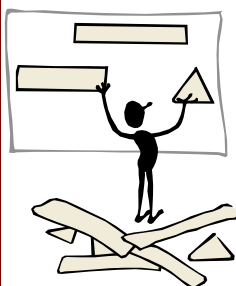
**More Help?**

Always ask your Venturer Leader or District/Zone Leaders for assistance first, because they are there to assist you.

If you still need help, try your the Assistant Region Commissioner (Venturers) - see table opposite.

They may not know everything (probably think they do), but they certainly know who can help you!

**Where do you get Unit Program and QS Ideas?**



- Having difficulty putting a program together - running out of ideas - brainstorming?
- Check the Nov. 2004 Interchange - 3 years of back copies on the web.
- Use the Program Planner - mailed to all Units in February.
- Check the info on the web - resource ideas, programs etc,
- Or, just ask for assistance at District/Zone/Region!



**Coming soon in 2005 - Cert. II for Venturers!**

*A process that uses Venturing skills & experiences for a recognised education certificate.*