

OTHER AWARDS BOY SCOUTS CAN EARN

Ideas for boys who are looking for something extra to do. Many of these awards can be the focus of monthly outings and/or a unit meeting.

Except where noted otherwise, all requirements can be found at:

<http://www.northernstarbsa.org/AdvancementAwards/BoyScout/OtherAwards.aspx>

1. HISTORIC TRAILS

1862 US-Dakota War Trail

This Trail focuses on events that caused the war and the aftermath of the War. The Trail includes visits to significant sites in and around Morton and Fairfax Minnesota associated with the war: the State Historical Society museum and historic site at the Lower Sioux Agency where the first significant fighting took place; the Birch Coulee battlefield north of Morton; the Morton monument hill; and historic Fort Ridgely near Fairfax.

L'Etoile du Nord - Trail of the North Star

Historic journey through downtown Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Fort Snelling Historic Trail

The Fort Snelling Historic Trail in Minnehaha Falls Park, Historic Fort Snelling, and along the Mississippi River is intended to familiarize hikers with important history of early Minnesota exploration by Europeans and the US Army in Minnesota.

Eagan Historic Trail

The Eagan Historical Trail is a 12.2 mile urban trail designed to educate and inform adults and youths about significant events that helped shape the City of Eagan over the past 100 + years. The trail was designed by an Eagle Scout candidate from Eagan Troop 453 working with the City of Eagan, The Eagan Parks and Recreation Department and the Eagan Historical Society. Requirements at: http://troop_453.tripod.com/eagan_historical_trail_guide.htm

Historic Trails Award

Love of America and devotion to our country depend upon a thorough appreciation of the ideals, principles, and traditions that have made our country strong. Historic Trails Award requirements emphasize cooperation between historic societies and Boy Scout, Varsity Scout and Venturing units.

Ice Age Trail (Wisconsin)

More than 12,000 years ago, an immense flow of glacial ice sculpted a landscape of remarkable beauty across Wisconsin. As the colossal glacier retreated, it left behind a variety of unique landscape features. These Ice Age remnants are now considered among the world's finest examples of how continental glaciation sculpts our planet. The **Ice Age National Scenic Trail** is a thousand-mile footpath — entirely within Wisconsin — that highlights these Ice Age landscape features while providing access to some of the state's most beautiful natural areas.

Information at:

<http://www.iceagetrail.org/>

North Country Scenic Trail

The North Country Scenic Trail is America's longest National scenic Trail, stretching 4600 miles from New York to North Dakota. It connects 7 states and 10 National Forests. The Superior Hiking Trail from Grand Marais to Duluth is a segment of the North Country Scenic Trail. Information and maps at: <http://northcountrytrail.org/>

50 Miler Award

The primary objective of this program is to stimulate Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, and Venturer interest in the ideals of the movement and to promote activity that will result in personal fitness, self-reliance, knowledge of wood lore, and a practical understanding of conservation. 50 miles of Hiking, Biking and Cycling over 5 days.
(Not technically an historic trail award but often lumped with them).

2. CITIZENSHIP

Religious Emblems

Religious emblems exist for boys of virtually all faiths. The BSA has recently stated that all units should promote religious emblems for their Scouts as avidly as they do advancement. Information at: www.praypub.org or <http://chiefblackdog.nbsa.org/ReligiousEmblems.aspx>

Congressional Award

The Congressional Award is a public private partnership created by Congress to promote and recognize achievement, initiative, and service in America's youth. The Congressional Award provides a unique opportunity for young people to set and achieve personally challenging goals that build character and foster community service, personal development, and citizenship. Information at: <http://www.congressionalaward.org/partners/bsa.php>

American Heritage Award

The United States Heritage Award was designed to give youth recognition for learning about the heritage of the United States of America, and being involved. By completing the United States Heritage Award, it is hoped greater understanding and pride of our nation will prevail. A medal and a patch can be awarded to all that successfully complete the award requirements. All requirements can be done with a unit, group, family, or individually. Information and requirements at: <http://www.nationstrails.com/awards/index.html>

James M. Stewart Good Citizenship Award

The James M. Stewart Museum has an award for Boy Scouts, The James M. Stewart Good Citizenship Award. The purpose of this award is to introduce Boy Scouts to the life of a great American, James Maitland Stewart. The Jimmy Stewart Museum is offering this award to a Boy Scout or Scouter who has exemplified the characteristics necessary to live the life of a Good Citizen. To earn the award, Scouts are required to complete the Jimmy Stewart Museum quiz, write an essay of not less than 500 words, and do a good citizenship project in their community in honor of James M. Stewart. Interested Scouts or Scouters should contact The Jimmy Stewart Museum to receive a copy of the workbook. The price of the workbook is \$6.00 which includes shipping.

Information and requirements at: <http://www.jimmy.org/scoutaward>

3. WATER SPORTS AND WATER SAFETY

BSA Lifeguard

To qualify for BSA Lifeguard, the candidate must complete the BSA Lifeguard course under the direction of either a BSA Lifeguard Counselor or a BSA Aquatics Instructor. Training is valid for three years provided First Aid and CPR/AED are kept current during that period.

BSA Snorkeling Safety

The Snorkeling, BSA requirements introduce Scout-age children and adult leaders to the special skills, equipment, and safety precautions associated with snorkeling; encourage the development of aquatics skills that promote fitness and recreation; and provide a foundation for those who later will participate in more advanced underwater activity. The BSA Snorkeling Award Patch is not worn on the scout uniform. It is worn on the left side of the swim trunks.

Kayaking BSA

Kayaking BSA provides an introduction to kayaking skills and safety procedures and serves as a program opportunity for Boy Scout, Varsity, and Venturing units in camp or out. Mastery of Kayaking BSA skills is a first critical step towards satisfying Safety Afloat guidelines for safe kayak excursions.

Mile Swim

1. Explain how regular exercise contributes to good health and why swimming is one of the best forms of exercise.
2. Tell what precautions and procedures a swimmer and escort must follow for distance swimming over open water.
3. Under the supervision of a currently qualified aquatics instructor, BSA or equivalent, participate in 4 hours of training and preparation for distance swimming (1 hour a day maximum).
4. Swim 1 mile (1,600 meters) over an approved, measured course.

The BSA Mile Swim Patch is not worn on the scout uniform. It is worn on the left side of the swim trunks.

Boardsailing BSA

This award has been developed to introduce Scout-age children to basic boardsailing skills, equipment, and safety precautions; to encourage the development of skills that promote fitness and safe aquatic recreation; and to lay a skill and knowledge foundation for those who will later participate in more advanced and demanding activities on the water. Boardsailing BSA is well suited as a program feature for older Scouts at summer camp. The Boardsailing, BSA Patch is NOT worn on the Uniform. It is worn on the left side of the swim trunks

Information and requirements at:

<http://scoutleaderawards.com/advance/boyscout/boardsailing.asp>

SCUBA BSA

Although Scuba BSA is similar to introductory scuba experiences offered by various RSTC member organizations, those programs are not substitutes for Scuba BSA. All requirements must be completed as stated on the application form. The Scuba BSA Patch is NOT worn on the Uniform. It is worn on the left side of the swim trunks.

Information and requirements at: <http://scoutleaderawards.com/advance/docs/ScubaBSA.pdf>

4. OUTDOORS & PERSONAL FITNESS

National Outdoor Badges (Formerly National Camping Award)

Do you enjoy camping under the stars, rafting a whitewater river, or hitting the trail afoot, on a bike, or even on a horse? Can you pitch a tent, find your way, and bandage an ankle using only materials in your pack? Are you prepared to do any of these in rain, snow, sleet, or heat? If so, the National Outdoor Awards are for you. There is nothing virtual about these awards: you can earn them only by demonstrating knowledge and experience in the outdoors.

Paul Bunyan Woodsmen Award

This Award is meant for Boy Scouts. A scout that has earned his Totin & Chip can demonstrate advanced woodsman skills by teaching Totin & Chip skills to other scouts and completing a woodsman work project.

Zero Hero Award

Available to Scouts, Venturers, and Scouters

During a 24 hour period of a campout, each of the following must occur:

1. The temperature must fall below ZERO degrees Fahrenheit.
2. The individual must sleep outdoors in a temporary shelter (tent, lean-to, or snow shelter) from taps to reveille.
3. No heat except campfire is allowed.
4. Cook outdoors over a campfire of wood or charcoal at least two meals by patrol or individually.
5. The campout must be a scheduled activity of the unit.

Patches for this award are available at the North Wind or Snow Base camp trading posts.

Emergency Preparedness Award

"Emergency preparedness" means being ready for all kinds of emergencies. It means you're ready and able to help in times of trouble to save lives and property and to help a community -or even a nation- get back to normal after a disaster happens.

To encourage Scouts of all ages to be prepared for emergencies, the BSA has approved an Emergency Preparedness Award program for members of all ages.

Information at:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/Publications/EmergencyPreparedness.aspx>

SCOUTStrong Presidential Active Lifestyle Award

This challenge is for everyone associated with the Boy Scouts of America, including Scouts, Venturers, Parents, Volunteers, Council Staff, Board Members, Friends of Scouting, and BSA Alumni. To earn the SCOUTStrong PALA Challenge Award, you are required to meet a daily activity goal of 30 minutes a day for adults and 60 minutes a day for kids under 18 for at least five days a week, for six out of eight weeks. Stick with the program and you'll earn an award in less than two months.

Information at:

<http://www.scouting.org/SCOUTStrongPALA.aspx>

5. ENVIRONMENTAL

World Conservation Award

You can earn this award by earning the following merit badges:

1. Environmental Science merit badge
2. Either Soil and Water Conservation OR Fish and Wildlife Management merit badge
3. Citizenship in the World merit badge

Conservation Good Turn

The Conservation Good Turn is an opportunity for Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Varsity Scout teams, and Venturing crews to join with conservation or environmental organizations (federal, state, local, or private) to carry out conservation Good Turn in their home communities.

Leave No Trace Award

Instilling values in young people and preparing them to make ethical choices throughout their lifetime is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America. Leave No Trace helps reinforce that mission, and reminds us to respect the rights of other users of the outdoors as well as future generations.

Hornaday Awards

Hornaday Awards are available for youth and adults in Scouting for significant conservation service. Only a small percentage of Scouts who become Eagles earn the Hornaday Badge or a Hornaday Medal. The Council Conservation Committee wants to help more Eagles become Hornaday Eagles. An Eagle project, with some extra work and documentation, can be used for the Hornaday Award.

Information and requirements + workbook at:

<http://www.northernstarbsa.org/Forms/AdvAwards/HornadayAwardGuidebook.pdf>

6. INTERNATIONAL

International Scouting Activities

This temporary emblem is worn by Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, and Scouters who participate in an international activity or program as defined by the Northern Star Council. The International Division suggests that at least four out of nine criteria be completed before the insignia is worn. Information at:

<http://www.northernstarbsa.org/ActivitiesCivicService/International/InterActEmblem.aspx>

International Youth Exchange Emblem

Earned by participating in a Scouting exchange group activity. The exchange group must complete all requirements to qualify for recognition. Each individual in the group must complete all requirements to qualify. Certification of an individual for the International Youth Exchange emblem is the responsibility of the unit leader or a designated representative. The 3-inch International Youth Exchange emblem is worn centered on the right pocket of the uniform shirt. It is a temporary emblem awarded to individuals who complete the requirements at:

<http://scoutleaderawards.com/advance/IntYouthExch.asp>

7. OTHER.

Interpreter Strips

Boys and adults may wear this strip if they show their knowledge of a foreign language or the sign language for the hearing impaired.

New Recruiter Award

Boy Scouts can earn a colorful recruiter patch simply by inviting a friend to join their troop. Ask for the recruiter patch at your council service center when you turn in the new membership application.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award was launched in the United Kingdom in 1956 by Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh (husband of Queen Elizabeth II) at the instigation of Kurt Hahn, the educational pioneer and founding headmaster of Gordonstoun School. The Award is a programme of leisure-time activities available to all young people between the ages of 14 and 25. It provides a journey of personal discovery - an adventure challenging the whole individual, regardless of gender, colour, creed or ability. The programme is designed to encourage personal discovery, self-reliance, commitment, responsibility and service to the community. There are three separate attainment levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold.

Information and requirements at:

<http://www.royal.gov.uk/ThecurrentRoyalFamily/TheEarlofWessex/TheDukeofEdinburghsAward.aspx>

Ready and Prepared Unit Award

The BSA Ready & Prepared Award was developed to encourage and reward Boy Scout troops, Varsity Scout teams, and Venturing crews that incorporate safe practices while enjoying challenging activities. The award acknowledges the common sense and judgment, founded on knowledge and training, used to incorporate risk management into a unit's decision-making process. It recognizes that the more responsibility individual members take for their personal health and safety, the more everyone contributes to a successful activity. Earning the award helps units focus on areas in which emphasizing risk management can help reduce fatalities and serious injury.

Information and requirements at:

<http://scoutleaderawards.com/advance/ready-prepared.asp>

National Honor Patrol Award

To encourage patrols to have identity, spirit, be active, to do Good Turns and service projects, complete rank advancement, wear the uniform, be organized, participate with the troop, and grow; requirements found in the *Patrol Record Book*.

Information and requirements at:

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/boyscouts/pdf/512-021_WB.pdf