HIGH ADVENTURE AWARDS

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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS
FOR SCOUTS & VENTURERS

INTRODUCTION

These General Requirements are an integral part of the Requirements for all High Adventure Awards obtained through the High Adventure Team. Specific requirements are included with the specific awards, i.e. distances, hiking hours, conservation hours, conditioning requirements, etc.

1. CHANGES OR EXCEPTIONS

Requests for changes, exceptions, modifications, or waivers of requirements for High Adventure Awards shall be made in writing, in advance of the planned activity, to the High Adventure Team of the council sponsoring the award. No other organization or individual is authorized to change requirements.

2. AWARDS MUST BE EARNED

Awards shall only be awarded to individuals who have completed all requirements. They shall not be given for assistance rendered or as a consolation prize. It is recommended that leaders and participants review referenced Trek Aids for more current and complete information.

3. RECIPIENTS MUST BE REGISTERED MEMBERS

Only currently registered members of the Boy Scouts of America, or other youth organizations, are eligible to receive High Adventure Awards.

4. ONE TRIP/ONE AWARD

In general, only one award may be earned on one outing, unless stated in writing in the award requirements. Example: The San Diego-Imperial Council “High Sierra Indicator Segments” and the Western Los Angeles County Council “14,495 Club Mt. Whitney Climb” may be earned with other awards as part of a long-term backpack trek.

5. SCHEDULED OUTINGS

Awards may be earned only on scheduled outings of registered units or district or council functions.

6. HIGH ADVENTURE TRAINED ADULT LEADER REQUIRED

At least two adult leaders, one of whom must be age 21 or older, are required for all outings. To earn High Adventure Awards, there shall be at least one adult leader, currently certified by the High Adventure Team as having completed the prescribed training, in attendance throughout the outing.

7. MUST CARRY ALL EQUIPMENT, FOOD AND WATER

Scouts and Scouters shall carry all of their equipment, food and water plus their share of group equipment on the outing. The use of motorized or mechanized equipment or pack animals disqualifies all users. This also applies to riverine outings and forbids a tow by power craft. Resupply may be permitted for backpacking treks of eight days or more, and permission should be obtained in advance of the outing.
8. SCHEDULED BACKPACK TIME

Scheduled backpack time is defined as “that time actually backpacking on the planned route.” It does not include side trips, day hikes, fishing, etc. Scheduled backpack time is used as a more equitable method of determining qualifying effort in the mountains or rough terrain. The general formula is two miles per hour of backpacking plus one hour for every 1,000 feet of elevation gain. For example: A 15- mile backpack equals 7-1/2 hours of scheduled backpack time. If the trek also climbed from 9,000 to 10,000 feet in elevation, an allowance of one hour would be added, making a total of 8-1/2 hours of schedule backpack time.

9. FAMILIARITY WITH TREK AIDS AND HIKE AIDS

Outing leaders, youth and adult, should be familiar with San Diego-Imperial Council Trek Aids, and Greater Los Angeles Area Council Hike Aids. For cycling activities be familiar with the Orange County Council Bike Aid.

10. HIGH ADVENTURE AWARD FORM

The council High Adventure Award Form must be completed, including the names of all those qualifying for the award, before submission to the Scout Service Center. The form is used for all applicable awards, including National and other Councils. Any Council Award Form will be recognized by other Councils with High Adventure Teams.
CHAPTER 1
High Adventure Awards of Orange County Council
Updated August 7, 2019

TOP ROPING HONOR AWARD

This award was developed and sponsored by Troops 636 and 1210 of Rancho Santa Margarita, CA (Orange County) and honors our own Bron Draganov, Steve Parker and Dennis Crockett…all aging climbers from their youth who first took Scouts climbing in Joshua Tree National Park when the Climbing Merit Badge debuted in 1997.

Also honored are those Southern California area Scouters who were instrumental in getting climbing programs going in their respective councils and beyond: Mel Krone…AKA “Majorjarhead”, David Crockett, Rod Myers (Ventura).…Steve Dodson (Greater Los Angeles)…Gary McGinley, Paul D’Amore, Terry Amundson (Orange County)…Wally Clack, Bob Parks, Steve Schell (San Diego Imperial)…Paul “Three Wraps” Espinoza (California Inland Empire). *

Requirements:

1. Participate in 3 separate unit climbing outings in Joshua Tree National Park (JTNP). Follow all current Boy Scouts of America “Climb on Safely” Guidelines.

2. During the third climbing outing, function as a “helper” to the adult climbing instructors such as helping set up anchors and climbing routes, instructing younger Scouts in proper climbing, belaying and rappelling technique, teaching climbing knots and rope coil to younger Scouts etc., all under the supervision of the adult climbing instructors. These are guidelines and the exact job description is left to the discretion of the on-site adult climbing instructors.

3. Earn the Climbing Merit Badge or complete the Mountaineering Award (Ranger Award elective) requirements.

4. Adult leaders may use climbing certification outings in JTNP to count for this award, and are exempt from requirement 3.

*Scouters are encouraged to contact Dennis Crockett at doctorscoutmaster@gmail.com for any other individuals that should be recognized here.
CHAPTER 2
High Adventure Awards of California Inland Empire Council
Updated January 31, 2019

COLORADO RIVER 50-MILER

Requirements:

Available to any registered member of the Boy Scouts of America who travel any 50 mile stretch of the Colorado River in a canoe, unpowered boat, raft or other inflatable.

1. Unit must have a properly approved Tour Permit.

2. Follow normal procedures for B.S.A. aquatic activities, including safety afloat.

3. Comply with the General Requirements.

DE ANZA TRAIL

Requirements:

1. Complete one or more backpacks from (a) or (b):
   a. Between the first crossing of Coyote Creek north of Borrego Springs to the location of a former corral over a mile north of the top of climb, north of the Turkey Tracks, camping for the night at the Middle Willows. Backpack may be made in either direction.
   b. Make two backpacks on separate weekends:
      (1) From the first crossing of Coyote Creek north of Borrego Springs to the Middle Willows, Camping for the night at the Middle Willows and returning to Borrego Springs.
      (2) From the former corral over a mile north of the climb, north of the Turkey Tracks, to the Middle Willows, camping there for the night and returning to the former corral.

2. Chemical fuel stoves shall be used. Open fires and fuel gathering are strictly prohibited in the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.

3. Comply with the General Requirements.
MT. BADEN-POWELL

Requirements:

1. Comply with the General Requirements.

2. Climb to the peak of Mt. Baden-Powell (9,399 ft.)

INFORMATION

1. This award can be earned by B.S.A. units and their members including Webelos. This hike is NOT RECOMMENDED for Cubs.

2. This award can be earned alone, or with other awards where you may plan a climb of Mt. Baden-Powell.

3. Summer is the best time for this trip. The trail is closed during the Winter months, usually from November to June.

4. Carry your drinking water for the hike from home. There is no dependable source at the trailhead or on the trail.

LOCATION

A trail is located at Vincent Gap. From I-10 and I-215 proceed north on I-215, 22 miles to Cajon Junction, take Hwy. 138, then Hwy 2 (West) 19.5 miles to Vincent Gap.

TRAIL

The Vincent Gap Trail is the most direct to the Peak. It ascends 2,800 ft. in a series of 41 switchbacks, 4 miles to the Peak. In places it is steep and dangerous. NOTE that great care should be taken not to leave the trail or dislodge rocks which could injure hikers below or destroy the trail by cutting switchbacks.

WEEKEND CANOEING

Purpose: To provide an incentive for troops to undertake canoe trips leading up to a Fifty-miler, or the River Rat Award, or other long term canoe trips.

Location: Any waterway permitting an overnight trip of sufficient duration afloat.

Distance & Duration: An overnight canoe trip to a waterside campsite of approximately 6-7 hours afloat. Distances can vary depending on current, and wind conditions, etc.

Requirements:

Same as for Council Weekend Hiking awards, plus, each canoer must have passed First Class Swimming, be able to exit and enter a canoe from water, and have a knowledge of the basic canoe strokes and handling techniques.

References: Canoeing Merit Badge Pamphlet and San Diego Council High Adventure Aid #1 "Canoeing the Colorado River".

FIG. 2-3
MT. BADEN-POWELL
2" x 2"

FIG. 2-4
WEEKEND CANOEING
2" x 2½"
9 PEAKS HONOR AWARD

The 9 Peaks Award is an honor award for youth and their leaders who display exemplary conduct and meet the high standards of Scouting Spirit and Team Work. Scouts must be at least First Class or above. This is a strenuous trip. It is recommended that at least four days and three nights be allowed for completion. The leader should be confident that all Scouts and adults are fit and ready. For information on possible approach and descent routes, water sources, and seasonal considerations consult the CIEC 9 Peaks Award Booklet.

Requirements:

1. Comply with the General Requirements.

2. At least one adult going on the trip must have completed the Council Basic Backpack Awareness Course and one adult going on the trip must hold a current Red Cross Standard First Aid Card or higher.

3. All individuals starting this award must have two Training Hike Awards and one Weekend Backpack Award, e.g., Hike in National Forest.

4. Complete a mandatory shakedown backpack of a minimum two nights (no exceptions), carrying a full pack.
   a. Must be at least 15 miles with full pack.
   b. At least 6 miles of hike must be over 9,000’.
   c. This trip must be done less than one month before the 9-Peaks Backpack.

5. Hike to the top of San Gorgonio and spend the night.

6. Climb the "Nine Peaks" of the San Gorgonio Massif in the following order: San Gorgonio (11,502’), Jepson (11,201’), Little Charlton (10,676’), Charlton (10,815’), Alta Diablo (10,430’), Shield’s (10,701’), Anderson (10,864’), San Bernardino East (10,691’), and San Bernardino (10,624’). The trip may be done from San Bernardino peak to San Gorgonio peak if desired. There is no maximum time for the trip. However, it must be done as a single trip with no resupply.

7. On each peak inspect the peak box. Replenish pad of paper and pen as necessary. Carry at least two pads and pens. If any boxes are missing or damaged beyond usability, send a written report to the CIEC H.A.T.

8. Have award application approved by unit’s local Council H.A.T.
MT SAN BERNARDINO PEAK

Requirements:

1. Comply with the General Requirements.

2. An adult leader (21 or older) going on the hike must have completed the Council Basic Backpack course. Also, an adult must have a current Standard First Aid Card.

3. All members going on hike must have completed two overnight training hikes with one of them having an overnight camp above 8,000 ft. elevation.

4. Each individual must carry their food and equipment for a minimum of 7 hrs. Compute hrs. as follows: 1 hr. for each 1000 ft. of elevation gain plus 1 hr. for every two miles hiked.

5. Each individual must make an overnight camp in the Wilderness Area and reach the Peak to qualify for the award.

6. A minimum of 30 minutes per person conservation work, such as trail/campsite cleanup or trail/campsite repair is required. Any trail or campsite repair work is to be approved by the Dept. of Forestry.

7. Participants should have read Los Angeles Council Hike Aids 1 & 2 (most current edition).

8. Obtain a Tour Permit prior to trip. A Wilderness permit is required from Mill Creek Forestry Station.

HELPFUL NOTES:

If individuals on this hike already have this award, the Weekend Hike in a National Forest Award can be earned. The hours hiked have to be completed, but the Peak climb is not necessary to earn this award.

The two main trail heads are Forsee Creek and Camp Angelus. Both have good parking. If Camp Angelus trailhead is used, this peak will give you a "C" peak for the Peak Bagger Award. Of the two, Forsee Creek Trail is shorter and slightly easier. There are Wilderness Camp areas off of each of the trails mentioned above that will allow you to complete the required hiking hours. They both offer a place to camp with water (short hike from camp) and a base to hike the peak with only a "day" pack. The camps are: Limber Pines Bench along the Camp Angelus Trail and Trail Forks Springs along the Forsee Creek Trail.
HARD BACK AWARD

Requirements:

1. The purpose of this award is to encourage Scouts to learn and use Scouting Skills, rather than accept an easier way. Reference material will be found in the Scout Handbook (CAMPING SKILL AWARD).

2. Certify, that while Scout Camping, the following have completed the requirements and are eligible to receive the “Hardback Award”.

3. Pitch, or help partner pitch, the tent you will sleep in.

4. Prepare and use the COMFORTABLE GROUND bed as shown in the Scout Handbook. Use of cot, mattress, etc., borrowed from camp or use of wooden platform disqualifies a Scout.

5. A Scout is encouraged to carry his own air mattress, ground cloth, etc. and use them on this campout and others.

6. Sleep in your own gear for at least five (5) nights, they do not need to be consecutive.

7. Unit Leaders: List Troop Number, District, Council, Number of Patches requested, Names of Scouts to receive patch. Sign form and submit to the High Adventure Team.

PENGUIN CLUB

The patch is available through your local Council Headquarters for any Webelos, Scout, or Scouter who meets the following

Requirements:

1. Comply with the General Requirements and file a Local Tour Permit two weeks prior to the overnight campout.

2. Patch is earned by camping overnight in one of the local Council Camps: Emerson or Helendale.

3. The campout must be in snow and the unit may use tents or erect temporary shelters. NO CABINS.

4. As a Scout, this patch may be worn on the right pocket of uniform shirt as a temporary patch.

5. At least one adult should be qualified in Basic First-Aid and carry a first-aid kit.

6. It is recommended that at least one adult have training in winter camping prior to the campout.

7. Notify Camp Ranger as you are entering and leaving camp.

8. Carry out all of your trash as directed by Camp Staff. Webelos may earn this award at Council Klondikes only.

9. The boys must also do the preparations NOT the parents. Due to National Policies this award is not available to boys registered as Tigers, Wolves, or Bears.
SOARING AWARD

The BSA Flying Permit Application and the parental Consent for Aviation Flight do not replace the regular Tour Permit and Permission Slip. Both of these forms must be filled out in addition to the Tour Permit and securing Permission Slips for each Scout.

Requirements:

1. Watch the video, "Soaring ... Harmony With the Wind".

2. Watch one of the following videos:
   a. The Quiet Challenge.
   b. Running On Empty.

NOTE: These videos are available to be checked out from the Inland Empire Council, 1230 Indiana Court, Redlands, CA. 92374, your local Council, OR by contacting and purchasing from the Soaring Society of America, P.O. Box E, Hobbs, NM 88241 (505) 392-1177.

3. Take an orientation or instructional flight in a sailplane with a licensed glider pilot or flight instructor. Contact the SSA at the address above, or the SSA Governor for California at (714) 734-3056 to find the nearest soaring site.

4. Know and understand the three primary sources of lift:
   a. Thermal lift
   b. Ridge lift
   c. Wave lift.

5. Write a report telling how a sailplane pilot would use these sources of lift to keep his or her aircraft aloft.

6. Comply with all applicable HAT GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

NOTE: A Flying Permit Application (BSA Form 10-118) must be filed before completing requirement #3. Also, a BSA Consent for Aviation Flight (Parental permission slip) must be obtained for each scout. The sailplane used must have an FAA Standard Airworthiness Certificate.

INFORMATION

1. Late Spring, Summer, and early fall are ideal times to schedule an orientation flight.

2. Attempt to arrange takeoff times between 11 am and 5 pm to take advantage of the most "soarable" part of the day.

3. Books and other information about soaring may be obtained from the SSA (address above), and most soaring sites.
MT. SAN ANTONIO PEAK AWARD

Mt. San Antonio is often called "OLD BALDY" or "MT. BALDY". This award requires three separate hikes of 10 to 16 miles each and includes climbing at least three peaks over 8000'. All participants should carry proper equipment and be physically fit.

Requirements:

1. Comply with the GENERAL REQUIREMENTS during all three outings required for this award.

2. At least one of the adult leaders participating in this peak climb must have completed the Basic Backpack Awareness course and one must hold a current Red Cross First Aid Card.

3. Within 1 year prior to climbing Mt. San Antonio, each applicant must have completed any TWO of the following to qualify.
   a. A ten-mile conditioning hike at elevations over 7,000'
   b. Climb one of the following peaks:
      - TELEGRAPH PEAK (8,985')
      - TIMBER MT. (8,303')
      - ONTARIO PEAK (8,693')
      - MT BADEN-POWELL (9,399')
      - BIG HORN PEAK (8,441')
      - CUCAMONGA PEAK (8,859')
   c. Earn one of the following:
      - SAN BERNARDINO PEAK AWARD (10,649')
      - SAN JACINTO PEAK AWARD (10,804')
      - SAN GORGONIO PEAK AWARD (10,804')
      - THREE "T" TRAIL AWARD
      - NINE PEAKS AWARD

4. At least two (2) weeks prior to climbing SAN ANTONIO PEAK (MT. BALDY), the adult leader must submit to the local High Adventure Backpack Team a backpack application including hike profile, itinerary and list of qualified participants. Attached to the application must be the profiles, itinerary, dates of completion, and a list of participants from the TWO QUALIFYING conditioning hikes, peak climbs, or awards.

5. Each participant must complete 1 hour of conservation work in the National Forest prior, during or subsequent to climbing San Antonio Peak. All trail maintenance work must have prior approval from the U.S.F.S. or a B.S.A. Trail Boss.

6. Upon completion of the above requirements, file an award application with your local High Adventure Team listing names of participants, dates of hikes, and include a report on the area and type of conservation work completed.
SAN BERNARDINO TRAILS AWARD AND SEGMENTS

The SAN BERNARDINO TRAILS AWARD has been developed to encourage Scout units to experience backpacking and exploring throughout the San Bernardino National Forest area and to encourage wise use and proper maintenance of the trails and campsites within the National Forest.

The San Bernardino National Forest ranges from the east slopes of Mt. Baldy in the San Gabriel Mountains through the high valleys of the San Bernardinos, up the rugged peaks of the San Gorgonio and San Jacinto Wilderness areas to the desert slopes of the Santa Rosa Mountains.

This award consists of a main patch and a series of segments which allow the unit many options as to the trails and trail camps which may be explored. Each segment requires an overnight backpack outing of at least five (5) scheduled hours.

John Robinson’s "SAN BERNARDINO MOUNTAIN TRAILS" is referenced for appropriate hikes in each segment area. Current USGS topographic maps should be consulted for trail details.

Requirements:

1. Comply with the GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

2. Obtain a Local Tour permit from your council. Obtain required Fire Permit and Wilderness Permit. Comply with all USFS and State Park regulations.

3. Complete a backpack application with a roster of participants, menus, itinerary, and trail profile. Submit the completed form to your council H.A.T. for approval at least two weeks prior to the outing.

4. At least one of the required two adult leaders participating on the outing must have completed the basic backpack awareness course and hold a current Red Cross First Aid Certificate.

5. Each participant shall carry a backpack containing all his personal gear and a share of the unit equipment and food for a minimum of five (5) scheduled backpack hours and sleep at least one (1) night in a backcountry trail camp in one of the listed segment areas. (1 backpack hour = 2 miles or 1000 feet in elevation gain).

6. Each participant must work on a good turn project within the National Forest for each trail segment earned. Projects involving trail repair and maintenance require the supervision of a Trail Boss or Forest Ranger.

7. After completing a weekend outing in one of the listed areas, the unit leader shall file an Award Application and a hike report listing all participants who earned this award and/or segment. (A three-day, two-night backpack of 10 or more backpack hours through two adjacent areas may earn both segments).
SAN BERNARDINO SEGMENTS:

CUCAMONGA

Hike into the heart of the eastern Cucamonga Wilderness through scenic Middle Fork Lytle Creek. Use Commanche trail camp to rest before a climb to Cucamonga Peak or visit the western boundary of the San Bernardino Forest at Ice House Saddle. Wilderness permits may be obtained at Lytle Creek Ranger Station. Review Robinson's "Trails Of The Angeles", hike 99.

BIG BEAR

The hikes around Big Bear Lake will take you from the deep, stream-side canyons of Siberia or Deep creeks to the high mountain woodland of historic Holcomb Valley. Trail camps are at Siberia, Fishermans, Holcomb Crossing or Tanglewood. Read Robinson's "SAN BERNARDINO TRAILS" hikes 13 to 24, 30 & 33.

HEART BAR

From Sugarloaf Mountain to the Aspen groves of Fish Creek, the area around the headwaters of the Santa Ana River will offer a variety of high mountain hiking. Camp are at Wildhorse Meadow, Fish Creek or visit the high country home of the Nelson Big Horn sheep at Mineshaft Flats or North Fork Meadows. Plan your trek using Robinson's hikes 32, 34 to 36 & 44. Obtain your Wilderness Permit at Big Bear or Mill Creek Ranger Station.

GREYBACK

Whether you climb from Poopout Hill, Forsee Creek or Camp Angeles, you will have many opportunities to explore the varied slopes and valleys of "Old Greyback" (Mt. San Gorgonio). Take your choice of the many camps which offer cool springs and alpine forests. Wilderness permits are at Mill Creek Ranger Station. Review Robinson's hikes 39 to 43 & 45 to 47.

MILL CREEK

Climb one of the historic 100 year-old trails leading from the fault line gorge of Mill Creek up the south slope of Mt. San Gorgonio and explore the hanging valleys of Alger and Vivian Creek. Pleasant trail camps include Alger Creek, Dobbs, Plummer Meadows, and High Creek. Refer to Robinson's hikes 48 to 52. Obtain your Wilderness permit at Mill Creek Ranger Station.

SAN JACINTO

The summit country surrounding San Jacinto Peak offers a variety of approaches through boulder strewn ridges and alpine wilderness. High valleys and meadows at Round Valley, Tamarack and Little Round Valley offer trail camps near water. Study Robinson's hikes 67 to 72 and 74 to 78. Obtain your Wilderness permit at Idyllwild Ranger Station.

TAHQUITZ

Climb up Devil's Slide past Tahquitz Peak into the high country of forest and lush meadows of Tahquitz Valley. Follow Tahquitz Creek to the eastern precipice of the San Jacintos overlooking the Palm Springs Desert. Visit one of the trail camps in Tahquitz Valley or journey to Willow Creek, Laws or Caramba. Review Robinson's hikes 73, 75, 79 to 81, 84 and 85.

DESERT DIVIDE

The southernmost area of the San Bernardino National Forest extends to the Santa Rosa Mountains. Experience hikes from "pines to palms" along the Desert Divide Trail or down Apple, Palm or Horsethief Canyons. Hidden springs will refresh you at Live Oak, Aqua Bonito and Horsethief trail camps. To plan your trek through the home of the Desert Big Horn Sheep, consult Robinson's hikes 86 to 99.
SAN GABRIEL TRAILS AWARD AND SEGMENTS

The SAN GABRIEL TRAILS AWARD has been developed to encourage Scout units to experience backpacking and exploring throughout the San Gabriel Mountain area and to encourage wise use and proper maintenance of the trails and campsites within the Angeles National Forest.

This award consists of a main patch and a series of segments which allow the unit many options as to the trails and trail camps which may be explored. Each segment requires an overnight backpack outing of at least five (5) scheduled hours.

John Robinson’s "TRAILS OF THE ANGELES" is referenced for appropriate hikes in each segment area. Current USGS topographic maps should be consulted for trail details.

Requirements:

1. Comply with the GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

2. Obtain a Local Tour permit from your council.

3. Obtain required Fire Permit and Wilderness Permit. Check in and out with local USFS or State Park Ranger when possible. Comply with all USFS and State Park regulations.

4. Complete a backpack application with a roster of participants, menus, itinerary, and trail profile. Submit the completed form to your council H.A.T. for approval at least two weeks prior to the outing.

5. At least one of the required two adult leaders participating on the outing must have completed the basic backpack awareness course and hold a current Red Cross First Aid Certificate.

6. Each participant shall carry a backpack containing all his personal gear and a share of the unit equipment and food for a minimum of five (5) scheduled backpack hours and sleep at least one (1) night in a backcountry trail camp in one of the listed segment areas. (1 backpack hour = 2 miles or 1000 feet in elevation gain).

7. Each participant must work on a good turn project within the National Forest for each trail segment earned. Projects involving trail repair and maintenance require the supervision of a Trail Boss or Forest Ranger.

8. After completing a weekend outing in one of the listed areas, the unit leader shall file an Award Application and a hike report listing all participants who earned this award and/or segment. (A three-day, two-night backpack of 10 or more backpack hours through two adjacent areas may earn both segments).
SAN GABRIEL TRAILS AWARD SEGMENTS

BEAR CREEK

The trail along Bear Creek penetrates the rugged San Gabriel Wilderness. Recommended trail head starts at Highway 39 below Coldbrook Campground and terminates at the west fork of the San Gabriel River. The lower trail has many stream crossings and is heavily covered by poison oak. Trail camps are Bear Creek and Lower Bear Creek. A side trip for a peak climb is at Smith Mountain. Wilderness permits may be obtained at Glendora Ranger Station. Reference Robinson's hikes 73 & 74.

BUCKHORN

Buckhorn and Cooper Canyon were once campgrounds of the Shoshone Indians and later served as hunting camps for early settlers. The suggested trek is from Cloudburst Summit through Cooper Canyon to Mt. Williams. Use of the trail camp at Cooper Canyon is convenient for exploring the San Gabriel Mountain backcountry. Review Robinson's hike 60 through 66.

CUCAMONGA

This trek takes you into the western side of the rugged Cucamonga Wilderness. Access is from the trail head at Ice House Canyon above Mt. Baldy Village or from Baldy Notch. A wilderness permit may be obtained at Mt. Baldy Ranger Station. The trail camp at Kelly's offers a base for side hikes to any of the high peaks, offering impressive views of the area. Consult Robinson's hikes 96 through 99.

EAST FORK

Follow the valley of the east fork of the San Gabriel River from Vincent Gap to East Fork Ranger Station for a trip that offers adventure and isolation. Once a hunting ground for local Indians, the lower canyon has become a haven for weekend gold prospectors. Good trails take you to Mine Gulch Camp in the shadow of Mt. Baden-Powell, but the middle section to Bridge-to-Nowhere requires cross-country skills. Start at either end of the canyon. Wilderness permit is obtained at Big Pines or East Fork Ranger Stations. See Robinson's hikes 84 to 88.

LITTLE JIMMY

Sheltered on the north slope of Mt. Islip, Little Jimmy is accessible from Islip Saddle, Crystal Lake or Vincent Gap via the Pacific Coast Trail (PCT). Several peaks nearby provide challenging side hikes with panoramas of the San Gabrieles. Good water is at Little Jimmy Springs. Refer to Robinson's hikes 76 to 81.

MT. LOWE

Featuring the front range of the San Gabrieles and scenic Eaton Canyon areas, Mt. Lowe also offers a trip into the historic past of the front range. Many of the access trails leading up from Altadena require steep climbs on exposed slopes. Trail camps at Mt. Lowe and Idlehour offer year-round water. A trek through Henninger Flats Forestry Station is worthwhile. Review Robinson's hikes 19 to 33.

SANTA ANITA CANYON

A major portion of the Gabrielino Trail traverses this canyon. The Gabrielino Indians once migrated into these mountains gathering food. Sturtevant Falls in the lower canyon is worth the visit. Access to the area is from Chantry Flats or Red Box, with trail camps at Hogees, Spruce Grove or Devore. See Robinson's hikes 39 to 47 and 49 to 52.

SWITZER FALLS

The Commodore Switzer Trail Camp and Switzer Falls were once two of the most popular areas during the “great hiking era” of the San Gabrieles. Trails that access the area follow Arroyo Seco and Bear Canyons. Trail camps are at Switzer, Bear Canyon and Oakwilde. Water generally is available. Consult Robinson's hikes 15 to 18 and 33.
HOME TOWN HISTORIC SITES

The Home Town Historic Sites Award is designed to promote awareness of local community history. The Award may be earned by Cubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or Adult Leaders as an individual or unit Activity.

Requirements:

1. Comply with all applicable GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

2. Contact a HAT member or your local community historical society for suggestions on appropriate sites to visit. Upon completion of all requirements, file an award application with your local HAT or Council Office, OR mail to ADVENTURE AWARDS, 23419 E, mane Dr., Diamond Bar, CA. 91765.

3. Prepare a listing of local historical sites in or near your community which are of interest to your unit.

4. Plan and complete a hike of at least five (5) miles on foot or fifteen (15) miles by bicycle which includes a visit to at least five (5) of the historic sites on your list.

5. Prepare a written hike/trek report including: date of hike, names of participants, equipment carried, route description, and a brief description of the historic sites visited. Submit a copy of the report with your awards application.
BOY SCOUT CYCLING AWARDS

These awards are designed to promote the enjoyment of bicycling. It should be planned as a Boy Scout activity. Only registered Boy Scouts and Adult Leaders may qualify for this award.

Requirements:

1. Before the first bicycle ride, meet requirements 1 and 4 of the Cycling Merit Badge. These requirements address proper adjustment of the bicycle and how to repair a flat. Additionally, be sure the bicycle meets local laws.

2. For both ride, each boy should have access to the following equipment:
   a. Patch kit or extra inner tube.
   b. Tire lever for removing the tire from rim;
   c. A tire pump.

3. Cyclists must have taken a day training ride of at least 15 miles before the award ride.

4. The cyclist must complete this award ride within a day by riding at least 25 miles. (The two rides can be done on successive days if the leader feels the boys have the ability).

5. Each ride should be done for enjoyment, so stopping at points of interest is encouraged. Water and lunches are recommended.

6. There must be at least two (2) adults on every ride. Riding group must have at least one registered scouter and at least one adult with a current First Aid Card. The adult Scouter may also be the First Aid card carrier. (Remember, if adults wish to qualify for the award, they must also be Registered Scouters).

7. Leader must carry parent release (emergency consent) for each Boy Scout which specifies the outing and date covered, and must have a completed Tour Permit turned into the Council office.

8. It is highly recommended that each rider wear a safety helmet.

9. It is highly recommended that the riding group use Class I bikeways. Class I bikeways, also referred to as "bike trails" or "bike paths", are routes that do not follow any previously established right-of-way. Ideally, they are constructed exclusively for use by cyclists and offer the most pleasant recreational riding.

10. For any ride using automobile roads, a backpack application with a map showing proposed route must be turned into the local H.A.T. representative for approval prior to the ride in order to receive the award. Additionally, a "trail" car must be used when using automobile roads.

AWARDS:

The first award (25) is earned when the above requirements are met. A second award (25, 25) is earned when requirement 4 is completed a SECOND time. A third award (25, 25, 50) is earned when requirement 4 is completed a THIRD time with a ride of at least 50 miles within one day. For the second and third awards, only requirement 3 does NOT have to be repeated.
3-T'S TRAIL AWARD

The 3-T's Trail leads through the primitive Cucamonga Wilderness from Ice House Saddle to Baldy Notch. The trail features vistas of the rugged high country and Cajon Pass areas.

The 3-T's Trail is accessed from either the Chapman Trail leading up from Ice House Canyon or from Baldy Notch Service Road at Manaker Flats.

The hike requires a 2 mile car shuttle. Plan to carry at least three (3) quarts of water per person, as there is no water available on the trail. Water is available at Cedar or Columbine Springs in Ice House Canyon or at the Baldy Notch Ski Lodge.

Requirements:

1. Comply with GENERAL REQUIREMENTS. Obtain a Tour Permit from your local BSA Council Office.

2. Secure a Wilderness Permit at Mt. Baldy Ranger Station. Open Friday - Sunday, 8 am - 4 pm. Telephone: (714) 982-2829.

3. Complete a hike on the 3-T's Trail (7W06) in either direction between Ice House Saddle and Baldy Notch.

4. During the hike, each participant shall complete a climb to the summits of Timber Peak (8303'), Telegraph Peak (8985'), and Thunder Peak (8587'). These peaks are the "3-T's".

5. This award may be earned in addition to an overnight backpack award when the overnight trek includes a hike on the 3-T's Trail.

6. File a hike report listing all participants and an award application with your local Council High Adventure Team to purchase the award.

7. Requirements are retroactive to January 1, 1990.
SAN JAC 50 AWARD

Requirements:

1. Comply with GENERAL REQUIREMENTS. Obtain a Tour Permit from your local BSA Council Office.

2. Hike at least 50 miles.

3. Climb summits of Black Mountain, San Jacinto Peak and Tahquitz when reached.

4. Spend at least 5 days and 4 nights in the wilderness.

5. Must follow rules and equipment requirements of National Forest and State Park systems.

6. At least 1 hour of service, pre-approved by the Camp Emerson ranger. Service may be completed at Camp Emerson or on the trail. If trail-site project, must be arranged with State Park or National Forest ranger.

7. Food and equipment must be carried by the hikers. Food supply may be restocked once. 50 miles and the 3 named summits must be reached before a second food restocking.

8. Documentation must include: all required permits, attendance roster, daily log of the expedition. If documents are in proper order at the end of the hike, awards can be presented as soon as that same evening.

9. At least 3 previous occasions of having hiked 10+ miles in a day with full pack.

10. Documented weekly fitness training for a full year previous to the trek.

11. Age 13 or older, and at least First Class rank.

12. Rigorous gear shakedown. Excess weight must be pared down.
HIKING ACTIVITY AWARDS

These awards were developed to encourage beginning hiking activities with advancement. They promote hiking and environmental awareness. The hikes can be completed within a day or over a weekend. Hikes taken in the city do not qualify for these awards. These awards are designed for Scouts but can be earned by Scouters who meet the extra requirements. Each award is earned on a different hike. Each award can be planned so as to fulfill Second Class requirement 1b.

The tour leader must have planned the hike using an appropriate topographic map or maps. The topographic map(s) must be brought on the hike. As with any Scout activity, a tour permit must be filed with your local BSA Council Office. A wilderness permit and fire permit must be secured from the appropriate U.S. Ranger Station when required.

NATIVE PLANTS AWARD
REQUIREMENTS:
1. Complete a day or weekend hike of at least 5 miles round trip.
2. Each Scout will begin a plant and tree log book for identifying at least 10 local native plants or trees. When completed the log book must contain an identifying sketch or picture of each plant and tree and enough words that will help the Scout to identify the plants and trees to others. (Note: If a Scout only knows how to identify an oak tree by its acorns then he would have one of the items for his log book. On the other hand, if a Scout knew the difference between a Coast Live Oak and a Canyon Live Oak, he would have two items for his log book.)
3. Each Scout will identify at least 4 local native plants or trees on this hike and enter them into the log book.
4. The local native plant and tree log book must be completed within 3 months of the hike. Scouts who have previously passed First Class requirement 6 must also make their own log book.
5. Each Scout should know how to identify local poisonous or irritating plants such as Poison Oak and stinging nettles and how to treat for exposure to them. (Tenderfoot requirement 11)

ANIMAL TRACKS AWARD
REQUIREMENTS:
1. Complete a day or weekend hike of at least 5 miles round trip.
2. Each Scout will begin an animal log book for identifying at least 10 wild animals (mammals, birds, or reptiles).
3. Each Scout will identify at least 3 wild animals by sight or sign on this hike and enter their names and descriptions into the log book.
4. The animal log book must be completed within 3 months of the hike. Scouts who have previously passed Second Class requirement 5 must also make their own log book.
5. Each Scout will show first aid for
   - Bites or stings of insects and ticks
   - Rattlesnake bites.
   (Both are partials for Tenderfoot 12b)
MAP AND COMPASS AWARD
REQUIREMENTS:
1. Complete a day or weekend hike of at least 5 miles round trip.
2. Before going on the hike, each Scout will explain the rules of safe hiking, both on the highway and cross-country, during the day and at night, and explain what to do if he is lost. (Tenderfoot requirement 5)
3. Each Scout will demonstrate how a compass works and how to orient a map, and explain what map symbols mean. (Second Class requirement 1a)
4. Each Scout will demonstrate how to find directions during the day and at night without using a compass. (First Class requirement 1)
5. Using a compass and a map, each Scout must take 2 compass readings of dominant terrain features, orient the map and find the features on the map. (A properly oriented map must take into account declination. Refer to using a map and compass together in the Scout Handbook.)
6. Each Scout will measure the height and/or width of at least two items (tree, tower, canyon, ditch, etc.). (This will help with First Class requirement 2)

PEAK BAGGER AWARD
REQUIREMENTS:
1. Complete a day or weekend hike of at least 5 miles round trip.
2. Hike to the top of any peak with a panoramic view.
3. Each Scout will take pictures on the hike. The Troop should plan some kind of picture taking competition. The photograph competition should take place at a meeting following the hike. Scouts without a camera should plan to share with another Scout.
4. Each Scout should carry a compass and a topographic map with the trail identified. While on the hike, each Scout will show that he can identify his location on the map at least twice during the hike.
5. Each Scout will carry a personal first aid kit he has prepared on the hike. (Second Class requirement 6b)

Scouter requirements for each award:
1. Complete the requirements for the respective award.
2. Be a registered and uniformed leader.
3. Complete Scoutmaster Fundamentals so that you know your role as a leader.
4. You must take enough initiative before each hike to learn the local native plants and trees, wild animals, and map and compass so that you can be a resource to others.
FIG. 2-17
HIKING ACTIVITY AWARDS
2"X2" PATCHES
NATIONAL FOREST HIKING AWARDS

The former Old Baldy Council (presently CIEC) High Adventure Team developed this award for units who enjoy camping and exploring our national forests, but do not necessarily participate in backpacking. Units may also use this award for Scouts who are working on the hiking merit badge.

Requirements:

1. Comply with GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

2. Complete a day hike of at least 10 miles in anyone of the four National Forests in the Southern California area.

3. Carry a daypack containing the ten essentials and sufficient water for the time of the year.

4. Keep a journal of any significant sights or wildlife seen during the hike. Make a presentation or verbal report to your troop upon completing the hike.

5. Upon completion of the first hike the main patch and appropriate forest strip will be awarded. Thereafter, only the appropriate forest strip will be awarded. The ten and twenty mile strips can be awarded for subsequent hikes in these forests or any other national forest.

6. If a day hike of sufficient length is completed in a national forest other than those shown, the main patch and the ten or twenty-mile strip can be awarded.

7. Units who wish to earn this award on a backpack outing must meet all of the general requirements. Complete an overnight backpack of at least 10 miles without an offset for elevation. For the twenty-mile strip, the backpack must be at least 20 miles with at least one overnight backcountry camp. Three days two nights are recommended.
SAN GABRIEL TRAILS BACKPACK AWARD
SAN BERNARDINO TRAILS BACKPACK AWARD

Requirements:

1. Comply with General Requirements.

2. Earn all eight segments of either the San Gabriel or San Bernardino Weekend backpack award.

3. Perform 6 hours of conservation or service work.

4. Practice Leave No Trace principles on each of the outings.

5. This award is retroactive to January 1, 2000
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CONDOR AWARD

Requirements:

1. Comply with the General Requirements. During a span of 1 year complete 25 hours of wilderness backpack Hiking within Ventura County. A minimum of 2 hiking hours and a maximum of 7 backpack hours per day will be accepted.

2. Take a minimum of 5 days with overnight camp to complete the trip. The days need not be consecutive.

3. Each participant must carry his backpack containing his personal equipment and his share of common camping equipment and food.

4. Each participant will have earned 2 training awards and 1 weekend-hike award before working on the Condor Award.

5. A total of no less than 5 hrs. should be set aside to clean, improve and pack-out trash from wilderness campsites. This requirement is for each individual and a complete report of these activities must be submitted with the final application.

6. Assign hiking jobs. Plan the hike or hikes using topo and field maps and prepare an itinerary. Prepare roster, pack list, menu, food lists, cooking gear lists and group gear list. Secure Tour Permits, and submit all of these lists to the Council Office ten (10) days in advance of the TREK.

TOPA TOPA

Requirements:

1. Each participant must carry his backpack containing his personal equipment and his share of common camping equipment and provisions. Each participant will work 1 hour on a good turn project.

2. Each participant will have earned 2 training awards and 1 weekend hike award before attempting the Topa Topa Hike.

3. Secure a Local Tour Permit before going on the hike. Prepare an itinerary of your hike plans using topo and forest service maps of the area and prepare a roster of group assigned duties, pack lists, menu, food lists, cooking equipment list, and group equipment list to be used on the hike. Secure a Los Padres fire permit and submit, if practical, a roster and hike itinerary to the forest service.

4. Complete the required hike to trail crest using one of the following trailheads: Middle Lion Camp, Thatcher School; Sisar Canyon. One night camp must be spent at "Lady Bug Campground".

FIG. 3-1
CONDOR AWARD
4” x 4”

FIG. 3-2
TOPA TOPA AWARD
3” x 3”
5. Contact your local H.A.T. representative prior to the hike and have him sign the application after the hike. Comply with the General Requirements.
MT. PINOS

Contact Ventura County Council for updated information before attempting Trek. Patch available at Camp Three Falls only.

Requirements:

Refer to the Ventura council High Adventure Publication for Mt. Pinos Award.

1. This Trek will start and end at Camp Three Falls, or when camp is closed, at the entrance to camp. Note: when camp is closed there will be no facilities or water.

2. The Basic patch can be earned by hiking from Camp Three Falls via Sheep Camp, Sawmill Mt. to Condor Observation Point at Mt. Pinos and return the same way back to camp. An overnight camp is required, and Sheep Camp is recommended. At Mt. Pinos a group picture must be taken.

3. The basic Mt. Pinos patch may be earned at any time and does not require prior reservations - see "Requirements for Segments".

4. Each participant will have earned 2 Training Hike Awards and 1 weekend hike award before attempting this climb/hike.

5. Each participant must carry his pack containing his personal gear and his share of group equipment and food.

6. Prepare an itinerary of your hike plans, using topo and forest service maps and prepare a hike profile.

7. Secure a Local Tour Permit and a Los Padres fire permit (if needed) before going on this climb/hike and submit these together with a roster and itinerary to the Hikemaster in Camp Three Falls.

8. Each group must have at least TWO (2) registered Adult Scouters, one must be 21 years or older, and 1 qualified First Aider with current First Aid Card.

9. If the Camp Three Falls Segment is not elected, each participant must do one (1) hour conservation on the trail or at the trail camps.

SEGMENTS:

A. Camp Three Falls.
   1. Comply with basic patch requirements except item 3.
   2. This segment is only available on scheduled weekends. Prior reservations must be made through Gary Lee (661) 245-1206.
   3. Camp three Falls segment can be earned with an additional night at Camp and doing one (1) hour conservation/trail work on the "Pinnacles Trail".
   4. Local Tour Permit, etc., as described under item 7 in basic requirements will be processed in camp by the hikemaster.

B. Mount Abel.
   1. Each participant must have earned the Mt. Pinos basic patch before attempting this hike/climb.
   2. Basic patch and Mt. Able segment MAY NOT be earned on the same hike/weekend.
   3. Comply with all the basic patch specific requirements except in item #2, after Sheep Camp: at the trail junction above Sheep Camp, climb Mt. Able and take a group picture. NOTE: This is a strenuous hike!
**TRI-CHALLENGE AWARD**

The Tri-Challenge Award offered by the Ventura County Council, Boy Scouts of America, is a special award for achieving prerequisites as described below, and finally traveling fifty (50) miles within a thirty-six (36) hour period by backpacking, canoeing and cycling. A minimum of ten (10) miles will be required for each segment and the remaining twenty (20) miles may be flexible between the three modes of travel. You may travel in any order. To qualify for the Tri-Challenge Award, the group must complete the following requirements:

**Requirements:**

1. Each participant must walk and carry his personal equipment and his share of common camping equipment and provisions.

2. Each participant will have earned two (2) training hike awards and one (1) weekend hike award before attempting the Tri-Challenge Award.

3. Each participant will earn two (2) cycling training awards and one (1) weekend touring cycling award before attempting the Tri-Challenge Award.

4. All persons, both youth and adult, must have prior canoe training. Recommended Red Cross Canoe Training or High Adventure Canoeing Seminar Awareness for adult and both canoe and swimming merit badges for youth.

5. Prepare an itinerary for your trip using Topo and other appropriate maps. Secure a local tour permit and any other permits (such as fire permit) before beginning the event. Overnight Camping is not required - but is recommended.

6. Each participant will work one hour on a good turn project.

CYCLING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Requirements:

1. Ride 100 miles in one day. A day is defined as the time between one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.

2. Submit the following to the High Adventure Team prior to the ride:
   a. Itinerary, including route, alternate route, rest stops, estimated starting time, and estimated duration.
   b. Participant roster (name, address, phone number, age, and Scout rank).
   c. Completed bike checklists signed by a qualified cycling instructor.
   d. Personal and group equipment lists.
   e. Name and phone number of a person to be notified in case of an emergency.

3. Obtain a B.S.A. Tour Permit

4. Each youth must carry a signed Parents Emergency Consent Form.

5. Groups must have at least one Registered Adult Scouter (21 years old or older) and at least one Adult with a First Aid Card with them at all times. One Adult for each Ten Youths. Recommended minimum is two Adults for each group.

6. Participants must be familiar with State Vehicle Codes and obey all traffic signals.

7. A "Sag Wagon", emergency vehicle is strongly recommended.

FIG. 3-5
CYCLING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
3” x 4”
LOS FIERROS

This award was developed by Mr. David Bridges of Troop 209 to promote interest in Long Beach history.

Requirements:

1. Hike 10 miles of the designated route (not required for Cub Scouts).
2. Visit the following sites:
   - Rancho Los Cerritos
   - Rancho Los Alamitos
   - Rancho boundary markers
   - Willmore’s Dream
   - First Long Beach Benchmark, and
   - One of the following three sites:
     - Anaheim Landing
     - Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum
     - Phineas T. Banning Mansion
     - La Mesa Battlefield
3. Participate in a “Good Turn” project.
4. Write a report (250 words or more) about the historical significance of one of the following locations:
   - Willmore’s Dream
   - Anaheim Landing
   - First Long Beach Benchmark
   - Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum
   - Phineas T. Banning Mansion
   - La Mesa Battlefield

Reference: Los Fierros Hike Guide
PIKE HIKE AWARD

This award was developed by Mr. David Simon of Troop 67 to celebrate the rich history of downtown Long Beach and its “Pike” waterfront amusement park.

Requirements:

1. Hike the designated five-mile route.
2. Review the history of the different locations while conducting the hike.
3. Participate in a “Good Turn” project.

Reference: Pike Hike Guide

CORN SPRINGS AWARD

This award was developed by Mr. John Giese of Troop 67 to promote interest in Native American and prospecting history at Corn Spring in the Chuckwalla Mountains.

Requirements:

1. Hike 6 miles; must be conducted in Chuckwalla mountains.
2. Visit the following sites: • Petroglyphs in the vicinity of Corn Spring campground
   • Gus Lederer’s cabin
   • Gus Lederer’s gravesite at Aztec Wells
3. Write report (250 words or more) about one of the following:
   • Historical significance of Corn Spring petroglyphs
   • Chemehuevi (Nuwu) tribe history
   • Gus Lederer
4. One of the two adult Scouters must have completed the HAT Basic Backpacking Awareness Course.
5. Participate in a “Good Turn” project.

Reference: Corn Spring Hike Guide
TAHQUITZ TRAILS AWARD

This award is sponsored by the Tribe of Tahquitz to promote backpacking in the San Gorgonio Wilderness.

Requirements:

1. Backpacking and camping must be conducted in San Gorgonio Wilderness.
2. Obtain USFS Wilderness permit for the duration of the backcountry trip.
3. Backpack time of five or more hours.
4. Sleep one night in backcountry camp.
5. One of the two adult Scouters must have completed the HAT Basic Backpacking Awareness Course or be a qualified member of the Camp Tahquitz staff.
6. Participate in a “Good Turn” project.

Reference: San Gorgonio Hike Guide

BROKEN ARROW AWARD

This award is sponsored by the Tribe of Tahquitz to promote long-term backpacking in the San Gorgonio Wilderness.

Requirements:

1. Backpacking and camping must be conducted in San Gorgonio Wilderness.
2. Obtain USFS Wilderness permit for the duration of the backcountry trip.
3. Backpack time of 20 or more hours.
4. Climb five peaks over 10,000 ft. to include San Gorgonio.
5. Sleep three nights in backcountry camps.
6. One of the two adult Scouters must have completed the HAT Basic Backpacking Awareness Course or be a qualified member of the Camp Tahquitz staff.
7. Participate in a “Good Turn” project.

Reference: San Gorgonio Hike Guide
CHAPTER 5
High Adventure Awards of Southern Sierra Council

MOUNT WHITNEY TRAIL

Obtain a current copy of "Southern Sierra Council Award Trails". This brochure contains emergency procedures, hike profiles, hike descriptions, required topo maps, and other valuable information.

Requirements:

3-4 days, approximately 25 miles starting at Whitney Portal, going up the Mt. Whitney Trail past Mirror Lake to Trails Crest and out North to the summit of Mt. Whitney. Return same route or by Consultation Lake to Whitney Portal.

1. Meet and comply with all General Requirements.
2. Have completed a minimum of two weekend hikes prior to taking this trek.
3. At the top, take a photograph of the participants at the hut.
4. Outing Leader/Unit:
   a. Submit an itinerary showing hike plan, roster, pack list and menu, to your Council's High Adventure Team for approval.
   b. Fill in a trip report and affix photograph taken at the hut.

Note: Because of trail limits, access from Cottonwood Lakes is an acceptable alternate starting point.

MONARCH TRAIL

Requirements:

6-9 days, approximately 50 miles from Onion Valley west over Kearsarge Pass. Then South over Forester Pass, following the John Muir Trail to Trails Crest. (Mt. Whitney may be part of this trip also). Continue from Trail Crest to Whitney Portal. The route may be reversed, but is more strenuous.

1. Meet and comply with all General Requirements.
2. Outing Leader or another 21 year old adult going on trip must have completed the Basic Backpack Awareness Course.
3. Each participant, including adults, must complete a minimum of three (3) conditioning overnight backpacking trips, including one at or near the altitude of the proposed trip, within three months prior to departing on the trek.
4. Outing Leader/Unit submit an itinerary showing hike plan, roster, Pack list and menu, to your Council's High Adventure Team for approval.
GOLDEN TROUT TRAIL

Requirements:

6-9 days, approximately 52 miles from Quaking Aspen down to Kern river and then up Golden Trout Creek to Little Whitney Meadows. On to Tunnell Meadows to Big Whitney Meadows and out over Cottonwood Pass to Road Head. This trip may be started from either point.

1. Meet and comply with all General Requirements.

2. Outing Leader or another 21 year old adult going on trip must have completed the Basic Backpack Awareness Course.

3. Each participant, including adults, must complete a minimum of three (3) conditioning overnight backpacking trips, including one at or near the altitude of the proposed trip, within three months prior to departing on the trek.

4. Outing Leader/Unit submit an itinerary showing hike plan, roster, Pack list and menu, to your Council's High Adventure Team for approval.

PAIUTE TRAIL

Requirements:

6-9 days, approximately 55 miles from North Lake over Paiute Pass to Blaney Meadows. Then Florence Lake where two routes may be followed. One travels up and over Hot Springs Pass to Long Meadows over Red Lake. From Red Lake to Camp Kern. The other route follows the road out from Florence Lake to Ward Lake to Bosillo Campgrounds. From Bosillo to Kaiser Pass via Luck Point Trail. From Kaiser Pass to junction of Rancheria Creek and Kaiser Pass Road. Then on to Camp Kern at Huntington Lake.

1. Meet and comply with all General Requirements.

2. Outing Leader or another 21 year old adult going on trip must have completed the Basic Backpack Awareness Course.

3. Each participant, including adults, must complete a minimum of three (3) conditioning overnight backpacking trips, including one at or near the altitude of the proposed trip, within three months prior to departing on the trek.

4. Outing Leader/Unit submit an itinerary showing hike plan, roster, Pack list and menu, to your Council's High Adventure Team for approval.
KERN PLATEAU

Requirements:

6-7 days, approximately 53 miles. Start North from Kennedy Meadows campground to Beck Meadow. Then skirt the South edge of Monache Meadows westerly over to Broder Meadow. On to Smith Cow Camp on Fish Creek and up and over the ridge and down to Beach Meadows Guard Station. Downhill to Rattlesnake Creek then up to Bonita Meadow through Curtiss Meadow Guard Station crossing the head waters of Trout Creek, over Sherman Pass and through Round Mosquito, and Deadwood Meadow and Pine Flat leaving the Plateau into Kern River Gorge. Downhill passing Forest Service Corral, Camp Owens to Kern River Fish Hatchery -- trails end!

1. Meet and comply with all General Requirements.

2. Outing Leader or another 21 year old adult going on trip must have completed the Basic Backpack Awareness Course.

3. Each participant, including adults, must complete a minimum of three (3) conditioning overnight backpacking trips, including one at or near the altitude of the proposed trip, within three months prior to departing on the trek.

4. Outing Leader/Unit submit an itinerary showing hike plan, roster, Pack list and menu, to your Council’s High Adventure Team for approval.
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High Adventure Awards of Verdugo Hills Council
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THE DINKEY LAKES LOOP TRAIL

Requirements:

1. Comply with the Area 4 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

2. At least one of the adults participating in the outing must have completed the Basic Backpack Awareness Course.

3. Each person must complete two 5-mile training hikes and one 7-hour weekend hike prior to hiking the Dinkey Lakes Loop.

4. It is recommended that units spend the first night (prior to leaving on the trail) at Camp Silver Fir to acclimatize and that they check in with the Campmaster at Silver Fir prior to leaving on the trail. Units must make advanced reservations for Camp Silver Fir through the Verdugo Hills Council.

5. Units must obtain wilderness and fire permits from the Forest Service.

6. Participants must spend a minimum of five (5) nights on the trail.

7. Each participant must climb Dogtooth Peak and one of the Three Sisters.

8. Each participant must complete a minimum of 25 hiking hours during the trek.

9. Participants must complete a 2-hour conservation project cleared by the local Ranger or the Silver Fir Campmaster while on the trail or in Camp Silver Fir.

10. It is recommended that units check in and make a brief report to the Silver Fir Campmaster upon returning from the trail.

11. Units must pack out all trash and properly dispose of any trash generated at Camp Silver Fir.

12. While on the trip/trail adhere to the seven (7) principles of the Leave No Trace outdoor ethics:
   a. Plan Ahead and Prepare
   b. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
   c. Dispose of waste properly
   d. Leave What You Find
   e. Minimize Campfire Impacts
   f. Respect Wildlife
   g. Be Considerate of Other Visitors
SILVER FIR TRAIL

Requirements:

1. Comply with the Area 4 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

2. Each person must complete 2 conditioning hikes and 2 overnight backpacks prior to hiking the Silver Fir Trail.

3. It is required that units spend the first night (prior to leaving on the trail) at Camp Silver Fir to acclimatize, and that they check in with the Campmaster at Silver Fir prior to leaving on the trail. Units must make advanced reservations for Camp Silver Fir through the Verdugo Hills Council.

4. Units must obtain wilderness and fire permits from the Forest Service.

5. Participants must spend a minimum of two (2) nights on the trail.

6. Each participant must complete a minimum of 10 backpacking hours during the Trip.

7. Each participant must complete a 1-hour conservation project approved by a local Ranger, or the Silver Fir Campmaster before the Trip, or while on the Silver Fir trail, or at camp silver fir.

8. It is required that units check in and make a written report of your Trip to the Silver Fir Campmaster upon returning from the trail.

9. Units must pack out and properly dispose of any trash generated on the Silver Fir trail.

10. While on the trip/trail adhere to the seven (7) principles of leave no trace outdoor ethics:
    a. Plan Ahead and Prepare
    b. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
    c. Dispose of waste properly
    d. Leave What You Find
    e. Minimize Campfire Impacts
    f. Respect Wildlife
    g. Be Considerate of Other Visitors
HIGH ADVENTURE FIRST AID

This award may be earned by any registered Scouter of the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts and youth registered as Venturers of Senior Girl Scouts.

Requirements:

1. Complete the Verdugo Hill’s Council 60 hour High Adventure First Aid Course. This course includes the American Red Cross Emergency Response Course, plus additional theory and practical exercises to prepare the student to prevent and care for injuries and illnesses sustained in situations where access to medical care and/or evacuation may be hours or days away.

2. This patch must be ordered directly from the Verdugo Hills HAT Team. Each application must be authorized by the Verdugo Hills HAT Chairperson and at least one of the High Adventure First Aid Instructors.

BACKPACKING EXPERIENCE

This award is for an extended weekend Backpacking trip of at least 3 days and 2 nights. There is no limitation on where it can be earned.

Requirements:

1. Comply with the Area 4 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

2. At least one of the adults participating in the outing must have completed the Basic Backpack Awareness Course.

3. Each person must complete two 5-mile training hikes and one 7-hour weekend hike within four months prior to hiking the qualifying hike.

4. Participants must spend a minimum of 3 days and 2 nights on the trail.

5. Each participant must complete a minimum of 12 (twelve) hiking hours.

6. All food and equipment must be backpacked in (no pack animals or food drops allowed) Clean up and pack out all trash. A Scout always leaves campsites and trails better and cleaner than he found them.

7. Each participant must complete a 1-hour conservation project cleared with the local ranger before starting on the trail.

8. While on the trip/trail adhere to the seven (7) principles of the Leave No Trace outdoor ethics:
   a. Plan Ahead and Prepare
   b. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
   c. Dispose of waste properly
   d. Leave What You Find
   e. Minimize Campfire Impacts
   f. Respect Wildlife
   g. Be Considerate of Other Visitors
FLASHING PADDLES AWARD

Requirements:

1. Comply with the Area 4 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

2. Complete four (4) or more water based outings in a 12 month period. One of the required outings shall be a long term outing of 5 or more nights.

3. At least one of the adults participating on the long-term outing must have completed the HAT Outdoor Leader Awareness Course and water trek leader awareness Course.

4. Units must obtain fire permits and permits from local agencies when needed.

5. All outings shall include at least one night camping for a minimum total of nine 8 nights. Meals on at least 2 of the outings shall be patrol style.

6. At least 100 miles shall be accumulated on the outings. All mileage shall be earned in either kayaks or canoes. Reasonable portage or in stream towing mileage necessary to complete any trip shall count. Day trips to build mileage or as part of a training program for the outings are acceptable.

7. A route map for the long term outing shall be a part of the final trip report to the HAT Team.

8. Other High Adventure Awards can be completed as part of or all of each individual outing. This award is a long term activity available to Scouters, Scouts and Senior Girl Scouts.

9. For Boy Scouts the following are required in addition: Swimming, Canoeing, First Aid and Camping merit badges.

10. For Ventures the following are required in addition: Do the Ranger Award First Aid, Cooking, and Land Navigation core requirements and the Lifesaver elective (must do item 1a or 1c).
PHIL HAMMONS LEAVE NO TRACE AWARD

The purpose of this HAT Award is to assist Leaders in developing and fostering the principles of "Leave No Trace" in their Outdoor program. There are seven segments in the award and a center patch designed to create a deeper understanding of each of the seven Leave No Trace principles and to encourage Leaders to apply these principles to activities in the Outdoors. This award may be earned by Cub Scouts, Den Chiefs, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Brownies, Girls Scouts and appropriate Adult Leaders.

Requirements:

1. Comply with the Area 4 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

2. Each segment requires a separate outdoor activity and a different Scout activity. Adult Leaders are required to keep a record and verify completion of all requirements.

3. File a TOUR PERMIT with your local Council for all outings. Tour Permit number required to receive award.

4. At least one HIGH ADVENTURE Trained Outing Leader or Basic Backpack Leader required on outing. (Or equivalent H.A.T. Training)

5. Requirements for each award are not listed in order of completion requirement. Advancement requirements retroactive to September 1995 are acceptable. Written verification of advancement requirements must accompany application.

6. Requirements marked with an * are for Cub Scouts only. For Girl Scout replacement Requirements, Contact the Verdugo Hills Council HAT Team.

THE LNT AWARD: (3” diameter Center Patch)


2. * Complete the Requirements for the Bobcat Badge

3. Earn any segment of the Phil Hammons Leave No Trace Award.

THE SEGMENTS:

TRASH (Dispose of Waste Properly):

1. Know the Four Principles of "Dispose of Waste Properly".

2. Participate in a one-hour clean up Service Project.

3. * Complete Wolf Achievement 7 "Your Living World" or Bear Achievement 6 "Take Care of Your Planet".

CONSIDERATE (Be Considerate of Others):

1. Know the five Principles of "Be Considerate of Others".

2. Attend a talk or Nature program by a Park Ranger.

3. Participate in a one-hour Service Project cleaning up a waterway.

4. * Earn the Cub Scout World Conservation Award.
THE SEGMENTS (CONTD):

PATH (Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces):

1. Know the three Principles of "Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces".

2. Learn how to set a bearing on a compass.

3. Play the Scout Compass game with a Den or Pack or Troop and successfully complete three game cards with the correct answers.

LEAVE (Leave What You Find):

1. Know the four Principles of "Leave What You Find".

2. Participate in a Den, Pack or Troop Hike at a County, State or National Park.

3. * Complete Wolf Achievement 18 “Outdoor Adventure” or Bear Achievement 12 “Family Outdoor Adventure”.

FIRE (Minimize Campfire Impacts):

1. Know the four Principles of "Minimize Campfire Impacts".

2. Learn the Fire Rules for an area where you plan to go on an overnight campout.

3. * Complete the Outdoorsman Activity Pin.

4. * Complete Wolf Achievement 15 “Grow Something” or Bear Arrow Point “Water and Soil Conservation”.

PREPARE (Plan Ahead and Prepare):

1. Know the six Principles of "Plan Ahead and Prepare".

2. Prepare and carry the Ten Essentials on a day hike.

3. Find and read a topographical map for your day hike. Identify roads leading to the trailhead, ranger stations, and trace your route before you leave.

4. * Complete Wolf Achievement 19 “Fishing” or Bear Arrow Point “Weather”.

WILDLIFE (Respect Wildlife):

1. Know the five Principles of "Respect Wildlife".

2. Attend a talk or program about Endangered Species and how to preserve them.


NOTE: Webelos or Den Chiefs that do not have Wolf or Bear requirements can demonstrate their knowledge of this requirement.
FIG. 6.6
PHIL HAMMONS LEAVE NO TRACE AWARD
4" DIA W/SEGMENTS
The Leave No Trace Principles of outdoor ethics form the framework of Leave No Trace's message:

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare
2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

- **PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE**
  - Know the regulations and special concerns for the area you'll visit.
  - Prepare for extreme weather, hazards, and emergencies.
  - Schedule your trip to avoid times of high use.
  - Visit in small groups. Split larger parties into groups of 4-6.
  - Repackage food to minimize waste.
  - Use a map and compass to eliminate the use of marking paint, rock cairns or flagging.

- **TRAVEL AND CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES**
  - Durable surfaces include established trails and campsites, rock, gravel, dry grasses or snow.
  - Protect riparian areas by camping at least 200 feet from lakes and streams.
  - Good campsites are found, not made. Altering a site is not necessary.
    - In popular areas:
      - Concentrate use on existing trails and campsites.
      - Walk single file in the middle of the trail, even when wet or muddy.
      - Keep campsites small. Focus activity in areas where vegetation is absent.
    - In pristine areas
      - Disperse use to prevent the creation of campsites and trails.
      - Avoid places where impacts are just beginning.

- **DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY**
  - Pack it in, pack it out. Inspect your campsite and rest areas for trash or spilled foods. Pack out all trash, leftover food, and litter.
  - Deposit solid human waste in catholes dug 6 to 8 inches deep at least 200 feet from water, camp, and trails. Cover and disguise the cathole when finished.
  - Pack out toilet paper and hygiene products.
  - To wash yourself or your dishes, carry water 200 feet away from streams or lakes and use small amounts of biodegradable soap. Scatter strained dishwater.

- **LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND**
  - Preserve the past: examine, but do not touch, cultural or historic structures and artifacts.
  - Leave rocks, plants and other natural objects as you find them.
  - Avoid introducing or transporting non-native species.
  - Do not build structures, furniture, or dig trenches.
• MINIMIZE CAMPFIRE IMPACTS
  • Campfires can cause lasting impacts to the backcountry. Use a lightweight stove for cooking and enjoy a candle lantern for light.
  • Where fires are permitted, use established fire rings, fire pans, or mound fires.
  • Keep fires small. Only use sticks from the ground that can be broken by hand.
  • Burn all wood and coals to ash, put out campfires completely, then scatter cool ashes.

• RESPECT WILDLIFE
  • Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach them.
  • Never feed animals. Feeding wildlife damages their health, alters natural behaviors, and exposes them to predators and other dangers.
  • Protect wildlife and your food by storing rations and trash securely.
  • Control pets at all times, or leave them at home.
  • Avoid wildlife during sensitive times: mating, nesting, raising young, or winter.

• BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER VISITORS
  • Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience.
  • Be courteous. Yield to other users on the trail.
  • Step to the downhill side of the trail when encountering pack stock.
  • Take breaks and camp away from trails and other visitors.
  • Let nature's sounds prevail. Avoid loud voices and noises.

See the Leave No Trace web site for more information: www.lnt.org
PATRICK AUBUCHON HIGH ADVENTURE/CONSERVATION AWARD

This award was developed by the Verdugo Hills Council in honor of Patrick Aubuchon, long-time leader and teacher of high adventure. He introduced many Scouts and leaders to backpacking, conservation and trail boss activities, and was awarded the BSA's William T Hornaday Gold Medal.

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable Area 4 High Adventure GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

2. Boy Scouts, Venturers, and adult leaders may earn this award.

3. Girl Scouts 11 years and older and adult leaders may earn this award.

4. Earn either the Dinkey Lakes Loop Trail Award or the Silver Fir Trail Award.

5. Units must practice Leave No Trace and pack out and properly dispose of any trash generated in earning either award.

6. Learn about and write a short summary of the history and requirements of the William T. Hornaday Awards for units and individuals.

7. A Make a presentation about Outdoor Ethics (Leave No Trace and/or Tread Lightly!) and the Hornaday Awards to a Cub Scout Pack or Boy Scout Troop.

8. These specific requirements shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.

Note on the awards patch:
The water represents the Dinkey Lakes, and the mountains represent the 'Three Sisters,'.
TOM MARRS URBAN HIGH ADVENTURE AWARD

This award has been developed by the Verdugo Hills Council in honor of Thomas Marrs, Eagle Scout and respected long-time leader and teacher of high adventure. He often noted: "High Adventure is any event or trip away from the regular meeting place!" and felt it was important for Scouts to develop an understanding of their local community and its history.

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable Area 4 High Adventure General Requirements.

2. Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers may earn this award.

3. Registered Girl Scouts 11 years and older may earn this award.

4. Learn about the history of the Scout's present community, and write a short report summarizing its history. Community is defined as the area immediately surrounding the Scout's residence. For example, a Scout living in Glendale would learn about Glendale. A Scout from Riverside would learn about Riverside or a smaller segment thereof, etc..

5. Visit a museum, art gallery, aquarium, or the beach. Some examples include (but are not limited to) the Natural History Museum, Page Museum, William S. Hart Museum, Autry Museum of the American West, Ronald Regan Library and Museum, Nixon Presidential Library and Museum, Nethercutt Museum in Sylmar, (including automobiles), Cabrillo Beach for whale watching or the grunion run. (Whale watching will also count towards the "Whale Watching Patch," and the grunion run will also count towards the "Grunion Patch.").

6. On a map, locate early American trails, and visit at least one of them. Examples include (but are not limited to) the Stagecoach Trail, the El Camino Real, Battle notes embedded in the sidewalk in San Fernando, the Mormon Trail, etc.

7. Visit two California Missions. Examples include (but are not limited to): San Luis Obispo Mission, San Fernando Rey de Espana, San Luis Rey, Santa Inez, etc.

8. Attend a live theatrical production at a university, or public or private theater in the community.

9. These Specific Requirements shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.
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High Adventure Awards of Los Padres Council
Updated December 28, 2017

AQUATIC ADVENTURE

Requirements:

1. Any type of craft may be used so long as it is safe and complies with all state and federal laws.

2. Each aquatic adventure shall be at least four (4) days on water using an appropriate craft. All equipment shall be carried in the craft daily, the unit breaking and setting a fresh camp daily.

3. Comply with the General Requirements.

4. Each participant must be able to: Swim 100 yards, perform mouth to mouth resuscitation, perform J-stroke, sweep stroke, backwater stroke, draw stroke, rudder stroke - both bow, crossbow and stern. Demonstrate how to trim craft, swamp and bring swamped craft to shore. Perform exchanging places in craft. Perform exiting and entering craft in deep water.

5. Study Canoe Merit Badge Book and follow safety rules and requirements.

FAR WESTERN ADVENTURE

Requirements:

1. Take a long term backpack trip anywhere EXCEPT the Sierras.

2. Take four (4) conditioning hikes, two of these trips to be equivalent to training trips or better and two to be equivalent to weekend trips or better. Two (2) trips must be taken within three (3) months preceding the TREK.

3. The long term backpack hike must be at least 6 days and 5 nights of approximately 25 hours (round-trip) scheduled backpack time.

4. Comply with the General Requirements.

5. Take notes and map comments for use in preparing hike report.

6. Submit completed application with hike notes and comments.
LOS PADRES TRAILS

Requirements:

1. Take two (2) Training Hikes and two (2) Weekend Hikes in the same Scout year.

2. An overnight backpack trip of approximately twelve (12) hours (round-trip) scheduled backpack hiking time on a trail behind the locked gates of the Los Padres National Forest.

3. The unit, including all adults, are to hike the trail, and all gear must be backpacked in. The hike is to be into a primitive camp, using roads and firebreaks only when required. The camp may have water, a latrine and stoves.

4. Take adequate notes and map comments for use in preparing hike reports.

5. Submit hike reports with application for award.

6. Comply with the General Requirements.

SIERRA NEVADA BACKPACKER

This award was established in Mission Council some years ago by the efforts of Commander Sheppard Lee and Mr. Guntermann. The purpose of this award is to encourage Scouts to experience a High Adventure by camping and backpacking in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Requirements:

1. Backpack at least seven (7) miles in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

2. During your backpacking mileage, climb at least 2000 feet in elevation gain.

3. Camp out at least one (1) night in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Note:

It is suggested that if some of your Scouts achieve the award two or more times, instead of purchasing a second patch, a Scout service star with the correct numeral thereon, be purchased and pinned in the lower left corner of a previously awarded Sierra Nevada Backpacker patch.
POLAR BEAR

Requirements:

1. Take a hike meeting the Training Hike Requirements during the Winter months in an area that is covered with snow.

2. Each Polar Bear Hike shall be a wilderness overnight backpack of at least four (4) hours (round-trip) scheduled backpack time.

3. Comply with the General Requirements.

ANTI - LITTER

This is an individual award offered to a boy who can demonstrate to the satisfaction of his Scoutmaster and to the High Adventure Team of Mission Council that he has satisfactorily lived up to the Outdoor Code and met the requirements of this award for a period of at least twelve (12) months.

Requirements:

1. Demonstrate to the satisfaction of your Scoutmaster that you live up to the Outdoor Code.

2. Demonstrate to the satisfaction of your Scoutmaster that you do not:
   a. Litter  
   b. Cut Trails  
   c. Cut or slash green trees.

3. Demonstrate to the satisfaction of your Scoutmaster that you do:
   a. Your share of trail repairs and repair trail signs.  
   b. Show initiative by putting camp in order immediately upon arrival.  
   c. Show initiative by coordinating well with your patrol in putting camp in order.  
   d. Observe all safety rules when fire building.  
   e. Show new Scouts the proper methods in setting up camp.  
   f. Always use grease or garbage pit and wash dishes away from creek, streams, or lake.  
   g. Pack all unburnables out that you brought in.  
   h. Leave camp in as good or better condition than you found it.  
   i. Set a good example by picking up and packing out camp site and trail litter discarded by careless campers.  
   j. Do a careful job in packing for a hike and help the younger Scouts to pack correctly.

4. Have fifteen (15) or more days of camping experience within the past twelve (12) months.
PUDDLE DUCK

Requirements:

1. Get caught in a rain of at least 1/2 inch within a two (2) day period when on a hike that qualifies you for any other Backpack Award.

2. To your application for the Backpack Award earned while on the hike, attach a statement to the effect that you were rained on as required in item 1.

3. Check the appropriate box on the application form for this award in addition to the box checked for the hiking award.

MANZANA-SISQUOC-MANZANA LOOP

This 46 mile round trip in the San Rafael Wilderness of the Los Padres National Forest starts and ends at Nira and may be taken in either direction.

Requirements:

1. Access from Freeway 101: From South: Take San Marcos Pass off-ramp to Highway 154, go past Cachuma Lake, turn right after bridge onto Armour Ranch Road, right onto Base Line, right onto Happy Canyon Road, and straight down Sunset Valley Road to the Manzana River. From North: Cross 101 northbound lane onto Highway 154. At Los Olivos turn left onto Figueroa Mountain Road. At Cachuma Saddle turn left onto Sunset Valley Road to the Manzana River. Park 1/2 mile west of Nira above the Manzana River or at the road end at Nira.

2. This 4 to 6 day trip should be taken during the months of February, March, April or May. From Manzana Narrows take an 8 mile round day-trip via Big Cone Spruce Camp to 6,188 ft. McKinley Mountain high above the Santa Ynez Valley.

3. Camps en route: Nira (Drive-in camp), Coldwater, Manzana Schoolhouse, Mormon, Abel, Cliff Sycamore, South Fork (not a desirable camp), Lonnie Davies, White Ledge, Happy Hunting Ground, Manzana Narrows, Manzana, Fish Creek, Nira.

4. In 1989 no Forest Service permits were required.

5. Topos: Bald Mt., Figueroa Mt., San Rafael Mt., Zaca Lake, Hurricane Deck.

6. Prepare a brief description of your experience including condition of trail, camps, water, etc.

7. Comply with the General Requirements.
LOPEZ CANYON

The Lopez Canyon Backpack is designed to be done overnight and has a duration of about 10 backpack hours. It is intended to enhance knowledge and appreciation of the relationships between land and water are the variety of uses that man has devised for these two primal natural resources. The start is Lopez Canyon where Lopez Canyon Road turns north-west, 2.9 miles beyond the gate entrance for Camp French. The route travels up Lopez Canyon for 4.0 miles along the unimproved Lopez Canyon Road to the Big Falls Canyon trail junction. One option is to visit the Big Falls along the 1.2 mile side-trail. The backpack continues up Lopez Canyon along U.S.F.S. trail for 3.2 miles to the primitive Sulfur Pots Campground with its characteristic odor. Upper Lopez Campground is located another 1.0 miles north along the trail. The overnight stay can be done at either Sulfur "Pots or Upper Lopez Campgrounds. The next day, continue on the trail about 0.9 miles above Upper Lopez Campground; then the Canyon and trail take an abrupt turn to the West. Continue on the trail 2.1 miles upslope to the U.S.F.S. Trailhead on the East Cuesta Ridge. Follow the East Cuesta Ridge in a north-westerly direction for 4.8 miles to finish the backpack at the Cuesta Pass gate.

WARNING: THIS BACKPACK SHOULD NOT BE ATTEMPTED IN RAINY WEATHER; BACKPACKING IN THE CANYON BECOMES VERY HAZARDOUS UNDER THIS CONDITION.

Requirements:

1. Comply with the GENERAL REQUIREMENTS listed in this booklet.

2. At least one adult must have successfully completed a council Adult Backpack Awareness course.

3. Prior to the Lopez Canyon backpack, all participants must have completed two HAT training hikes.

4. All participants must complete at least one hour of service to the U.S.F.S. The service project must be approved in advance by the Los Padres U.S.F.S. and completed during the backpack.

5. The route must be followed; doing the trip in reverse does not qualify for this award.

6. B.S.A. Council Tour Permits must be obtained in advance. A copy must accompany the award application.

7. TOPO maps include:
   Lopez Mountain
   San Luis Obispo
   Santa Margarita
   Tar Springs Ridge
SANTA BARBARA HISTORIC TRAIL

THIS AWARD HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL B.S.A. AS AN APPROVED HISTORIC TRAILS AWARD

The Historic Trail, sponsored by the Los Padres Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, was initiated in 1990. The trail is designed to present to its participants the historical significance and natural beauty of the San Luis Obispo County area. The trail is divided into two primary sites: SAN LUIS OBISPO and SAN MIGUEL -- approximately 40 miles apart. The San Luis Obispo walk is the "PATH OF HISTORY" with 19 points of interest. The San Miguel tour includes the SAN MIGUEL MISSION and the RIOS-CALEDONIA ADOBE. The trail is suitable for Tigers, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers. The award is open to all registered members of the Boy Scouts of America.

Requirements:

1. Boy Scouts and Venturers must complete both the San Luis Obispo "Path" and the San Miguel Tour plus read one book from the suggested reading list.

2. A planned 14-mile backpack tour with overnight stay in Camp Roberts-San Miguel is available to Boy Scout and Venturer units.

3. Obtain Stamp/Credential at each mission visited.

4. The trail can be completed in one day. However, Boy Scout and Venturers might want to camp overnight at one of many campgrounds available in the county. (Make reservations in advance through the proper agency.)

5. A Local or National Tour Permit should be obtained. Two adults must accompany each unit; at least one adult must be a registered scout. The maximum group size is 16 scouts. All Scouts should wear the official scout uniform.

6. A Patch and/or Medal is available to those completing the trail. A Silver Bell attachment is available to participants completing the 14-mile backpack in Camp Roberts-San Miguel.

While on the trail, each unit is expected to obey the pedestrian safety rules as well as the point of the Scout Law "A Scout is Courteous". Each group must see that it has training in hiking safety and first aid. No participant may hike the trail as an individual. The sponsor of the trail will not be responsible for any accidents which may occur during the course of the trail. Each group is responsible for its own safety and discipline as well as obeying pedestrian and traffic safety rules. Church services, restaurants, and food supplies are available in San Luis Obispo, San Miguel, and surrounding communities. For emergencies, call 911. Write to the Los Padres Council office for maps and additional information.
MORRO BAY BACKPACK

This is an overnight backpack of 7.5 - 8.5 backpack hours duration. It is intended to enhance knowledge and appreciation of the variety of environments near the Pacific Ocean on the Central Coast of California. The trailhead is at Morro Bay State Park Natural History Museum. The primary route winds through the State Park to the top of Black Hill and then down into the City of Morro Bay. A Clam Taxi ride provides access to the northern tip of the Morro Bay Strand, near the entrance of Morro Bay Harbor. The Clam Taxi is located at the Morro Bat Marina (phone: 805/772-8085). The long trek down the strand to Hazard Canyon should take tidal conditions into account. From Hazard Canyon, the trail ascends to Pecho Road and turns south to the Montana de Oro Park Ranger Station. Follow the path along the bluffs to Coon Creek and turn east to rejoin Pecho road. Follow the road to the turnoff to your Environmental Camp. The E.C. is reserved by calling MISTIX (phone: 800/444-7275). Remember, none of the E.C. areas have any immediate water source. The alternative trail leads from Morro Bay State Park to South Bay Boulevard, turns west to Pine, proceeds south to Binscarth, leads west to Pecho Road, crosses over to Solano Street, and continues to the west end of Howard Street. From here, take a sandy path that parallels the edge of the Bay towards the sand dunes. Cross the sand dunes at a designated path to rejoin the primary trail. The backpack is completed on the second day by re-tracing the bluff trail to the Montana de Oro State Park Ranger Station.

Requirements:

1. Comply with the GENERAL REQUIREMENTS listed in this booklet.

2. At least one adult must have successfully completed a council Adult Backpack Awareness course.

3. Prior to the Morro Bay backpack, all participants must have completed two HAT training hikes.

4. All participants must complete at least one hour of service to the Morro Bay or Montan de Oro State Park. The service project must be approved in advance by the State Park Ranger Staff.

5. The primary or alternative route specified above must be followed.

6. B.S.A. Council Tour Permits and Environmental Campsite (E.C.) and Clam Taxi reservations must be obtained in advance. Copies of these applications must accompany the Award Application.

7. Write to the Los Padres Council office for maps and additional information.
CHAPTER 8
High Adventure Awards of San Diego-Imperial Council
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CAMELBACK

All Unit Leaders should obtain a current copy of San Diego Trek Aid #103, "Camelback High Adventure Backpacking Award". This pamphlet contains, maps, suggested routes, history and other valuable information.

Requirements:

1. Take a Backpack along any existing section of the California Riding & Hiking Trail in Southern California, in the Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park or in the Cleveland National Forest. The PCT within these areas can be used in conjunction with other trails, but not alone as PCT has its own award. The backpack shall be:
   a. an overnight backpack of at least 15 miles or 7½ hours scheduled backpack time with the night's camp not closer than 2 hours scheduled backpack time from the trailhead or pickup point.
   OR
   b. a backpack of at least 30 miles or 15 hours scheduled backpack time in not less than three consecutive days with no night's camp closer than 2 hours scheduled backpack time from the trailhead or pickup point.

2. Each person shall, as part of a group project, complete 1 hour of conservation work to improve trails, campsites, general area of Scout Camp. Such work may be completed on the backpack or within 1 month before or after the hike. Application for the award is not to be made until the conservation work is completed.

3. Comply with the General Requirements.

4. The Camelback High Adventure Awards are:
   a. For the first and third 15 mile backpack award the Los Angeles Area Council "Hike in a State Park or County Park", or “Hike in a National Forest” patch.
   b. Completion of the first thirty miles in any multiples of 15-Mile or 30-Mile backpacks: The 30-Mile Camelback Medal.
   d. Stars may be worn on the ribbon of the 30 Mile Camelback Medal to indicate additional 15 and 30 mile backpacks (one star for each 15 miles).
CAMELBACK FOOTPRINTS

15-Mile Footprints and 30-Mile Footprints may be worn only with the Camelback 60-Mile Patch. They are earned for each 15-Mile Backpack and 30-Mile Backpack taken after the Camelback 60-Mile Patch has been earned. 30-Mile footprint may not be exchanged or worn for two 15-Mile Footprints.

PACIFIC CREST TRAIL - BACKPACKING

Requirements:

1. Take a Backpack along the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail (P.C.T.) as shown in the latest trail description or maps of the U.S. Forest Service.

NOTE - Mileage on the following shall not be counted: "Access" and "Feeder" trails, former "Temporary" sections where the permanent Trail has been established, the former California Riding & Hiking Trail in San Diego County and the John Muir Trail in the high sierra.

2. It shall be an overnight backpack of 15 miles or 7-1/2 hours scheduled backpack time in 2 consecutive days, camping at least 2 hours from either end of the trail.

3. Each person shall, as part of a group project, perform 4 hours of actual trail construction, maintenance or repair during or within 6 months of the backpack under the direction of a Trail Foreman, Ranger or approved Trail Boss.

4. Comply with the General Requirements.

NOTE: Trail and campsite clean-up do not qualify and shall not be counted for this Award.
P.C.T. BACKPACK 15-MILE FOOTPRINT

Requirements:

1. The Pacific Crest Trail 15-mile Footprint may be earned only after earning the Pacific Crest Trail Backpacking Award.

2. Comply with articles 1 & 2 of the Pacific Crest Trail Backpacking Award.

3. Each person, as part of a group project, perform 2 hours of conservation work to improve the trail, campsite or general area during or within 6 months of the backpack. NOTE: Clean-up qualifies for the 15-mile Footprint only.

4. Backpacks or fractions thereof are not accumulative. Each 15-Mile Footprint requires a separate backpack as described in Art. 2 of the P.C.T. Backpacking Award, plus the 2 hours of conservation work. A backpack of 3 or more days may count mileage or hours of scheduled backpack time at not more than 10 miles/5 hours scheduled backpack time per day. Example: A backpack of 30 miles/15 hours scheduled backpack time in 3 consecutive days would qualify for 2 each 15-Mile Footprints.

PACIFIC CREST TRAIL - TRAILBUILDING

Requirements:

This is a "restricted" award and may be obtained from the High Adventure Team only after it has been approved by a designated member of the H.A.T.

1. As part of a group project, perform 6 hours of actual trail construction, repair or maintenance in 1 or more days on the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail or its feeders.

2. This Trail work must be performed under supervision of a Trail Foreman, Ranger or Trail Boss approved by the High Adventure Team.

3. This Trail work must be approved in advance and signed off as completed by the High Adventure Team Trail Boss Chairman.

4. "Clean-up" does not qualify and shall not be counted for this award. Trail work is accumulative. Hours and fractions of hours may be counted for this award.

5. Comply with the General Requirements.
HIGH SIERRA SEGMENTS

Requirements:

1. This is an indicator patch to show where a High Adventure Backpack Award was earned and so may be earned in conjunction with any High Sierra Backpack Award.

2. The Trek must be a genuine backpack of 30 hours scheduled backpack time in at least 6 consecutive days and 5 nights on the trail.

3. Only 1 Indicator Segment may be earned on each Trek. At least 16 hours of scheduled backpack time must be in the Sector designated by the Segment.

4. Comply with the General Requirements of San Diego Trek Aid #105.

5. The designated areas of the segments are:

**YOSEMITE** - Yosemite National Park

**TRANS-SIERRA** - Any Trek that crosses the High Sierra Nevada north of an East-West line through Kernville and South of an East-West line through the northern boundary of the Emigrant Wilderness.

The following Indicator areas are designated by the US Geological Survey 15 minute quadrangle topographical maps.

**BANNER/RITTER** - Mono Craters, Merced Peak, Devil's Postpile, Mt. Morrison and Mt. Abbot.

**SEVEN GABLES** - Mt. Abbot, Mt. Tom, Blackcap Mountain and Mt. Goddard.

**GODDARD** - Mt. Goddard, Big Pine and Blackcap Mountain.

**PINCHOT** - Mt. Goddard, Big Pine, Marion Peak and Mt. Pinchot.


**GREAT WESTERN DIVIDE** - Mt. Whitney, Triple Divide Peak, Mineral King and Kern Peak.

**KERN PLATEAU** - Hockett Peak, Monarch Mt., California Hot Springs, Kernville and Lamonte Peak.

**WESTERN LAKES** - Shuteye Peak, Kaiser Peak, Shaver Lake, Huntington Lake, Blackcap Mountain (only that part outside King's Canyon National Park), Tehipite Dome, Patterson Mountain, Giant Forest, Kaweah, Mineral King, Camp Nelson, and California Hot Springs.

NOTE: Multiple Indicator Segments may be earned for extended treks. Prior written approval of the High Adventure Team is required.
RIVER RAT

All unit leaders should obtain a current copy of San Diego Trek Aid #101 "Canoe The Colorado River". This pamphlet contains maps, routes and other valuable information.

Requirements:

1. Plan and carry out a canoe, or kayak or float trip on the lower Colorado River between Hoover Dam and Imperial Dam. This trip shall cover at least 20 miles in 2 or more consecutive days with the overnight camp at least 5 miles from the launching point and the take-out point.

2. All participants will have previously completed Swimming and Canoeing Merit Badges. Red Cross Fundamentals of Canoeing is an alternative to Canoeing Merit Badge and will serve to certify adults for the swimming requirement.

3. U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices (life jackets) must be worn at all times while afloat.

4. Comply with the safety regulations and standards published by the U.S. Coast Guard, the Bureau of Reclamation, the National Park Service and the respective States of Arizona, California and Nevada.

5. It is recommended that a power boat be used as a Safety Boat; but it shall be used for safety only. Any person who rides in a power craft, whose craft is towed by a power craft, or whose equipment is carried by a power craft is immediately disqualified and shall not receive this award.

6. All food and equipment must be carried by the participants in their own craft.

7. Each person shall, as part of a group project while on the trip, complete 1 hour of conservation to improve the campsites or the general area.

8. Comply with the General Requirements and San Diego Trek Aid #101.

MT. SAN GORGONIO

All unit leaders should obtain a current copy of San Diego Trek Aid #104 "San Gorgonio and San Jacinto". This pamphlet contains maps, hike profiles, suggested routes, camping, history and other valuable information.

Requirements:

1. Complete a backpack climb of 2 or 3 consecutive days with one night's camp at least 3 miles from the trailhead and at an elevation of over 9,000 feet.

2. Each individual, to qualify, must reach one of the following Peaks: San Gorgonio (11,499'), Jepson (11,205'), Charlton (10,806'), or Anderson (10,864').

3. Scouts must be Second Class or above. All climbers must have participated in training and conditioning backpacks.

4. Violations of the Wilderness Use Regulations of the San Gorgonio Wilderness is cause for disqualification of eligibility for the award. Comply with the General Requirement of Trek Aid #104.
OLD SALTY RAT

Requirements:

1. Obtain, from the Trading Post, obtain a current copy of San Diego Trek Aid #101A, "Old Salty Rat".

2. All persons, both youth and adult, must have prior canoe training. Recommend Red Cross Canoe Training for adults and both canoe and swimming merit badges for youth.

3. Camp overnight in the Fiesta Island Group Camping Area. Permit and reservations required.

4. In morning: Load canoes with all personal equipment and all group equipment (should be in waterproof bags).

5. In loaded canoes follow the complete route as laid out in the TREK AID.

6. Cook hot lunch (cold snack disqualifies users) at some point along the route.

7. Life jackets will be worn by all youth and adults on the water.

8. Comply with the General Requirements.

MT. SAN JACINTO

All unit leaders should obtain a current copy of San Diego Trek Aid #104 "San Gorgonio and San Jacinto". This pamphlet contains maps, hike profiles, suggested routes, camping, history and other valuable information.

Requirements:

1. Complete a backpack of 2 or 3 consecutive days with at least one night's camp at Little Round Valley, Round Valley, Tamarack Valley or the Summit.

2. Each individual, to qualify, must reach the summit of one of the following Peaks: San Jacinto (10,804'), Jean (10,566'), or Marion Mountain (10,332'); for Marion Mt. it is not necessary to make the 3rd class rock climb the last 9-20' to reach the absolute top.

3. Scouts must be Second Class or above. All climbers must have participated in training and conditioning backpacks.

4. Use of Tram disqualifies participants, see San Diego Trek Aid #104.

5. Violations of the Wilderness Use Regulations of the San Jacinto Wilderness is cause for disqualification of eligibility for the award. Comply with General Requirements of Trek Aid #104.
HIGH SIERRA TREK AWARD

Requirements:

This is a "restricted" Award and requires High Adventure Team Approval before it can be purchased.

1. Complete 6 backpacking Treks which qualify for "High Sierra Segments" in 6 different areas of the 10 described in the High Sierra Segments in this chapter. Provide copies of approvals and tour permits when requesting the award.

2. If more than one area is being backpacked in one time period, the route and itinerary must be approved in advance, in writing, by the High Adventure Team. Routes and itineraries should be submitted to the High Adventure Team at least 3 months in advance.

3. Each Trek shall be preceded, within 2 weeks of the start of the Trek, by a Shakedown Backpack of all the Trek Group. It shall be an overnight backpack of 7-1/2 hours scheduled backpack time in 2 consecutive days with the night's camp at or above the following elevations: Domeland Wilderness - 7,000'; Kern Plateau - 8,000'; Plummer Meadows - 8,800; and all others including San Gorgonio and San Jacinto - 9,000'.

4. Each individual Trek shall be a point-to-point or loop Trek of at least 50 miles or 30 hours scheduled backpack time in a minimum of 6 consecutive days and 5 nights.

6. All Treks shall comply with the General Requirements of San Diego Trek Aid #105.

DESERT BACKPACK

Requirements:

1. The backpack must be made in the Mojave or Sonoran Deserts of the Southwest U.S.

2. Complete an overnight backpack of 7-1/2 hours scheduled backpack time in 2 consecutive days, camping at least 1-1/2 hours scheduled backpack time from both the trail head and the pick-up point.

3. The backpack must be in an arid desert defined as "an area of low annual rainfall, high evaporation rate, scarcity of water, wide range of temperature and sparse vegetation". This does not include the chaparral ecology. It ranges from sandy flat lands to jagged, steep mountains. The Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and the Joshua Tree National Monument are excellent examples of desert parklands.

4. Each person shall, as part of a group project, complete one hour of conservation work to improve the trail, the campsites, or the general area either on or within 30 days of the Backpack. NOTE: Trail work, except clean-up, must be authorized in advance by an area Ranger.

5. Comply with the General Requirements.
U.S. MORMON BATTALION TRAIL for SCOUTS & VENTURERS

Requirements:

1. History of the Mormon Battalion Trail
   a. Read a History of the Mormon Battalion in the Mexican War (see Bibliography on pg. 12 of Trek Aid #107)
   b. Discuss with Scoutmaster, Advisor or with Counselor appointed by Scoutmaster, the History emphasizing:
      1. What was the Mormon Battalion and what was its dual mission?
      2. What was the approximate size of the Mormon Battalion at three points in its history: departure from Ft. Leavenworth, departure from Santa Fe, and arrival at San Diego. What was the cause for the difference in size at these three points?
      3. Recruitment of the Battalion.
      4. Crossing of both Pawnee Forks and the Colorado River
      5. Forced marches under Colonel Smith.
      6. The "Battle of the Bulls", Tucson, Box Canyon, and the hardships crossing the deserts.
      7. Some of the daily distances covered and the length of time on the march.

2. Visits to Memorials and Museums.
   a. Visit a Memorial dedicated to the Mormon Battalion. Where this is impractical due to excessive driving distances write to a Mormon Battalion Descendant's Society or a Mormon Battalion Memorial for information.
   b. Visit a Museum that displays artifacts of that era.
      NOTE: In San Diego County visit 2 of the following in "Old Town".
      1. The Mormon Battalion Memorial in Presidio Park.
      2. The Mormon Battalion Visitor's Center, 3510 San Juan Street.
      3. The Hazard Museum in the Sealy Stables.

   a. Describe the daily ration on the trail.
   b. Describe some of their water problems.
   c. The supper on the backpack shall be a typical trail supper of the Battalion both in type and in quantity. Beef Jerky may be substituted for dried mule meat and the supper may be cooked over a backpacker's chemical fuel stove where open fires/fuel gathering is prohibited.

4. Take an overnight backpack of at least 15 miles or 7½ hours scheduled backpack time along the original Trail of the Mormon Battalion. All food, water, and equipment must be backpacked the entire distance. Where the original trail is closed to hikers, is not practical, or not safe to backpack, an alternate trail may be developed by the Council HAT working with the Mormon Committee on Scouting. Alternate trails must be approved in writing by the High Adventure Team of the Council in which they are located.

NOTE: In San Diego County a section of the Trail is still open in the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Recommend selecting a 15-mile backpack in that section of the Trail between Highway S-2 Mile 27 mark northward toward the junction of Highways S-2 and S-22. Hike through Box Canyon across Blair Valley. Cross the ridge at "Foot and Walker Pass" and continue across the desert keeping to the east of the private property in Earthquake Valley. When past the private property, hike west to Highway S-2 and follow the west shoulder to Scissors Crossing (Highways S-2 and 78), and on north through San Felipe Pass. Camping is permitted almost everywhere in the Anza-Borrego State Park. CAUTION: Take Chemical Fuel Stoves as both fuel gathering and open fires are strictly prohibited.

5. Comply with the General Requirements. Reference: Trek Aid #107, "U.S. Mormon Battalion Trail".
EL CAMINO REAL for SCOUTS & VENTURERS

All unit leaders should obtain a current copy of San Diego Trek Aid #106, "El Camino Real". This pamphlet contains suggested routes, menus, history and other valuable information.

Requirements:

1. History
   a. Read at least 2 histories of California, 1 of the 18th and 19th centuries and 1 of El Camino Real or the Missions of Alta California.
   b. Discuss with the Scoutmaster, Advisor or a Counselor appointed by him, the history of El Camino Real with emphasis on the following:
      (1) When was El Camino Real established, why, by whom and how;
      (2) Life along El Camino Real, food, dress, type transportation, dangers and hardships;
      (3) Compare our life with theirs;
      (4) Who were the peoples who used El Camino Real;
      (5) Locate El Camino Real on a road map and note where today's highways follow the original route.

2. Visits to Missions and Museums.
   a. Visit at least 3 of the original Alta California Missions (USA), or 2 Missions and an Assistancia (The Parish Church at Santa Ysabel and the Chapel of St. Francis at Warner Springs are Assistantias).
   b. Visit a museum portraying life in California in the 18th and 19th centuries (museum may be one of the Missions visited).

3. Mission Cooking. For lunch and supper of the backpack, use ingredients and foods resembling (as closely as possible) foods used by travelers along El Camino Real.
   a. Trail lunch - cheese (jack or sharp keep better), hard crackers, jerky and dried fruit.
   b. Supper - champerrado, puchero, etc (see Trek Aid #106 for recipes).

4. Hike the Trail of the Padres.
   a. Take a hike of at least 15 miles (or 7-1/2 hours scheduled back pack time) along the El Camino Real. The hike may be a point-to-point or a 7 1/2 mile loop. However, much of El Camino Real is on private lands, in city streets and along highways where hiking is dangerous. Where it is not practical to actually follow El Camino Real, the candidates may hike a designated route known to have been used by the early Padres. These alternate routes must be approved in writing by the High Adventure Team of the Council in which the Unit is located. An alternate route for the San Diego - Imperial Council is shown in Trek Aid #106.
   b. Camp overnight on or near El Camino Real or in a designated campsite nearby.

5. Comply with the General Requirements.

NOTE: Candidates shall carry a minimum of water, lunch, First Aid kit and suitable extra clothing.
SNOW CAMPER

Requirements:

1. Camp overnight in a primitive campsite or a Scout Camp in 2" of snow or more, cooking supper and breakfast at the campsite.

2. Before going on the Snow Camp, both adults and youth shall receive training in snow and winter camping; the training to be given by an adult with snow camping experience.

3. The training will cover the following:
   a. Frost bite, what is it? The cause, prevention and First Aid.
   b. Hypothermia, what is it? The cause, prevention and First Aid.
   c. "Snow Blindness", What is it? The cause, prevention and First Aid.
   d. The "layer system" of keeping warm.
   e. High calorie menus and snacks for winter camping.
   f. Snow camp layout, including proper methods of setting up tents in the snow and cooking on snow.

4. Personal and group clothing and equipment shall be checked just before leaving for the Snow Camp to be sure that both youth and adults have adequate clothing. Clothing shall include: Thermal underwear, wool shirt and/or wool sweater (NOT a cotton sweatshirt), wool socks, boots at least 6" high, sunglasses, wool gloves or mittens, warm headgear with protection for the ears, tentage, waterproof ground cloth (6 mil plastic OK), sleeping pad, adequate sleeping bag, etc.

5. Group equipment shall include at least 1 rapid heating chemical fuel stove.

6. Turn in a comprehensive report written by youth of Snow Camp experience with High Adventure Award Form.

7. Comply with the General Requirements.

LAZY RAT

Requirements

1. Plan and carry out a float trip on any river in a rubber raft or inner tube constructed raft (the Tom Sawyer variety).

2. Duration: Minimum of 2 days and 1 night. Minimum length of float trip - 20 miles.

4. U.S. Coast Guard approved personal floatation devices (life jackets) must be worn at all times while afloat.

5. It is recommended that a power boat be used as a safety boat; but it shall be used for safety only.

6. All food and equipment must be carried by the participants in their own craft. Any person who rides in a power craft, whose craft is towed by a power craft, or whose equipment is carried by a power craft is immediately disqualified and shall not receive this award.

7. All participants will have previously completed the Swimming Merit Badge Requirements.

8. Comply with the General Requirements.
**WHALE AWARD**

**Requirements:**

1. Read one of the following which may be checked out from your local library:
   a. The Whales Go By, by Fred Phlegar.
   b. The Great Whales, by Herbert S. Zim.
   c. Whales, by Bernard Stonehouse.
   OR
   d. Ask your librarian to help you find any other book on whales which you can read and understand.

   **NOTE:** Do not keep these books checked out too long because there are other children who might also like to read them.

2. Visit the whale exhibit in the basement of the Museum of Natural History in Balboa Park, San Diego. Especially notice the miniature models of these whales, and skeletons of the whale and dolphin.

3. Visit the Cabrillo National Monument (lighthouse) atop Point Loma and:
   a. Read the California Gray Whale exhibit displayed out-of-doors, listen to the tape recording, and
   b. SIGHT A GRAY WHALE GOING NORTH OR SOUTH ALONG THE COAST OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY. If a whale is not sighted, visit Sea World and watch the Whale Show. Please call Sea World for admission prices and confirmations.

**FIG. 8-19**

WHALE AWARD  
3” DIA.
The outdoor awards that are sponsored by the LAAC are discussed in Hike Aid 6, “High Adventure Awards Program”. Unit leadership is to refer to it, and any supplemental Program Announcements, for the current and complete listing of the requirements for each award. Weekend awards that are required to earn certain other LAAC awards are National Park/National Monument, California State Park/County Park, and National Forest. Any award that requires a minimum of seven hours scheduled backpack time and two days may be substituted for these awards. Comply with the General Requirements,

**TRAINING HIKE**

Requirements:

1. Backpack may be taken in any location.
2. Minimum of one night of camping.
3. Backpack distance of five or more miles.
4. No mileage offset for elevation gain.

**NATIONAL PARK / NATIONAL MONUMENT**

Requirements:

1. Campsite and at least half of the scheduled hours hiked must be in a National Park or National Monument.
2. Backpack time of seven or more scheduled hours.
3. Minimum of one night of camping.
4. Award recipient to have previously earned two Training Hike awards.

**CALIFORNIA STATE PARK / COUNTY PARK**

Requirements:

1. Campsite and at least half of the scheduled hours hiked must be in a California State Park or Forest or on Catalina Island.
2. Backpack time of seven or more scheduled hours.
3. Minimum of one night of camping.
4. Award recipient to have previously earned two Training Hike awards.
NATIONAL FOREST

Requirements:
1. Campsite and at least half of the scheduled hours hiked must be in a National Forest.
2. Backpack time of seven or more scheduled hours.
3. Minimum of one night of camping.
4. Award recipient to have previously earned two Training Hike awards.

SNOW HIKING

Requirements:
1. May be taken in any location
2. Trail and campsite must be snow-covered.
3. Prepare at least two meals in camp.
4. Minimum of one night of camping.
5. Backpack distance of five or more miles.
6. No mileage offset for elevation gain.
7. Award recipient to have previously earned two training hike awards.
8. Recommended that participating Scouts be 13 or older.
9. One participating adult must have completed BSA-conducted Winter Camping and Travel training.
BACKPACKER

This award recognizes those persons who have earned a long-term backpacking award and have performed LAAC-HAT approved conservation work in the same calendar year.

Requirements:

1. Earn a long-term backpacking award (5 or more days).

2. Earn a Conservation Award that requires at least 12 hours of LAAC-HAT approved effort in the same calendar year as the long-term backpack award is earned.

This award may be worn as a temporary patch, on the Scout shirt. The Backpacker Award Application is to be used to obtain this award.

ADVANCED BACKPACKER

This award recognizes those persons who have participated in backpacking and conservation activities over an extended period of time.

Requirements:

1. Earn the Backpacker award.

2. Earn a long-term backpacking award (5 or more days) in a year subsequent to receiving the Backpacker award.

3. Earn a Conservation Award that requires at least 12 hours of LAAC-HAT approved effort, subsequent to receiving the Backpacker award. Conservation work may be performed any time after receiving the Backpacker award.

4. Scouts must have earned Hiking, Camping, and Cooking merit badges.

5. Scouters must have completed BSA-conducted Adult Leaders Backpack Training.

This award may be worn as a temporary patch, on the Scout shirt. The Backpacker Award Application is to be used to obtain this award.
FOREST SAVER

This award program recognizes individual participation in forestry and associated construction and maintenance projects. This participation can be as part of a Unit service project or an Eagle project. There are three categories of projects:

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Campsite: campground or trail camp development, improvement, maintenance, and rehabilitation

Wildlife: habitat restoration, browse-way improvement, construction and maintenance of feeders and waterers, etc.

Forestry: plantation clearing, tree planting, tree thinning and pruning, etc.

Requirements:

1. Campsite award - six (6) hours of effort in that category.

2. Wildlife award - six (6) hours of effort in that category.

3. Forestry award - six (6) hours of effort in that category.

4. Forest Saver Award - earn the Campsite, Wildlife, and Forestry Awards and do an additional six hours of Forest Saver Project work.

5. Forest Saver medal - earn the Forest Saver Award and do an additional six hours of Forest Saver project work.

6. Use the Conservation Award Log from Hike Aid 7 to obtain awards.

The six hour projects for the Forest Saver Award and Medal may be in any of the three categories and may be performed at any time. Please refer to LAAC-HAT Hike Aid 7 "Forest and Trail Conservation"; for additional information about this award series. The Conservation Award Log is used to obtain awards.
TRAILSAVER

These awards were developed by the LAAC, in concert with the USDA-FS, to promote Unit participation in forest and trail conservation and construction projects. The initial award program, TrailSaver, was adopted in 1982 as a special activity to be offered for two years. It proved so successful that it was made permanent and has led to the adoption of a second award program, ForestSaver. All conservation work must have the prior approval as to what, where, when, and how from the proper USDA-Forest Service representative, or administrator for a location other than a National Forest. All work must be done under the direction of a person, typically a Trail Boss, assigned by that representative.

Awards in these programs are earned when the participant performs 6,12,18, 24, and 30 hours of LAAC-HAT approved conservation work. Unit Leadership must also satisfy these General Requirements for the outing:

Requirements:

1. Obtain a Tour and Activity Plan for each day or period of work.

2. Have a signed Consent to Participate and Consent to Obtain Emergency Medical Treatment form for each Scout participant.

3. Observe the BSA-National Council rule of a minimum of two registered adults, one of whom must be 21, and two Scouts.

4. One participating adult must hold current ARC Community (or more advanced) First Aid and CPR Certifications.

Hours for these awards may not be used to meet the requirement for any other outdoor award or for advancement in rank except as an Eagle Project. The LAAC-HAT also sponsors the Trail Boss Service Pin and the Jim Spencer Conservation Award. All applications for a conservation award must be approved by an authorized member of the LAAC-HAT.

This award program recognizes individual participation in trail construction and maintenance projects. This participation can be as part of a Unit service project or an Eagle project. The awards are earned in six hour increments, on a cumulative basis.

Please refer to the LAAC-HAT Hike Aid 7, “Trail Conservation”, for additional information about this program. The appendix of the Hike Aid contains a form, Conservation Award Log, to be used to obtain awards.

FIG. 9-10
6-HOUR SILVER TRAILSAVER
3” x 3½”

FIG. 9-11
12-HOUR FOREST CONSERVATION
3” x 3”

FIG. 9-12
18-HOUR GOLD TRAILSAVER
3” x 3½”

FIG. 9-13
24-HOUR TRAILBLAZER
3” x 3”

FIG. 9-14
30-HOUR MEDAL
1½” x 3”
EXPLORER MOUNTAINEERING 1-WEEK BACKPACK

Units can choose their own route and location for their week long trek. Locations are generally above the 9000’ level and involve several thousand feet of elevation gain or loss per day.

Requirements:

1. Hike may be taken on any public lands.
2. Backpack distance of 50 or more miles.
3. No mileage offset for elevation gain.
4. Six days, five nights minimum duration; one layover day in addition is recommended.
5. Participants must be 14 years old or older.
6. Award recipient to have earned two weekend or equivalent awards within 90 days prior to trek.
7. Secure LAAC-HAT approval of a High Adventure Application at least one month prior to departure. A copy of the Trail Profile/Trail Schedule, the menu, and all other relevant planning materials must accompany it.
8. One participating adult must have completed BSA-conducted Adult Leaders Backpack Training.

GABRIELINO

This award was designed for backpacking anywhere on the Gabrielino National Recreation Trail, that goes from Chantry Flats to Windsor Drive, Altadena.

Requirements:

1. Trail and campsites must be in the Angeles National Forest.
2. Three days, two nights minimum duration.
3. Backpack time of 12 or more scheduled hours.
4. Award recipient to have earned two weekend awards within 90 days prior to trek.
5. Award recipient must perform six hours of LAAC - HAT approved conservation work in the Angeles National Forest within 90 days before or after the hike.
HIGH ADVENTURE BACKPACK

Please refer to LAAC-HAT Hike Aid 15, “Long-Term Trekking”, for additional information.

Requirements:

1. May be taken on any public lands.

2. Five days, four night minimum duration; one layover day in addition is recommended.

3. Backpack time of 25 or more scheduled hours.

4. Award recipient to have earned two weekend or equivalent awards within 90 days prior to trek.

5. Participating Scouts must be 12 or older; it is recommended that they be 13 or older.

6. Secure LAAC-HAT approval of a High Adventure Application at least one month prior to departure. A copy of the Trail Profile/Trail Schedule, the menu, and all other relevant planning materials must accompany it.

7. Each participant must have had a medical examination using BSA Annual Health and Medical Record within a year prior to trek. It is strongly recommended that each be current as to a tetanus shot.

8. One participating adult must have completed BSA-conducted Adult Leaders Backpack Training.

9. One food drop is permitted, at the time and place of your choice.
JOHN MUIR AWARD

The following specific requirements apply for earning the primary patch and each of the Segments.

Requirements:

1. Take a backpack on the John Muir Trail, to include that section specified on the Segment sought and to begin and end at the locations indicated.

2. Seven days, six nights minimum duration; one layover day in addition is recommended.

3. Earn Backpack distances are in the range of 50 miles per Segment.

4. Participants Award recipient to have earned two weekend or equivalent awards within 90 days prior to trek.

5. At Participating Scouts must be 12 or older; it is recommended that they be 13 or older.

6. Secure LAAC-HAT approval of a High Adventure Application at least one month prior to departure. A copy of the Trail Profile/Trail Schedule, the menu, and all other relevant planning material must accompany it.

7. Each participant must have had a medical examination using BSA Annual Health and Medical Record within a year prior to trek. It is strongly recommended that each be current as to a tetanus shot.

8. One participating adult must have completed BSA-conducted Adult Leaders Backpack Training.

Routes may be hiked in either direction. Please refer to LAAC-HAT Hike Aid 15, "Long-Term Trekking", for additional information.
MINI-PEAK BAGGER

This award program is designed to introduce Units to backcountry peak climbing. Units can earn the awards in the Southern California mountain regions that are within easy reach for one-day outings. It is hoped that the Unit will see mini-peak climbing as an opportunity to supplement its weekend or short-term backpacking program. Approved peaks have elevations of between 5,000 to 10,000 feet and require minimal off-trail or cross country hiking.

A maximum of three peaks may be climbed for credit on a single outing; however, only two may be climbed on a single day. All eligible peaks are located in Southern California. An award is earned when 8, 16, and 24 (cumulative) different peaks from the approved list are climbed, and the other specific requirements are met.

Requirements:

1. All outings that include a peak climb must satisfy all of the General Requirements listed in the Awards Requirements section of this Hike Aid.

2. Climb eight different approved peaks, with a maximum of three per outing, and two per day.

3. It is recommended that each Scout do two hours of work or study on an applicable merit badge or Scouting skill during each outing.

4. Perform six hours of LAAC-HAT approved conservation work. Conservation hours applied to this award may not be used to earn any other outdoor award or for advancement in rank. It may be performed at any time, independent of the peak climbs.

5. Pick up and pack out any trash from the trail or campsites along the way.

6. Maintain and submit a roster for each participant which identifies the peak, date climbed, and Tour and Activity Plan number for the outing, and which notes the date, location, and Tour and Activity Plan number for the conservation work.

Please refer to LAAC-HAT Hike Aid 16, "Peak Bagging", for additional information, a more complete discussion of these requirements, and a listing of the eligible peaks. The Mini-Peak Bagger Award Record is suggested for keeping track of individual participation and applying for an award.
SIERRA NORTH

Requirements:

1. Trail must be entirely within the portion of the Sierras bounded on the north by Highway 88 (the southern boundary of El Dorado County) and on the south by an imagined east-west line just below Lake Thomas A, Edison. This is the area covered in Sierra North by Thomas Winnett, et al., an excellent resource for selecting and planning a trek.

2. Five days, four nights minimum duration; one layover day in addition is recommended.

3. Backpack time of 25 or more scheduled hours.

4. Award recipient to have earned two weekend or equivalent awards within 90 days prior to trek.

5. Participating Scouts must be 12 or older; it is recommended that they be 13 or older.

6. Secure LAAC-HAT approval of a High Adventure Application at least one month prior to departure. A copy of the Trail Profile/Trail Schedule, the menu, and all other relevant planning material must accompany it.

7. Each participant must have had a medical examination using BSA Annual Health and Medical Record within a year prior to trek. It is strongly recommended that each be current as to a tetanus shot.

8. One participating adult must have completed BSA-conducted Adult Leaders Backpack Training.

SIERRA SOUTH

1. Trail must be entirely within the portion of the Sierras bounded on the north by an imagined east-west line just above Lake Thomas A, Edison and on the south by the southern boundary of Kern County. This is the area covered in Sierra South by Thomas Winnett, et al., an excellent resource for selecting and planning a trek.

2. Five days, four nights minimum duration; one layover day in addition is recommended.

3. Backpack time of 25 or more scheduled hours.

4. Award recipient to have earned two weekend or equivalent awards within 90 days prior to trek.

5. Participating Scouts must be 12 or older; it is recommended that they be 13 or older.

6. Secure LAAC-HAT approval of a High Adventure Application at least one month prior to departure. A copy of the Trail Profile/Trail Schedule, the menu, and all other relevant planning material must accompany it.

7. Each participant must have had a medical examination using BSA Annual Health and Medical Record within a year prior to trek. It is strongly recommended that each be current as to a tetanus shot.

8. One participating adult must have completed BSA-conducted Adult Leaders Backpack Training.
SILVER MOCCASINS TRAIL AWARD

Requirements:

1. Award recipient to have earned two weekend or equivalent awards within 90 days prior to trek.

2. Participating Scouts must be 12 or older; it is recommended that they be 13 or older.

3. Secure LAAC-HAT approval of a High Adventure Application at least one month prior to departure. A copy of the Trail Profile / Trail Schedule, the menu, and all other relevant planning material must accompany it.

4. Each participant must have had a medical examination using BSA Annual Health and Medical Record within a year prior to trek. It is strongly recommended that each be current as to a tetanus shot.

5. One participating adult must have completed Adult Leaders Backpack Training.

SILVER MOCCASINS TRAIL

1. Must be taken on the Silver Moccasins Trail, Chantry Flat to Vincent Gap, in the Angeles National Forest.

2. Six days, five nights minimum, of which one day is a mandatory layover day; one additional layover day is permitted.

3. Backpack distance is 50 miles, with over 13,000 feet of elevation gain (40 scheduled hours).

4. Menu accompanying the High Adventure Application must note the day(s) of a food drop.

5. Maximum of two food drops are permitted, at the time and place of your choice.

SEQUOIA/KINGS CANYON ROUTES

1. Must be taken on a specified route in the Silliman Crest or Sugarloaf Valley areas of the Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Parks.

2. Five days, four nights minimum duration; one layover day in addition is recommended.

3. Backpack time of 25 or more scheduled hours.

4. Food drops are not permitted on these routes.

Please refer to LAAC-HAT Hike Aid 15, "Long-Term Trekking", for additional information. The Silver Moccasins Medal is discussed in the Special Recognition section of this Hike Aid.
SILVER MOCCASINS MEDAL

This award challenges the backpacker to help construct and maintain the trails on which he/she hikes. It is a unique privilege to hang these Silver Moccasins, when attached to a leather thong, from the right pocket button of the Scout shirt.

Requirements:

1. Earn the Silver Moccasins Trail Award.

2. Perform 12 hours of LAAC-HAT approved and supervised trail conservation work in the Angeles National Forest (out-of-Council Units may request an alternate location from their Council HAT.)

   -- Conservation work must be performed in the same calendar year as the Silver Moccasins Trail Award is earned.

   -- Conservation work applied to meet the requirements for any other award to an individual or for advancement does not apply to earning the Silver Moccasins Medal.

Please refer to the LAAC-HAT Hike Aid 15, “Long-Term Trekking”, for additional information about this award.
HIGH SIERRA TRAIL

Requirements:

1. Award recipient to have earned two weekend or equivalent awards within 90 days prior to trek.

2. Participating Scouts must be 12 or older; it is recommended that they be 13 or older.

3. Secure LAAC-HAT approval of a High Adventure Application at least one month prior to departure. A copy of the Trail Profile / Trail Schedule, the menu, and all other relevant planning material must accompany it.

4. Each participant must have had a medical examination using BSA Annual Health and Medical Record within a year prior to trek. It is strongly recommended that each be current as to a tetanus shot.

5. One participating adult must have completed BSA-conducted Adult Leaders Backpack Training.

GIANT FOREST TO MINERAL KING

1. Trailheads are at either Crescent Meadow or Wolverton and end at Mineral King.

2. Six days, five nights minimum duration; one layover day in addition is recommended.

3. Backpack time of 25 or more scheduled hours (usual route is 44 miles, with 7,500 foot elevation gain - 30 scheduled hours)

MINERAL KING TO MT. WHITNEY

1. Trailheads are at Mineral King and end at Whitney Portal, with day hike to Mt. Whitney summit.

2. Seven days, six nights minimum duration; one layover day in addition is recommended.

3. Backpack time of 25 or more scheduled hours (usual route is 52 miles, with 12,000 foot elevation gain - 38 hours).
**PEAK BAGGER**

Your trip planning will normally provide for climbing one peak on a short term (less than five days) outing and two peaks on a long-term (five or more days) outing. Under certain circumstances, and in advance of the trip, the LAAC-HAT does grant approval to climb an additional peak for credit on an outing. However, only one peak may be climbed in a single day. Most of the approved peaks are located in the Sierra Nevada and the San Bernardino Mountains. Most have an elevation of over 10,000 feet and each present a unique challenge.

An award is earned when 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 (cumulative) different peaks from the approved list are climbed, and the other specific requirements are met. The following specific requirements apply to each award,

**Requirements:**

1. All outings that include a peak climb must satisfy all of the General Requirements listed in the Awards Requirements section of this Hike Aid.

2. Each participant is to have earned two weekend or equivalent awards before beginning to climb peaks that qualify for these awards.

3. Climb five different, approved peaks, limited to one per day, with a maximum of two per long-term outing.

4. Pick up and pack out any trash from the trail or campsite along the way.

5. Maintain and submit a roster for each participant which identifies the peak, date climbed, and Tour and Activity Plan number for the outing.

6. Obtain LAAC-HAT approval before applying for the Senior (20 peak) and Mountaineer (25 peak) awards.

Please refer to LAAC-HAT Hike Aid 16, "Peak Bagging", for additional information, a more complete discussion of these requirements, and a listing of the eligible peaks. Use the Peak Bagger Award Record to keep track of individual participation and for applying for an award.
GOLDEN EAGLET MINI-LONG TERM AWARD

Requirements:

1. May be taken on any public lands.
2. Four days, three nights minimum duration; one layover day in addition is recommended.
3. Backpack time of 16 or more scheduled hours.
4. Award recipient to have earned two weekend or equivalent awards within 90 days prior to trek.
5. Participating Scouts must be 12 or older.
6. Secure LAAC-HAT approval of a High Adventure Application at least one month prior to departure. A copy of the Trail Profile/Trail Schedule and menu must accompany it.
7. Each participant must have had a medical examination using BSA Annual Health and Medical Record within one year prior to trek. It is strongly recommended that each be current as to a tetanus shot.
8. One participating adult must have completed BSA-conducted Adult Leaders Backpack Training.

GOLDEN BIGHORN TREK

Requirements:

1. Take a backpack on the Santa Ana River Trail around Barton Flats, then back through the San Gorgonio Wilderness to Angeles Oaks.
2. Five days, four nights minimum duration; one layover day in addition is recommended.
3. Backpacking distance is 39 or 52 miles, with 7000 feet of elevation gain.
4. Award recipient to have earned two weekend or equivalent awards within 90 days prior to trek.
5. Participating Scouts must be 12 or older; it is recommended that they be 13 or older.
6. Secure LAAC-HAT approval of a High Adventure Application at least one month prior to departure. A copy of the Trail Profile/Trail Schedule, the menu, and all other relevant planning materials must accompany it.
7. Each participant must have had a medical examination using BSA Annual Health and Medical Record within a year prior to trek. It is strongly recommended that each be current as to a tetanus shot.
8. One participating adult must have completed BSA-conducted Adult Leaders Backpack Training.
9. One food drop is permitted, at the time and place of your choice.
TRAIL BOSS SERVICE PIN

This award is given to Scouters by the Forest/Trail Conservation Committee of the LAAC-HAT. It is earned when the Scouter accomplishes the following tasks.

1. Certified Trail Boss (please refer to the LAAC-HAT Hike Aid 7, "Forest and Trail Conservation", for information).

2. Oversees two additional trail conservation projects, each of a minimum of six hours, in the Angeles National Forest.

JIM SPENCER CONSERVATION AWARD

This award, which honors the accomplishments of long-time LAAC-HAT member Jim Spencer, is a Unit award. It is awarded when the following requirements are satisfied.

Requirements:

1. Members of the Unit perform 1,000, 2,000, and 5,000 cumulative hours of on-site work on USDA-Forest Service approved conservation projects.
   a. Hours performed on all such projects since 1980 qualify for this award.
   b. All qualifying hours apply, regardless of the awards or advancements earned by the individual participants,

2. Unit has a registered leader who is a Certified Trail Boss.

Use the Jim Spencer Conservation Award Application to obtain this award. The award is a ribbon, to be displayed on the Unit's flag, and a Certificate issued to the Unit.
MASTER TRAILBUILDER

This award is presented to Scouters by the Forest/Trail Conservation Committee for continued service to the conservation programs of the USFS and the LAAC-HAT. It is not a matter of meeting a set of requirements, but of dedication to conservation. Jim Spencer was the initial recipient of this award, having set the standard for all of us.

JIM HAWKINS MOUNTAINEERING AWARD

This award was developed by Troop/Crew 1210 of Rancho Santa Margarita, CA and honors Jim Hawkins, Chair of the LAAC High Adventure Team for over 30 years. The upper portion of the medal depicts Dusy Basin in King’s Canyon National Park and three creatures that inhabit the Sierra High Route: Yellow-bellied Marmot, Clark’s Nutcracker and Golden Trout. The lower portion shows the face of Mt. Whitney.

Requirements:

1. Earn any eight weekend High Adventure backpacking awards.

2. Earn any two long-term High Adventure backpacking Awards (25 or more scheduled backpack hours) from any council.

3. Earn two of the following: (1) GLAAC Peak Bagger Award (5 peaks) ; (2) WLAAC 14,495 Foot Club; (3) OCC Mt. Whitney Day Trek; (4) OCC White Mountain; (5) OCC Telescope Peak; (6) OCC Eagle Scout Peak.

4. Earn the GLAAC 6-Hour Silver Trailsaver and and the 12-Hour Forest Conservation Awards (GLAAC Trailsaver).
ROCK CLIMBING LAAC

This award is offered to stimulate the development of skills and in appreciation of climbing beyond those required to earn the Climbing merit badge. This award may be earned by Cub, Webelos, Boy Scouts, and Venturers as noted.

Please be advised that all climbing involves risks that the individual and his leaders assume when they participate in these activities

Requirements:

1. Plan and complete each outing in compliance with these BSA-National Council programs:
   a. Follow the Eight Points of Climb on Safely.
   b. Follow the Seven Principles of Leave No Trace.

2. Make 2 climbs and 2 descents.
   a. Cubs and Webelos: Descents must be down-climbs.
   b. Boy Scouts and Venturers: One descent must be a rappel; the second may be either a rappel or a down-climb.

3. Location of all climbs and descents:
   a. Cubs and Webelos: May only use artificial walls.
   b. Boy Scouts and Venturers: Must be outdoors on real rock.

4. This is a concurrent award. Boy Scouts may use climbs and rappels taken to earn Climbing merit badge to earn this award. The outings may apply to earning other outdoor awards.

   A climb may be either a top-rope or a bouldering problem. Lead climbing is not allowed. A rappel is defined as a Scout moving down a stationary rope in full self-control. The person on rappel must be belayed either by a second rope or by a "fireman's belay". If the belayer is in control of the speed, the descent does not count as a rappel. A down-climb is similar to an up-climb, only the person is descending.

Prepare a High Adventure Application and submit it to the Scout Shop to purchase this award. List the names of the persons that have earned it. Attach a note which shows the following for each outing taken to earn the award: date; location; Tour and Activity Plan number; names of Climbing Instructors, Climbing Directors, and Instructors-in-Training in attendance.
LYLE N. WHITED HIKING AWARD

In September 1990, the Parents’ Committee of Troop 211, Torrance, CA, decided to create a special award to recognize the diverse, year-round High Adventure program that the Troop had experienced over the prior 20-plus years. As Lyle Whited had served as Assistant Scoutmaster/Hikemaster for over half that period, it also decided to put his name on it. For a number of years, this award was only offered to members of that Unit and of the local District. The LAAC-HAT is now making it available to anyone who has met its requirements.

Requirements:

1. 12 hours of Eagle (or equivalent program rank) project work.

2. 30 hours of trail work (not counting trail work done on an Eagle project or to earn another award).

3. Earn the LAAC-HAT 8 Mini-Peak Bagger Award or the LAAC-HAT 5 Peak Bagger Award.

4. 50 miles of hiking and backpacking.

5. 40 nights of camping (backpacking and summer camp).

6. Earn One long-term backpack trek (4 nights or longer, as part of the miles hiking and nights camping requirements).

This special award may be earned concurrent with, and in addition to, any other High Adventure awards that were granted to satisfy the requirements listed above. The activity required may have occurred at any time while the recipient was affiliated with a Scouting organization.
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High Adventure Awards of Western Los Angeles County Council

CYCLING TRAINING

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.

2. May be earned by Girl Scouts 11 years or older.

3. Seven (7) hours cycling time, or 21 mile round trip, whichever comes first, with an overnight campout. Cycle trip (or time) may be earned anywhere.

4. Contact an Approval Person from your Council's H.A.T. approval roster prior to doing the trip. Submit the following to the High Adventure Team Person if requested:
   a. Itinerary with route, alternate route and rest stops.
   b. Participant Roster including names, addresses and phone numbers.
   c. Planned menus.
   d. Personal and group equipment lists.
   e. Certification of safe bikes.

5. Minimum food and equipment will be carried on the bicycle (Max. limit 20 lbs.). Equipment should include such items as jacket, rain gear, personal first aid kit, water bottle, long pants and tools. Sleeping gear and other equipment along with food should be carried in a motor vehicle.

6. Group shall have a motor vehicle for emergency with them at all times.

7. Minimum of two registered adults with each touring group, one of which shall be on a bicycle with Tour Group.

8. Participants must be familiar with their State Vehicle Codes and the Orange County BSA Bike Aid Brochure and should be working towards, or have the Cycling Merit Badge. (Adults exempted on Merit Badge but it is strongly recommended that they complete the H.A.T. Cycling seminar.

9. Bicycles must be currently licensed and pass inspection and be certified as safe (brakes, reflectors, tires, etc.) by a qualified cycling counselor or bike shop.

10. Do a good camp or conservation project of at least one hour per participant, on, before, or after tour.

11. Group size should be kept within the maximum recommended for the area of planned camp.

12. Only two (2) Training Cycling Awards per person during their scouting career.

13. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.
CYCLING WEEKEND

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.

2. May be earned by Girl Scouts 11 years or older.

3. Twelve (12) hours cycling time, or 48 miles round trip, whichever comes first, with an overnight campout. Cycle trip (or time) may be earned anywhere.

4. Participant must:
   a. Have earned two (2) Cycling Training Awards.
   b. Do a Conservation Project of at least one (1) hour. Can be done on tour, before or after tour.
   c. Have read their State Vehicle Code booklet and the Orange County Council Bike Aid brochure.
   d. Scouts should be working on, or have earned, the Cycling Merit Badge.

5. Contact an Approval Person from your Council's H.A.T. approval roster prior to doing the trip. Submit the following to the High Adventure Team Person if requested:
   a. Evidence of each participant having earned two (2) Cycling Training Awards.
   b. Itinerary - with route, alternate route, and rest stops.
   c. Participant Roster including names, addresses and phone numbers.
   d. Planned menus.
   e. Personal and group equipment lists.
   f. Certification of safe bikes.

6. Minimum food and equipment will be carried on the bicycle (Max. limit 20 lbs.). Equipment should include such items as jacket, rain gear, personal first aid kit, water bottle, long pants and tools. Sleeping gear and other equipment along with food should be carried in a motor vehicle.

7. Group shall have a motor vehicle for emergency with them at all times.

8. Minimum of two registered adults with each touring group, one of which shall be on a bicycle with Tour Group.

9. Bicycles must be currently licensed and pass inspection and be certified as safe (brakes, reflectors, tires, etc.) by a qualified cycling counselor or bike shop.

10. Group Size - keep within maximum recommended for the area you plan to camp in.

11. Each participant can earn as many of these awards as they want as long as these requirements are met each time.

12. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.
HISTORIC CYCLING TOURING AWARD

This award was established to celebrate the heritage of the Mexican and Spanish people who long ago colonized and developed Southern California into a land of enchantment. Within most Council's boundaries are many historic sites which are seldom noticed by the average Californian, and many of our young people are never made aware of the history of our area.

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.

2. SCOUTS: (11-14 years) Cycle between a minimum of four (4) Historic sites in one day, visiting each one. SENIOR SCOUTS AND VENTURERS: (15 years and older) Cycle between a minimum of five (5) Historic sites in one day, visiting each one. SCOUTERS: Meet the requirements of the group they participate with.

3. Contact an approval person from your Council's H.A.T. approval roster prior to doing the trip. After trip, have approval person approve award application.

4. Tour group shall have a motor vehicle for emergency with them at all times.

5. Bicycles must be currently licensed and pass inspection and be certified as safe (brakes, reflectors, tires, etc.) by a qualified cycling counselor or bike shop.

6. Minimum of two registered adults with each touring group, one of which shall be on a bicycle with Tour Group.

7. Participants must be familiar with their State Vehicle Codes and the Orange County BSA Bike Aid Brochure.

8. Each group will give a report of their tour and submit it with their application to their H.A.T. approval person.

9. It is recommended that participants present their report during a Troop meeting, Troop Parent night or other Scout gathering.

10. For safety, keep the size of the group to eight (8) youth. Minimum two adults with each group at all times. One of the adults must be on a bicycle with the tour group.

11. It is strongly recommended that one of the adults on the trip should have completed the latest High Adventure Team Cycling Seminar.

12. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.
CYCLING TOUR AWARD

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.

2. May be earned by Girl Scouts 11 years or older.

3. Must be (6) days and (5) nights long. Each participant cycling a minimum of 50 miles per day, total for trip 300 miles.

4. Participant must:
   a. Have earned two (2) Cycling Training Awards.
   b. Do a conservation Project of at least one (1) hour. Can be done on tour, before or after tour.
   c. Have read their State Vehicle Code booklet and the Orange County Council Bike Aid brochure.
   d. Scouts should be working on, or have earned, the Cycling Merit Badge.

5. Contact an Approval Person from your Council's H.A.T. approval roster prior to doing the trip. Submit the following to the High Adventure Team Person if requested:
   a. Evidence of each participant having earned two (2) Cycling Training Awards.
   b. Itinerary - with route, alternate route, and rest stop.
   c. Participant Roster including names, addresses and phone numbers.
   d. Planned menus.
   e. Personal and group equipment lists.
   f. Certification of safe bikes.

6. Minimum food and equipment will be carried on the bicycle (Max. limit 20 lbs.). Equipment should include such items as jacket, rain gear, personal first aid kit, water bottle, long pants and tools. Sleeping gear and other equipment along with food should be carried in a motor vehicle.

7. Group shall have a motor vehicle for emergency with them at all times.

8. Minimum of two registered adults with each touring group, one of which shall be on a bicycle with Tour Group.

9. Bicycles must be currently licensed and pass inspection and be certified as safe (brakes, reflectors, tires, etc.) by a qualified cycling counselor or bike shop.

10. Group Size - keep within maximum recommended for the area you plan to camp in.

11. Each participant can earn as many of these awards as they want as long as these requirements are met each time.

12. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.
NORDIC SKIING TRAINING

Due to the strenuous program and physical capabilities required, this award is offered only to youths and adults who have been judged to be in good physical condition by a medical doctor.

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.

2. Each applicant must have completed one (1) weekend winter conditioning hike without skiis of not less than one (1) mile round trip with an overnight on the snow. Not required if participant has earned the Snowshoe Training award.

3. Minimum skiing distance, 2.5 miles over a two day period, with an overnight campout on the snow.

4. Minimum age shall be eleven (11) years or older and at the discretion of the adult leader. Council Winter Backpack Awareness Course and the associated Nordic Skiing Seminar is required for at least one adult going on the trip.

5. Prepare a roster and itinerary for the trip. File with the Ranger if possible. Check in and out with Ranger whenever and wherever possible.

6. Location of trip shall be the unit’s choice with the approval of an Approval Person from your Council’s High Adventure Team Approval Roster. Location may be anywhere good skiing conditions exist over the trip.

7. A person can earn only two (2) of these awards during their Scouting career.

8. After the trip, have a H.A.T. Approval Person sign and approve the award application within a 10 day period.

9. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.
**NORDIC SKIING WEEKEND**

Due to the strenuous program and physical capabilities required, this award is offered only to youths and adults who have been judged to be in good physical condition by a medical doctor.

**Requirements:**

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.

2. Each participant shall have earned two (2) Nordic Skiing Training Awards. Minimum age shall be eleven (11) years or older and at the discretion of the adult leading the trip. A person can earn as many of these awards as they wish during their Scouting career.

3. Minimum Skiing Distance of 10 miles over a two day period with an overnight camp.

4. Council Winter Backpack Awareness Course and the associated Nordic Skiing Seminar is required for at least one registered adult going on the trip.

5. Check in and out with Ranger whenever and wherever possible. Prepare a roster and itinerary for the trip. File with the Ranger if possible.

6. Location of trip shall be the unit's choice with the approval of an Approval Person from your council's High Adventure Team Approval Roster. Location may be anywhere good skiing conditions exist over the trip.

7. After the trip, have a H.A.T. Approval Person sign and approve the award application within a 10 day period.

8. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.
SNOWSHOE TRAINING

Due to the strenuous program and physical capabilities required, this award is offered only to youths and adults who have been judged to be in good physical condition by a medical doctor.

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.

2. Each applicant must have complete one (1) weekend winter conditioning hikes of not less than one (1) mile round trip with an overnight on the snow. Not required if participant has earned the Nordic Skiing Training award.

3. Minimum Snowshoe distance of 2.5 miles over a two day period with an overnight camp in snow.

4. Minimum age shall be eleven (11) years or older and at the discretion of the adult leader. Council Winter Backpack Awareness Course and the associated Snow Shoeing Seminar is required for at least one adult going on the trip.

5. Prepare a roster and itinerary for the trip. File it with the Ranger if possible. Check in and out with the Ranger whenever and wherever possible.

6. Location of trip shall be the unit’s choice with the approval of an Approval Person from your council’s High Adventure Team Approval Roster. Location may be anywhere that has a minimum of five (5) inches of snow over the entire trip.

7. A person can earn only two (2) of these awards during their Scouting career. After the trip, have a H.A.T. Approval Person sign and approve the award application within a 10 day period.

8. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.
SNOWSHOE WEEKEND

Due to the strenuous program and physical capabilities required, this award is offered only to youths and adults who have been judged to be in good physical condition by a medical doctor.

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.
2. Each participant shall have earned two (2) Snowshoe Training Awards.
3. Minimum Skiing Distance of 5 miles over a two day period with an overnight camp.
4. Council Winter Backpack Awareness Course and the associated Snowshoeing Seminar is required for at least one registered adult going on the trip.
5. Minimum age shall be eleven (11) years or older and at the discretion of the adult leading the trip.
6. Check in and out with Ranger whenever and wherever possible.
7. Prepare a roster and itinerary for the trip. File with the Ranger if possible.
8. Location of trip shall be the unit's choice with the approval of an Approval Person from your council's High Adventure Team Approval Roster.
9. Location may be anywhere that has a minimum of five (5) inches of snow over the trip.
10. A person can earn as many of these awards as they wish during their Scouting career.
11. After the trip, have a H.A.T. Approval Person sign and approve the award application within a 10 day period.
12. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.
BACKCOUNTRY EXPLORATION AWARD

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.

2. Outing leader or another 21 year old adult going on trip must have completed the Basic Backpack Awareness Course.

3. An approved Conservation Project of six (6) hours per participant is required.

4. Plan a trip of 15 or more backpacking hours round trip to a wilderness base camp (use standard allowance of one hour for each two miles hiked, plus one hour for each 1000 feet of elevation gained).

5. Plan an additional 20 or more hiking hours (packs not required) from and around the wilderness base camp. The hiking hours may be for the purpose of sightseeing, exploration, peak bagging, etc. Minimum time on the trail and in the backcountry - six (6) days and five (5) nights.

6. Recommended age is 11 years old or older. Each scout participant must demonstrate the following scout skills or earn the following Merit Badges: Camping, Cooking, First Aid and Swimming. Adults and Venturers must have the equivalent knowledge. Outing leader to certify compliance.

7. An itinerary must be reviewed prior to starting the trip by the Council High Adventure Team and it should also be filed with the Ranger at the trail head upon arrival if possible.

8. Each participant, including adults, must complete a minimum of three (3) conditioning overnight backpacking trips, including one at or near the altitude of the proposed trip, within three months prior to departing on the trip. At least one adult on trip has had previous experience on a Long Term Backpacking trip.

9. The Award may be earned during the winter months (Dec. through Apr.) by units. To have the unit qualify for this award during these winter months, one adult accompanying the group on the trip must have successfully completed the Council High Adventure Team Winter Backpack Awareness Course.

10. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.
CROSS COUNTRY BACKPACK AWARD

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.

2. Outing leader or another 21 year old adult going on trip must have completed the Basic Backpack Awareness Course.

3. An approved Conservation Project of six (6) hours per participant is required. Participants must show evidence of completion.

4. Plan a trip of 25 or more backpacking hours - Anywhere in the mountains, deserts, coast or any combination of these. Minimum time on trail - 6 days and 5 nights.

5. Recommended age is 12 years old or older. Each scout participant must demonstrate the following scout skills or have earned the following Merit Badges: Camping, Cooking, First Aid and Swimming. Adults and Venturers must have the equivalent knowledge. Outing leader to certify compliance.

6. An itinerary must be reviewed prior to starting the trip by the Council High Adventure Team and it should also be filed with the Ranger at the trail head upon arrival if possible.

7. The Award may be earned during the winter months (Dec. through Apr.) by units. To have the unit qualify for this award during these winter months, one adult accompanying the group on the trip must have successfully completed the Council High Adventure Team Winter Backpack Awareness Course.

8. At least 12 of these backpack hours shall be cross country where trails do not exist. (use standard allowance of one hour for each two miles hiked, plus one hour for each 1000 feet of elevation gained).

9. Each participant, including adults, must complete a minimum of three (3) conditioning overnight backpacking trips, including one at or near the altitude of the proposed trip, within three months prior to departing on the trip. At least one adult on trip has had previous experience on a Long Term Backpacking trip.

10. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.

FIG. 10-10
CROSS COUNTRY BACKPACK
4” x 4”
GOLDEN ARROWHEAD AWARD

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.

2. Outing leader or another 21 year old adult going on trip must have completed the Basic Backpack Awareness Course.

3. An approved Conservation Project of six (6) hours per participant is required. Participants must show evidence of completion.

4. Plan a trip of 25 or more backpacking hours - Anywhere in the mountains, deserts, coast or any combination of these. Minimum time on trail - 6 days and 5 nights.

5. Recommended age is 11 years old or older. Each scout participant must demonstrate the following scout skills or have earned the following Merit Badges: Camping, Cooking, First Aid and Swimming. Adults and Venturers must have the equivalent knowledge. Outing leader to certify compliance.

6. An itinerary must be reviewed prior to starting the trip by the Council High Adventure Team and it should also be filed with the Ranger at the trail head upon arrival if possible.

7. The Award may be earned during the winter months (Dec. through Apr.) by units. To have the unit qualify for this award during these winter months, one adult accompanying the group on the trip must have successfully completed the Council High Adventure Team Winter Backpack Awareness Course.

8. Each participant, including adults, must complete a minimum of three (3) conditioning overnight backpacking trips, including one at or near the altitude of the proposed trip, within three months prior to departing on the trip.

9. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.
GOLDEN BOOT AWARD

Completion of all requirements of any Council or National Long Term Back Pack Trip, which shall include the following minimum requirements:

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.

2. Have completed and applied for the patch of an approved Long Term trip consisting of a minimum of:
   a. 25 scheduled backpacking hours on the trail.
   b. 6 nights and 5 days on the trail.
   c. Carrying all food and equipment needed for trek on back. (No pack animals or food drops).

3. Completion of ten (10) hours per person of an approved conservation project during, before, or after hike with the approval of the issuing Council’s High Adventure Team. Completion of 10 hours minus six (6) hours completed for Long Term award equal four (4) hours additional required conservation work for this award.

4. Long Term Medals are issued for approved Scouting Unit function.

5. Retroactive to January 1970 as long as the individual did not receive a Long Term Medal for that particular backpacking trip. For each additional long term hike, a service star with the appropriate number added to the ribbon.

6. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.

COUNCIL CAMP CONSERVATION

The Award was developed in cooperation with Malibu Lodge, Order of the Arrow to recognize those individuals who have donated their time and effort to better our Council Camps. The Award has 25, 50, 75, and 100 hour segments to indicate hours of service the individual has performed at the Council Camps/Reservations.

Requirements:

1. Earned only at Scout Camps/Reservations and must be an approved Unit, District or Council activity. BSA Tour Permit Required.

2. If a Unit or District or Council activity they must:
   a. Fill out as camp reservation, which must be approved.
   b. Have an approved BSA Tour Permit.

3. Council or District Camping Committees are exempt from item 3 (but BSA Tour Permits are always recommended).

4. Each segment shall be earned totally at the Scout Camp where it was started. Work to be approved and hours verified by the Camp Ranger/Caretaker or approved Campmaster.


6. Patch and segments may be worn on the uniform as a temporary Patch and Segment - right shirt pocket.
POWDERHORN TRAIL

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.

2. Outing leader or another 21 year old adult going on trip must have completed the Basic Backpack Awareness Course.

3. An approved Conservation Project of six (6) hours per participant is required. Participants must show evidence of completion.

4. Plan a trip of 33 or more backpacking hours - Anywhere in the mountains, deserts, coast or any combination of these. Minimum time on trail - 7 days and 6 nights.

5. Recommended age is 12 years old or older. Each scout participant must demonstrate the following scout skills or have earned the following Merit Badges: Camping, Cooking, First Aid and Swimming. Adults and Venturers must have the equivalent knowledge. Outing leader to certify compliance.

6. An itinerary must be reviewed prior to starting the trip by the Council High Adventure Team and one must be filed with the Camp Director at Camp Whitsett or Wolverton upon arrival if starting trip from either camp or with the Ranger at the trail head if possible.

7. The Award may be earned during the winter months (Dec. through Apr.) by units. To have the unit qualify for this award during these winter months, one adult accompanying the group on the trip must have successfully completed the Council High Adventure Team Winter Backpack Awareness Course.

8. Each participant, including adults, must complete a minimum of three (3) conditioning overnight backpacking trips, including one at or near the altitude of the proposed trip, within three months prior to departing on the trip. Each participant including adults, must have completed one or more previous long term trip(s) of 6 days and 5 nights and a minimum of 25 hours/50 miles or more.

9. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.
SEQUOIA TRAIL

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.

2. Outing leader or another 21 year old adult going on trip must have completed the Basic Backpack Awareness Course.

3. An approved Conservation Project of six (6) hours per participant is required. Participants must show evidence of completion.

4. Make advanced reservations at the Council Service Center Camping Department. Pay fees. Failure to do so can disqualify the participants for the award.

5. Recommended age is 13 years old or older. Each scout participant must demonstrate the following scout skills or have earned the following Merit Badges: Camping, Cooking, First Aid and Swimming. Adults and Venturers must have the equivalent knowledge. Outing leader to certify compliance.

6. An itinerary must be reviewed prior to starting the trip by the Council High Adventure Team and one must be filed with the Camp Director at Camp Wolverton upon arrival.

7. Trip must start at Camp Wolverton and ends at Camp Whitsett. Minimum time on trail - 10 days and 9 nights, backpacking distance must be a minimum of 95 to 100 miles (50 hours). Days and nights spent at Camp Wolverton or Camp Whitsett are not counted towards trip days.

8. Each participant, including adults, must complete a minimum of three (3) conditioning overnight backpacking trips, including one at or near the altitude of the proposed trip, within three months prior to departing on the trip. Each participant including adults, must have completed one or more previous long term trip(s) of 6 days and 5 nights and a minimum of 25 hours/50 miles or more.

9. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.
SILVER BEARPAW

The Silver Bearpaw Trail is recommended for both the inexperienced and experienced group.

The basic trail meets the requirements of the following awards: Powderhorn, Cross Country Backpack, Backcountry Exploration, High Adventure Trail, Exploring Mountaineering, One Week Backpack, The Sierra South, and the 50 Miler Award. Please check specific requirements. REMEMBER - ONE TRIP, ONE AWARD.

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.

2. Outing leader or another 21 year old adult going on trip must have completed the Basic Backpack Awareness Course.

3. An approved Conservation project of six (6) ours per participant is required. Participants must show evidence of completion.

4. Make advanced reservations at the Council Service Center Camping Department. Pay fees. Failure to do so can disqualify the participants from the award.

5. Recommended age is 11 years old or older. Prior to departure, each Scout must demonstrate the following scout skills or have earned the following Merit Badges. Camping, Cooking and Hiking. Adult and Venturers must have the equivalent knowledge. Outing leader to verify compliance.

6. An itinerary must be reviewed prior to starting the trip by the Council High adventure Team and one must be filed with the Camp Director at Camp Wolverine upon arrival.

7. Trip must start and end at Camp Wolverton, Sequoia National Park. Minimum time on trail - 6 days and 5 nights, backpacking distance must be a minimum distance of 50 to 55 miles (25 hrs.), days and nights spent at Camp Wolverton do not count toward hike.

8. Each participant, including adults, must complete a minimum of three (3) conditioning overnight backpacking trips, including one at, or near, the altitude of the proposed trip, within three months prior to departing on the trip.

9. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.
SILVER CLOUD TRAIL

Recommended for the more experienced backpacker.

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.

2. Outing leader or another 21 year old adult going on trip must have completed the Basic Backpack Awareness Course.

3. An approved Conservation project of six (6) ours per participant is required. Participants must show evidence of completion.

4. Recommended age is 12 years old or older. Prior to departure, each Scout must demonstrate the following scout skills or have earned the following Merit Badges. Camping, Cooking and Hiking. Adult and Venturers must have the equivalent knowledge. Outing leader to verify compliance.

5. An itinerary must be reviewed prior to starting the trip by the Council High adventure.

6. Trip must start and end at Wolverton/Alta Trailhead, Sequoia National Park. Minimum time on trail - 6 days and 5 nights, backpacking distance must be a minimum distance of 50 to 55 miles (25 hrs.), days and nights spent at Wolverton/Alta Trailhead do not count toward hike.

7. Each participant, including adults, must complete a minimum of three (3) conditioning overnight backpacking trips, including one at, or near, the altitude of the proposed trip, within three months prior to departing on the trip.

Pre-approval Required.
SILVER KNAPSACK

The Silver Knapsack Trail is recommended for the group with little or no backpacking experience who would like to try it on their own.

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.

2. Outing leader or another 21 year old adult going on trip must have completed the Basic Backpack Awareness Course (Blue Card).

3. An approved Conservation project of three (3) hours per participant is required. Participants must show evidence of completion. Project is not required to be done on the trip.

4. Make advanced reservations at the WLACC Council Service Center Camping Department. Pay fees (if required) for Camp Whitsett. Failure to do so can disqualify the participants from the award.

5. Recommended age is 11 years old or older. Prior to departure, each Scout must demonstrate the following scout skills or have earned the following Merit Badges: Camping, Cooking First Aid and Swimming. Adult and Venturers must have the equivalent knowledge. Outing leader to verify compliance.

6. An itinerary must be reviewed prior to starting the trip by your Council High Adventure Team and one must be filed with the Camp Director at Camp Whitsett upon arrival.

7. Trip must start and end at Camp Whitsett. Minimum time on trail - 6 days and 5 nights, backpacking distance must be a minimum distance of 43 to 50 miles (25 hrs.), Days and nights spent at Camp Whitsett are not counted toward trip days.

8. Each participant, including adults, must complete a minimum of three (3) conditioning overnight backpacking trips, including one at, or near, the altitude of the proposed trip, within three months prior to departing on the trip.

9. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.

10. Being that this trip is of an extend nature, it is recommended that at least one leader has completed: Wilderness and Remote First Aid.

FIG. 10-18
SILVER KNAPSACK
4” x 4”
WHITSETT TO WHITNEY

Recommended for the very experienced who have two or more previous Long Term Trips. The Trip begins at Camp Whitsett in Inyo National Forest, crosses into the John Muir Wilderness Area, crosses into the Sequoia National Park. At Siberian Pass, returns to Inyo National Forest. After crossing the bridge at Kern Canyon Ranger Station, the trail re-enters Sequoia National Park until reaching Whitney Portal.

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.

2. Outing leader or another 21 year old adult going on trip must have completed the Basic Backpack Awareness Course.

3. An approved Conservation project of six (6) hours per participant is required. Participants must show evidence of completion.

4. Make advanced reservations at the Council Service Center Camping Department. Pay fees. Failure to do so can disqualify the participants from the award.

5. Recommended age is 13 years old or older. Prior to departure, each Scout must demonstrate the following scout skills or have earned the following Merit Badges. Camping, Cooking First Aid and Swimming. Adult and Venturers must have the equivalent knowledge. Outing leader to verify compliance.

6. An itinerary must be reviewed prior to starting the trip by the Council High adventure Team and one must be filed with the Camp Director at Camp Whitsett upon arrival.

7. Trip must start at Camp Whitsett and end at Whitney Portal. Minimum time on trail - 10 days and 9 nights, backpacking distance must be a minimum distance of 95 to 100 miles (50 hrs.), Days and nights spent at Camp Whitsett are not counted toward trip days.

8. Each participant, including adults, must complete a minimum of three (3) conditioning overnight backpacking trips, including one at, or near, the altitude of the proposed trip, within three months prior to departing on the trip. Each participant, including adults, must have completed one or more previous Long Term trip of 6 days and 5 nights and a minimum of 25 hours/50 miles or more.

9. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.
14,495' CLUB AWARD

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.

2. Each Participant must:
   a. Have had a physical exam within two months of climb.
   b. Have completed a minimum of two conditioning preparation hikes prior to the Mt. Whitney trip. ONE of these must have been taken during the month preceding the climb, and must be at an elevation in excess of 9,000 feet.
   c. Hike to and from the top of Mt. Whitney, involving at least 3 days, with two nights at a trail camp. At the top, take a photograph of the participants at the hut. It is not necessary to carry a pack on the portion of trail involved in reaching the summit.
   d. Backpack carrying your own pack. Only those taking part in the entire trip from planning to completion will be eligible for the award. Pack out all your own trash and leave a clean campsite. DO A GOOD TURN AND EACH PARTICIPANT CARRY OUT APPROXIMATELY TWO POUNDS OF ADDITIONAL TRASH if possible.

3. Outing Leader must:
   a. Submit an itinerary showing hike plan, roster, pack list, and menu to an approval person from your Council's High Adventure Team Roster.
   b. Fill in a trip report on reverse side and affix photograph taken at top of Mt. Whitney.

4. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.

NOTE: This award may be earned additionally to a week-long trip award, when Mt. Whitney is climbed as part of the week-long trip.
WHALE WATCHER

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements. This award is available to Cadet and Senior Girl Scouts, and Brownies, as well as Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers.

2. Attend presentation of slides on DVD in Western Los Angeles County Council.
   a. The DVD may be borrowed from the Council Office along with the text/notebook for the accompanying narrative and the lists of whale watcher cruises, museums and whale shows necessary to complete the award. For Orange County contact The Orange County HAT team.
   b. In Girl Scout Council's that have approved this award, their Scouts will fulfill the same requirements as stated and shown below.

3. Participate in whale watching cruise or one of the following:
   a. Visit a whale show at Sea World.
   b. Or, visit a whale museum such as Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, San Pedro, or the Orange County Marine Museum, Dana Point.

4. Draw a picture of the whale being observed. Label parts. Pictures may be substituted for drawings.

5. Draw a map of the migratory route.

6. Give a report on whaling practices past and present including current laws on whale hunting.

7. Define the following vocabulary words to your unit leader or their representative.

   7. Lob Tailing  17. Mysticeti  27. Lice

7. The award application must be approved by a High Adventure Team approval person.

8. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.
180 DEGREE CLUB

Established for those participants engaged in a high adventure trip of 3 days or more that: Due to mother nature creating such a disturbance that adult leaders using good sound judgment turned back or took an escape route to eliminate possible danger to the participants and were not able to complete the requirements to earn the original award.

Requirements:

1. Could not complete trip because of earthquake, flooding, blizzard, destructive wind, torrential rain, sudden snow storm, avalanches, fire or any combination of these.

2. Meet all requirements of original award except for length of time and mileage.

3. Where possible have BSA tour permit signed by an official stating the reason trip was cut short.

4. Award may be earned anywhere.

5. Must be on the trail of an approved scheduled trip prior to turning around.

6. Award is retroactive to January 1986.

DICK JACKSON

Requirements:

1. Must have accumulated a minimum of 200 backpacking miles from any of the following Council Trail Awards (must have earned a minimum of three (3) different Council Trail Awards).
   - Cross Country 50 miles
   - Golden Arrowhead 50 miles
   - Powderhorn 65 miles
   - Sequoia Trail 95-100 miles
   - Silver Bearpaw 50 miles
   - Silver Cloud 50 miles
   - Silver Knapsack 50 miles
   - Whitsett to Whitney 90-100 miles

2. Show evidence of having earned the awards.

3. Must have H.A.T. approval person approve application.

4. None of the above Trail Awards may be counted twice for this award.

5. Retroactive to January 1986.
DISASTER CONSERVATION

Designed to recognize those Cubs, Scout and Venturer Units who participate in the recovery action after a disaster or state of emergency so officially declared by any city, county, state or government agency.

Requirements:

1. Must have approval from disaster agency or representative prior to accomplishing project.

2. Council Trail Boss or his representative must be notified prior to accomplishing project.

3. BSA Local Tour Permit is required if available, and must be signed by agency representative to get credit for hours worked.

4. Minimum of eight (8) hours work required. May be cumulative but must be on same disaster.

5. Participants must be currently registered in Scouting. Applications must be approved by H.A.T. approval person before awards will be issued. Retroactive to January 1971.

6. Councils are encouraged to make segments for disasters in their area. Segments shall be 3/4” x 3” in any color with name of disaster on segment.

APPROVED DISASTERS

Sylmar Earthquake 1971
Malibu Fire 1978
Manderville Canyon, Pacific Palisades, Carbon Canyon Fires 1978
Angeles National Forest Fire 1979
So. California Flood 1980
Whittier Earthquake 1987

SNOWMAN

The award is for those units, groups and participants who get caught in an unscheduled surprise snow storm while on a weekend or long term trip. It is not for a unit that plans a winter trip and are expecting a possible snow storm while on that trip.

Requirements:

1. Must be an approved High Adventure activity which meets all applicable General Requirements.

2. While on a scheduled activity, get caught in an unexpected snow storm where a minimum of 4 inches (snow must stick to ground) of snow falls within a 24 hour period.

3. Have Ranger or other agency representative verifying the unexpected snow storm.

4. Award is available whether or not unit received any other award for the same trip. Award is retroactive to January 1986.
GRUNION RUN

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable Area 4 General Requirements.

2. Obtain an approved Local Tour Permit from the Council Office.

3. Attend the Grunion Program presented by Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro, 3720 Stephen White Drive. Phone (310) 548-7562.

4. Write a report describing:
   a. How and why the moon is essential to the Grunion.
   b. The Grunion Run at the beach including a drawing of the Grunion.
   c. The different activities at the Aquarium.

5. After doing items 1-4 see your H.A.T. Approval Person for award approval.

6. This award can be earned by Cub Scouts, Webelos, Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Girl Scouts.

MUSEUM INFORMATION:

1. Programs are held 2-4 days after a new or full moon during the months of March through July. Call museum for exact dates each year.

2. Museum opens for viewing at 8 PM.

3. A special program on Grunion including films and a lecture is held in the auditorium at 9 PM and 10 PM. Grunion eggs are hatched on the patio. The group is then led to the beach to observe a supervised Grunion run. The runs usually occur between 10:30 PM to 12:30 AM.

4. There is no charge for the parking lot after 6:00 pm. Cost for the Aquarium is $2.00 for adults and $1.00 for seniors and children. The Aquarium would appreciate a donation of aluminum cans.

5. There is no food service at or near the beach.

6. The months of April and May are closed season for Grunion. During that time they may not be touched or captured.

7. The months of March, June and July are open season. Anyone 16 years of age or older must have a valid fishing license to touch or capture the Grunion.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

Warm clothing that can (and will) get wet, flashlight, blanket to sit on the beach, food and hot drinks, and a bath towel.

NOTE: Although this Award is based solely upon the museum's program, they are not involved in the administration of the award. PLEASE DO NOT ask the museum questions other than about Grunion run dates and the Grunion themselves. This award was developed by Marilyn Marrs. If you have additional questions, please call Marilyn at (818) 896-1776.
TRANS SIERRA TRAIL

Most Units plan trips that start and end on the same side of the Sierra's using trails that usually run North or South. Many areas are unused because they are in the middle between the East or West side of the Sierra's where many units do not venture.

This award was established to get Units away from the more popular areas and trails by having them use the many trans-Sierra Trails.

Requirements:

1. Meet and comply with all General Requirements.

2. Plan a trip across the Sierra's from East to West or West to East using existing trails wherever possible.

3. Minimum time on trail: 10 days and 9 nights and 50 hours.

4. A minimum of 75% of the groups participants must have completed a previous long term trip (minimum 6 days and 5 nights and a minimum of 25 hours).

5. Itinerary and profile for trip must be reviewed and approved by H.A.T. a minimum of 2 weeks in advance of proposed trip.

6. Recommended age is 12 years old or older. Each Scout participant must demonstrate the following scout skills or have earned the following Merit Badges. Camping, Cooking, Hiking, First Aid and Swimming. Adult and Venturers must have the equivalent knowledge. Outing leader to verify compliance.

7. At least one adult 21 years or older, has satisfactorily completed the Council Basic Backpack Awareness Course.

8. Minimum of 3 preparation hikes within the last 4 months prior to trip for each participant at approximate elevation of long term trip.

9. An approved conservation project of six (6) hours per participant is required. Show evidence of completion.

10. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements of there is an area of conflict.

NOTE: The Award consists of a Patch and 2 segments. One segment for East to West and one segment for West to East.

This Award was suggested by T-534 of Chatsworth, CA.
WHITEOUT

This award was developed for those participants that while engaged in a High Adventure activity get caught in a situation where the visibility is reduced to less than 5 feet distance.

Conditions that can cause the reduction of visibility: rain storm, hail storm, sleet or snow storm, sand storm, fog or low clouds, or any combination of these.

Requirements:

1. Must be an approved High Adventure activity which meets all applicable General Requirements.

2. While on the activity have the visibility reduced to less than five (5) feet.

3. Have the agency or its representative of the area you experienced the "whiteout" verify the conditions the unit experienced by signing the tour permit where applicable.

4. This award is retroactive to January 1986.

5. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements of there is an area of conflict.

JR. TRAIL BUILDER

This award was established for youth 11 to 18 years old currently registered in the scouting program, who under the supervision of an approved Trail Boss has met all of the following specific requirements.

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.

2. Participant must be 11 years old but not yet 18 years old and currently registered in the Scouting Program either as a Boy Scout, Venturer, or Girl Scout.

4. Project to be under the supervision of an approved certified Trail Boss.

5. Complete a total of 18 hours of instruction and trail work any place, which is to include: Tool use, tool safety, brushing, tread maintenance, and simple rock work.

6. Award applications must be signed by an approved certified Trail Boss prior to submission for H.A.T. approval. See your council H.A.T. Approval Roster.

7. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.
FALLS CREEK TRAIL

This trail was pioneered and developed by Scout Troop 317 of Canoga Park, CA. with the support of Tujunga District of the Angeles National Forest.

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.

2. Registered Girl Scouts 11 years and older may earn this award. All participants are to Backpack all food and equipment.

3. Camp a minimum of one (1) night at Falls Creek Campground. Fire permits are usually required.

4. Each participant must perform a minimum of one (1) hour of conservation work. Check with local Ranger for approved projects. Units must leave a clean camp and must PACK OUT all their own trash. Do not use Forest Service receptacles.

5. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements, if there is an area of conflict.

NATIONAL RESOURCE TRAIL

A conservation award program designed for all members of the B.S.A. and G.S.A. to help stop the deterioration of our hiking trails. For all Units, whether they be hiking or drive-in type campers. The H.A.T. will provide supervision and project planning using approved, experienced, trained, Trail Bosses, so everyone should be able to participate.

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.

2. The complete program requires a minimum of thirty (30) hours of conservation work on any public lands (Lands under any government agency control). Hours may be accumulated over periods of time.

3. The five (5) National Resource Trail Program Awards are earned in six-hour increments as follows:
   6 hrs. = Green border
   18 hrs. = Silver border
   12 hrs. = Red border
   24 hrs. = Gold border
   30 hrs. = HAT pin

4. All projects must be approved in advance by an approved Council Trail Boss. Trailwork is an excellent Eagle project. Those participating in Eagle projects may qualify for these "National Resource Trail" program awards if the requirements are met.
RANGER JIM AWARD

A conservation award established by Troop 317 of Canoga Park, CA. to honor the Rangers of Angeles National Forest for their hard work and dedication to nature and the environment, and for their strong support of the Boy Scouts of America Trail Boss Programs.

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements, (pgs. x & xi).

2. Registered Girl Scouts 11 years and older may earn this award.

3. Must be earned in a National Forest, preferably the Angeles National Forest.

4. Conservation project must be approved by a National Forest Representative.

5. Each participant must do a minimum of twelve (12) hours of conservation.

6. Each participant must have a minimum of five (5) nights camping while conducting their approved (minimum 12 hrs.) conservation project.

7. Award application must be signed by an approved HAT certified Trail Boss upon completion and within ten (10) days, submit application to your HAT award approval person.

8. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.
HIGH ADVENTURE TRIP DRIVER

The High Adventure Trip Driver Award was established to recognize those adults who spend many hours behind the wheel of a motor vehicle, safely getting the participants to and from High Adventure activities.

The Award is a basic Red Decal with 1000, 2500, 5000, 7500 mile, Red Corner-Decals, and a 10,000 mile Golden Decal indicating miles driven to help Units, Districts, or Councils achieve successful High Adventure trips.

Requirements:

1. Retroactive to January 1, 1980.

2. Driver of a vehicle does not need to be a registered member of BSA.

3. Trips must be Unit, District, or Council approved High Adventure outings with approved B.S.A./G.S.A. Tour Permits.

4. Drivers of Motor Vehicles must have a valid current State Drivers License, show evidence of proper state insurance, must meet the age limits, as well as other requirements listed on approved Tour Permit.

5. Each vehicle shall meet their State Safety Standards including seat belts for each passenger.

6. Each vehicle should carry the following minimum emergency equipment: (Reference: BSA Tours and Expedition Booklet).
   a. First Aid Kit
   b. Fire Extinguisher (type approved for electrical fires)
   c. Flashlight, Extra Batteries & Bulb
   d. Road Flares
   e. Road Distress Flags

   It is recommended that each vehicle also carry the following additional equipment:
   a. Usable Spare Tire & Jack
   b. Basic Car Repair Kit
   c. Extra Food and Water
   d. Shovel
   e. Blanket & Extra Clothes
   f. Tire Chains
   g. Survival Kit
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT WEEKEND HIKE AWARD

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.

2. Registered Girl Scouts 11 years and older may earn this award.

3. Must have earned two (2) Training Hike Awards.

4. Take a backpacking trip for a minimum of seven (7) hours (based on two miles an hour and one hour for every 1000 feet gained) to a primitive camp on BLM land. Do not use roads if possible*

5. Submit the following to an Approval Person from your Council's High Adventure Team prior to going on the outing:
   a. Roster and itinerary *
   b. Pack list, menu and food list, cooking gear list, including group gear.

   NOTE: No. 5b need not be submitted if an adult member of your group has completed a Basic Backpack Awareness Course, and has so indicated on the Tour Permit.

6. Do a conservation project, two hours per participant. Check with Ranger for an approved project. Project can be done before or after trip, but prior to issuing of awards.

7. Check in with Ranger and leave a copy of your roster and itinerary if possible.

8. Check out with Ranger at end of trip if possible.

9. Keep adequate notes and maps to use in preparing trip report for your unit records.

10. Upon completion of trip, and within a ten (10) day period, see your District High Adventure Team approval person for award approval.

11. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements of there is an area of conflict.

* Road - Street, Avenue, Lane, Blvd, and Highways that are usually paved. Motor Way - BLM "Roads" are never paved.
GHOST CHASERS HISTORIC AWARD

This award was established to lead young and old of scouting to the scenes and towns of the early west. Many ghost towns and historic sites are within a day or two drive from Southern California. Why not do something exciting and fun? Relive the good old days of the past.

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.

2. This award may be earned by registered Scouts, Venturers, or Scouters in the BSA program and registered Cadets, Senior Scouts, and adults in the GSA program.

3. Youth must visit a minimum of three (3) Ghost Towns or Historical Sites.
   a. Stay at a nearby camp site overnight close to the Ghost Town or Historical Site.
   b. Write or give an oral report of the history of each of the three Ghost Towns or Historical Sites visited.

4. Registered adults must have a minimum of four (4) youth earn this award to be eligible to receive this award.

4. The award application must be approved by a High Adventure Team approval person.

5. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements of there is an area of conflict.

References: California-Nevada Ghost Town Atlas by Neil Johnson; California Ghost Towns, Automobile Club of Southern California.

FOUR PEAKS AWARD

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.

2. Complete the requirements and receive each of the Mt. San Bernardino, Mt. San Antonio, Mt. San Gorgonio and Mt. San Jacinto awards.

3. Within one (1) year after earning the fourth award, complete a minimum of ten (10) hours of trail work on one or more of the main trails used to climb any of the four peaks. The trail work may also be done before the fourth award is earned, but no more than one (1) year prior to earning the fourth award.

4. All trail work must be done under the supervision of a trained Trail Boss or Approved Trail Boss Trainee. Submit a photograph of your trail work and a description of when and where it was completed.

6. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements of there is an area of conflict.
SCOUT/WEBELOS WEEKEND AWARD

This award is designed to promote a better Pack-Troop relationship, and promote Cub interest and awareness in the Boy Scout program. The award provides interaction and preparation for the transition from Webelos to Scouts. The activity will be a planning/teaching experience for the Scouts, and a learning/doing experience for the Webelos - and an educational experience for the adults.

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements and Webelos overnight camping policies. Make advanced reservations at a Council Camp.

2. This activity will be conducted in uniform (a minimum of scout/cub shirt, belt and scarf).

3. Weekend Campout of 2 days and 1 night. (LDS Units may earn this award in 2 one day outings to accommodate church policy)

4. High Adventure Team Approved Council Camps are to be used. This will help accomplish a meaningful experience within a good environment, with good facilities and without the distraction and problems associated with public campgrounds.

5. Adults have a separate campsite and program. This may include scouting and troop program awareness, Webelos transition, future activities, etc.

6. The program and schedule will be planned by Scouts to include Scout Skills and related Webelos Activity Badge requirements. Scoutmaster and Webelos Leader to approve plans.

7. Preparation of meals to include cooking skills and Webelos Outdoorsman Activity Badge Requirements.

8. Saturday requirements (1st day for L.D.S.)
   a. Camp setup including campsite selection, arrangement, tent setup, cooking areas, sanitation and wood cutting area are to be setup by Scouts and Webelos.
   b. One morning and one afternoon learning session to be conducted by Scouts for Webelos (see suggestions).
   c. Dinner to be prepared on approved type fire. Cooking will be with approved equipment and utensils. (see suggestions).
   d. Saturday night campfire (L.D.S. units may do this on 2nd day's activities). Scouts and Webelos to make plans including songs, skits, recognition’s, awards, etc. Campfire does not need to have a real fire or be after dark. Adults may be included.

9. Sunday requirements (2nd day L.D.S.)
   a. Dinner to be prepared on approved type of fire. Cooking will be with approved equipment and utensils. Adults may be included.
   b. Scouts Own to be conducted by boys. Adults may be included.
   c. One learning session to be conducted by Scouts for Webelos. This should be a Nature type experience. (See suggestions)
   d. A one hour service project, assigned by Camp Ranger, is to be completed. Adults qualifying for award must also participate.
   e. Scouts and Webelos to disassemble Camp areas to be put back as found. Equipment to be packed and stored properly and campsite to be left cleaner than found.
   f. An evaluation of the activities will be conducted including Adults, Scouts and Webelos.

10. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements of there is an area of conflict.
SUGGESTIONS: Learning sessions and program considerations

Webelos Activity Badges:
  - OUTDOORSMAN - outdoor fire safety, visit a Scout Camp, help cook meals, campfire program.
  - FORESTER - Identify 6 different forest trees and plants, plant 20 forest tree seedlings, discuss harm and prevention of forest fires.
  - NATURALIST - Identify poisonous plants and reptiles.
  - SHOWMAN - Sing 2 songs, one act plays, play 4 tunes on an instrument.
  - ARROW OF LIGHT - First Aid Requirements
  - AQUANAUT - Swimming, boat safety, rescue. Scout Skills:
    - CAMPING - Knots, lashings
    - CONSERVATION - Outdoor Code, conservation project
    - COOKING - Tote-N-Chip, fire building
    - ENVIRONMENT - Plant and animal identification
    - FIRST AID - Shock, bandages/slings
    - MAP READING, compass work
  - SWIMMING - Swim, rescue

Cooking: Tin can cooksets and stoves could be a troop and/or Webelos project prior to outing, or project done at camp.

Resources: High Adventure Team members, Scout Handbook, Webelos and Scout Program Helps, Boys Life, and various training session materials.

Typical Scout camps are:
  - Camp Kern - Southern Sierra Council
  - Camp Jubilee - Western Los Angeles Council
  - Camp Three Falls - Ventura County Council
  - Lost Valley - Orange County Council
SCOUTING SPIRIT

This is a very special award. To earn it, two (2) separate scout troops, one traditional and one handicapped, work together on an outdoor activity. Since members of both units will contribute, they will each earn the same award.

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.

2. The leaders from each unit will meet with the Council Representative (the District Executive, or key volunteer associated with special units of the council). At this meeting they will write a "ticket". This ticket will outline the specific objectives and responsibilities for each unit. The guide for this ticket will be "On My Honor, I Will Do My Best" and the ticket will be aimed at the abilities of the participants.

3. The two units will perform the activity to meet the objectives and commitments agreed upon in the ticket.

4. When both units have met the requirements of the ticket, they will turn in an award application to a High Adventure Team representative. This application will include the ticket and supporting information that will show the ticket items have been completed. The award will be approved when the H.A.T. Representative is satisfied that both units have completed their ticket.

5. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements of there is an area of conflict.

OBJECTIVES OF THIS AWARD

1. The primary objective is to bring these two different units together for a meaningful activity that will lead to better understandings by all participants. It is also hoped that this first activity will lead to other joint activities.

2. It is the intent of this program that the award be truly earned. It is essential that the handicapped Scout be given the opportunity to feel the pride of doing his best. It will also bring a feeling of pride to the traditional Scout for going something really worthwhile.

3. This award will also provide a means for the traditional Scout Unit to help their boys meet most of the requirements for the Handicapped Awareness Merit Badge.
HORN OF PLENTY AWARD

This award was developed for the youth in scouting to learn how important it is to help others and to know there are hungry people in their own community who need help.

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

2. Youths eleven (11) years or older, registered in the Boy Scout or Girl Scout programs, may earn this award.

3. Registered adults in either BSA or GSA may earn this award by having a minimum of four (4) youth in their unit earn this award.

4. You must have approval from an agency/representative of a food/hunger project prior to beginning work on the project.

5. You must have your BSA Local Tour Permit signed by the agency representative along with indicated hours worked.

4. The award application must be approved by a High Adventure Team approval person.

5. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements of there is an area of conflict.

Notes:

1. The award is divided into four (4) separate five (5) hour segments with the Horn of Plenty patch awarded together with the initial five (5) hour segment.

2. This award was developed by Pack 644 of Canoga Pard. Cubmaster Nancy Edwards.
LEO FERNS JR. HIKER OF CHARACTER

Leo Ferns Jr. was instrumental and influential in starting the High Adventure Team in the Western Los Angeles County Council and has stayed active in Scouting and High Adventure for over 40 years. He has taken countless Scouts backpacking and taught them to appreciate and protect nature. This award is to honor him.

The purpose of the Leo Ferns Jr. Hiker of Character Award is to have Scouts 1) Learn an appreciation of nature through conservation. 2) Learn and use Spiritual guidance in their lives and 3) Meet the challenge of a long term High Adventure trip and then an additional challenge of their choosing within the requirements.

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.

2. Complete two long-term High Adventure trips of at least six days/five nights. These trips may be Backpacking trips, Canoe trips or Cycling trips.

3. Complete at least four hours of trail building or maintenance, OR participate at least four hours in a conservation project. Conservation projects may be of an urban nature (such as setting up a recycling program at an office, school classroom or church) or the project may be of a wilderness nature (such as erosion control, tree planting, etc.).

4. Service hours for requirement 3 may not be used for any Rank Advancement or for any other Award.

5. Lead a Scout’s Own Service on a long term trip with your Patrol or Crew.

6. Alternative to requirement 3 for High Adventure trained adult leaders:
   ----Serve as an active member on the High Adventure Team for at least three years, serving as a Staff Member, Course Instructor or Course Director or any combination during a three year period.
   ----This Award and the completion of any of the above requirements are retroactive for Council High Adventure Staff, Trainers, Course Instructors and Course Directors retroactive to their date of completion of Basic Backpacking.
MOUNTAIN BIKE AWARD

This award is designed to promote the safe and careful enjoyment of mountain biking with minimal impact by fostering LNT principles.

Requirements:

1. Comply with the High Adventure Award General Requirements.

2. This award may be earned by registered Boy Scouts, Varsity and Venture youth and their registered leaders. It may be earned by registered Cadet and Senior Girl Scouts and their registered leaders.

3. Before the ride, meet requirements 1 and 4 of the B.S.A. Cycling Merit Badge. Girl Scouts should use the B.S.A. Cycling Merit Badge pamphlet as a reference for these requirements.

4. Review the Leave No Trace rules and requirements.


6. Each Scout participant must complete B.S.A. First Class rank First Aid requirements. Girl Scouts should use the B.S.A. Scout Handbook as a reference for these requirements.

7. Each scout participant shall have completed one of the following three HAT awards:
   a. The Cycling Weekend patch; or
   b. The Cycling Achievement Award; or
   c. The Boy Scout Cycling Award.
   * The above awards may be earned on flat paved areas.
   Girl Scouts shall have completed the equivalent requirements to one of the above awards.

8. The requirement for the patch and the ten mile rocker (green) is two days on the trial for a minimum of ten miles on the first trip. Rockers may subsequently be earned on trips of 15 miles (red), 20 miles (bronze), 25 miles (gold) and 50 miles (silver) but all these must be earned over a minimum two days on the trail. Only one stripe may be earned on each trip but after the ten mile trip, the trips may be earned in any order. All trips should be planned for enough days so that speed is not an issue and safety is not sacrificed. A fifty mile trip will not be pre-approved by a HAT counselor for an award without a minimum of three days and a four-to-five-day period is highly recommended.

9. Review the Leave No Trace rules and requirements.


11. Each Scout participant must complete B.S.A. First Class rank First Aid requirements. Girl Scouts should use the B.S.A. Scout Handbook as a reference for these requirements.

12. Each scout participant shall have completed one of the following three HAT awards:
   a. The Cycling Weekend patch; or
   b. The Cycling Achievement Award; or
   c. The Boy Scout Cycling Award.
   * The above awards may be earned on flat paved areas.
   Girl Scouts shall have completed the equivalent requirements to one of the above awards.

13. The requirement for the patch and the ten mile rocker (green) is two days on the trial for a minimum of ten miles on the first trip. Rockers may subsequently be earned on trips of 15 miles (red), 20 miles (bronze), 25 miles (gold) and 50 miles (silver) but all these must be earned over a minimum two days on the trail. Only one stripe may be earned on each trip but after the ten mile trip, the trips may be earned in any order. All trips should be planned for enough days so that speed is not an issue and safety is not sacrificed. A fifty mile trip will not be pre-approved by a HAT counselor for an award without a minimum of three days and a four-to-five-day period is highly recommended.

15. The Specific Requirements shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.
FIG. 10-41
MOUNTAIN BIKE AWARD
5" DIA.
MOUNTAIN BIKE REFERENCES
AND
TRAIL INFORMATION

Mountain Biking Southern California's Best 100 Trails by Delaine Fragnoli & Don Douglass. Paperback.

It’s promotion blurb reads: “Southern California’s most popular mountain bike trail guide. This book has it all: easy family outings, the gnarliest singletrack, the classic hillclimbs. All of the best places from San Diego to Big Sur, from the Sierra Nevada to Death Valley and the Mojave Desert. Accurately researched and described, more than 100 routes are fully illustrated with detailed maps and photographs.”

Mountain Bike! Southern California, 3rd: A Guide to the Classic Trails by David Story and Laurie & Chris Leman (Paperback - Oct 1, 2001)

San Bernardino Mountain Trails: 100 Hikes in Southern California by John Robinson and David Money Harris (Paperback - Jan 2006)

Santa Ana River Guide: From Crest to Coast - 110 Miles Along Southern California's Largest River System by Patrick Mitchell

BikeMapDude Productions Mountain Bike Trail Guides: The Orange County Map-Pack by Peter Kelly (Map - Jun 2003)

Alpine Sierra Trailblazer: Where to Hike, Ski, Bike, Fish and Drive from Tahoe to Yosemite (Trailblazer) by Jerry Sprout and Janie Sprout (Paperback - Feb 1, 2004)
RED ROCK CANYON-MOJAVE DESERT AWARD

This award is designed to promote the safe and careful enjoyment of mountain hiking with minimal impact by fostering LNT principles.

Requirements:

1. Comply with the High Adventure Award General Requirements.

2. This award may be earned by registered Boy Scouts, Venturers, Girl Scouts and registered leaders.

3. Know symptoms and first aid for the Boy Scout Tenderfoot, Second Class & First Class rank requirements with special attention to hypothermia, hyperthermia, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, dehydration, and snake bites. This area is home to the Western Diamondback Rattlesnake and the Mojave Green Rattlesnake which is known to be aggressive.

4. Camp at least one night in Red Rock Canyon State Park or somewhere else in the Mojave Desert.

5. Hike at least three miles on an established trail. Take at least three pictures at different places along the trail. One of the pictures should include all the participants on the hike. (Exception only for the photographer)

6. Visit one of the features in the Red Rock Canyon/Mojave Desert area and write a one page report about it. Features may be geologic, or other natural feature or manmade like the Burro Schmidt Tunnel, Bickel Camp or the Dutch Cleanser Mine. These are examples. Ask your approval counselor about others that you are considering.

7. Perform a one hour service or conservation project to aid the desert. The project may be under the direction of the Park Ranger, the BLM, or other organization approved by the HAT approval person. The project may be a trash pick up type project but it is to be a concentrated effort not just the casual picking up of trash while hiking etc.

8. The Specific Requirements shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.

FIG. 10-42
RED ROCK CANYON-MOJAVE DESERT AWARD
4” x 3”
Some features in the Mojave Desert

**Note:** The following list contains suggestions for places to go in the Mojave Desert. The websites were current as of November 2007. The places remain so try other information sources if these websites become outdated.

**Information Sources:**


Friends of Last Chance Canyon (arrange tours or just ask questions)  [http://www.tflcc.org/](http://www.tflcc.org/)

There are many maps such as “The Friends of Jawbone” OHV and Trails  [www.jawbone.org](http://www.jawbone.org)

There are lots of websites:  [www.desertusa.com](http://www.desertusa.com)

Use your favorite search engine to find other websites about places to visit in the Mojave Desert.

Check your local library, bookstore, or online bookstore for books about the many places to go, things to see, and fun to have in the Mojave Desert.

**Man Made Features:**

Randsburg (Living Ghost Town)  [http://www.ghosttowns.com/states/ca/randsburg.html](http://www.ghosttowns.com/states/ca/randsburg.html)

Garlock (Ghost Town)  [http://www.ghosttowns.com/states/ca/randsburg.html](http://www.ghosttowns.com/states/ca/randsburg.html)


Dryden Flight Research Center  [http://www.nasa.gov/centers/dryden/about/Dryden/tour.html](http://www.nasa.gov/centers/dryden/about/Dryden/tour.html)


Ballarat (Ghost Town)  [http://www.desertusa.com/mag99/apr/stories/ballarat.html](http://www.desertusa.com/mag99/apr/stories/ballarat.html)

Tehachapi Loop (Historic Train Tunnel)  [http://www.tehachapi.com/loop/](http://www.tehachapi.com/loop/)

Tomo Kahui (Indian Settlement)  [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=610](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=610)


**Natural Features:**

Red Rock Canyon  [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=631](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=631)


Saddleback Butte  [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=618](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=618)

El Paso Mountains  

Mitchell Caverns  
http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=615

Kelso Dunes  
http://digital-desert.com/kelso-dunes/

Death Valley National Park  
http://www.death.valley.national-park.com/

San Andreas Fault  
COTTONWOOD LAKES / HORSESHOE MEADOWS

This award consists of a main patch and six rockers. The main patch must be earned first and the rockers are earned in pairs of the pass and the corresponding peak. The uniqueness of the peak awards is based around the lack of defined trails to the peaks. There is considerable skill and knowledge of the territory/environment required to achieve these awards. The base elevation is around 10,000 feet and all the appropriate high altitude preparations must be made. This award can be earned retroactively (2000) and over a period of 5 years for the rockers.

Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.

2. Leader or another 21 yrs old adult going on trip have completed the Basic Backpack Awareness Course.

3. Each participant must have:
   a. Current physical (6 months of less) and current BSA medical forms
   b. completed a minimum of 2 training hikes, both of which should be above 7000 ft

4. Cottonwood Lakes/ Horseshoe Meadow award is earned by camping a minimum of 2 nights and hiking a minimum of 10 miles. A combination of nights is allowed at either camping location. Treks to the peaks can be used for the mileage requirement on the main patch
   a. Trail Pass and Trail Peak rockers. This segment is considered the easiest of the group and can be achieved as a day hike from Horseshoe meadows campground.
   b. Cottonwood Pass and Cirque Peak. This segment requires an overnighter at Chicken Springs lake after having hiked Cottonwood Pass.
   c. Army Pass and Mt. Langley Peak. This segment requires an overnighter at any of the 5 cottonwood lakes and is the most challenging. Langley is amongst the 9 peaks surrounding Mt. Whitney that are above 14,000 ft

FIG. 10-43
COTTONWOOD LAKES/HORSESHOE MEADOW
3” DIA
RALPH SEIFERT FIRST BACKPACK AWARD

This award honors one of the founders of the WLACC High Adventure Team and represents his desire that all able-bodied and trained Scouts and Scouters backpack. Ralph Seifert has trained many leaders and introduced many more Scouts to the outdoors. This award introduces the HAT Basic Backpacking Awareness course participants and their scouts to the backpacking awards in the HAT patch system by earning a specific patch for successfully completing their first backpacking overnight trip.

1. Comply with the High Adventure Award General Requirements.

2. This award may be earned on the outdoor portion of the HAT Basic Backpacking course or of the HAT Junior Backpack Awareness course by the course participants. This award may be earned in addition to earning the course stripe.
   a. In the alternative, this award may be earned by Scouts or registered Scouters for successfully and safely completing the first backpacking trip organized under the supervision and direction of a leader after he or she has completed the Basic Backpacking course. In honor of the leader’s first organized hike, a Scout or registered Scouter is eligible for this award even if he or she has earned a previous HAT backpacking award.
   b. In the second alternative, this award may be earned by scouts or registered Scouters for successfully and safely completing his or her first backpacking trip not otherwise eligible for a HAT backpacking trip award under the supervision and direction of a leader if he or she has never earned a HAT backpacking award. A Scout or registered Scouter is not eligible for this award if he or she has earned a previous HAT backpacking award.

3. For the first option, take an overnight backpacking trip under the supervision and direction of HAT staff instructors. The trip will take place at the location of the assigned HAT outdoor course. For the two alternatives, the overnight backpack trip will be under the supervision and direction of the leader who will determine the location and distance of the trip. The HAT approval advisor will confirm the itinerary.

4. Practice the Leave No Trace program during the trip. If the controlling agency requires, pack out all solid human waste.

5. Pick up every piece of trash, garbage or all man-made debris along the trail as the even service project. The trail and the entire area which can be reached safely just have a clean sweep to implement and practice the Leave No Trace program; pack out the collected material.

6. Cook at least two backpacking meals using the patrol method, with the use of cook stoves. Also plan a menu for a cold camp and meals without benefit of a cook stove, in case fire-danger conditions would so require. Plan the alternative cold-camp meal menus concurrent with the cooked menu, in order to be prepared for any last-minute changes in fire-danger conditions.

9. This award may be earned by any registered Scout, including any female Venture Crew Member, or any registered adult Scouter. Any HAT Staff Member, Course Instructor or Course Director also may earn the award by serving as an instructor for the outdoor overnight session of any HAT course.

10. Follow all fire regulations as appropriate to the conditions and as set by the applicable governmental agency and authority in the area.

11. Obtain a Tour Permit, plus any required Fire Permit and/or any other necessary permits from the appropriate governmental agencies or authorities in the trip area. Complete a HAT application and submit it for approval prior to the planned outing.

12. For any HAT award that requires a Training Hike award, this award would qualify as the equivalent for those adults who took and successfully completed a HAT-sponsored Basic Backpacking Awareness course.
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HISTORIC TRAILS AWARDS

Requirements:

1. The Troop or Post must plan and participate in an historic activity.

2. Locate an historic trail site and study the information related to the site.

3. Hike or camp two (2) consecutive days and one (1) night along the trail or at the historic site (as near as possible).

4. Do one of the following:
   a. Cooperate with an adult group such as an Historical society to restore and mark all or part of the trail site.
   b. Cooperate with an adult group such as an Historical Society to plan and stage an historical pageant or other public event. Such an event shall be large enough to merit coverage by local press.
   If "4b" is selected, attach clippings to High Adventure Award form.

5. Comply with the GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
50 MILES AFOOT OR AFLOAT

The 50-Miler Award is presented to each qualifying individual for satisfactory participation in an approved trip. In order to qualify for the award the group of which the individual is a member must fulfill all of the following requirements.

Requirements:

1. Make complete and satisfactory plans for the trip.

2. Cover a wilderness trail, canoe or boat route of not less than 50 consecutive miles taking at least five (5) consecutive days and nights to cover the trail or route.

4. During the time on the trail or waterway, each person must complete at least ten (10) hours of group work to improve the trail, springs, campsites, portages or wilderness area. Note that in public lands, authority must be obtained in advance for all work other than clean-up. The High Adventure Team Trail Boss Chairman can assist with making the necessary contacts and arrangements.

5. If it is not possible to complete ten (10) hours of work on the trail or waterway, a similar project may be completed in the unit's home area. Pack animals may only be used with the permission of the High Adventure Team.

6. For river trips, a power boat may be used only as a safety boat, and in fact is so recommended, but it shall be used for safety only. Any person who rides in, whose food or equipment is carried by, or whose craft is towed by a power boat is immediately disqualified and shall not receive this award.

7. Comply with the GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

NOTE: The National Council HAS NOT APPROVED the use of "scheduled backpack time" and it may not be used for this award.

FIG.12-2
50 MILES AFOOT OR AFLOAT
5” x 4”
NATIONAL OUTDOOR AWARDS FOR CAMPING. HIKING, AQUATICS, RIDING, AND ADVENTURE

The five National Outdoor Badges recognize a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout who demonstrates both knowledge and experience in camping, hiking, aquatics, riding, or adventure. Scouts earning the National Outdoor badges have demonstrated that they are knowledgeable, safe, and comfortable in the outdoor activity covered by the badge.

Comply with the GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
National Outdoor badges may be earned in the following areas.

**Camping:** A Boy Scout or Varsity Scout may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Camping upon successfully completing the following requirements:
1. Earn the First Class rank.
2. Earn the Camping merit badge.
3. Earn two of the following three merit badges: Cooking, First Aid, Pioneering.
4. Complete 25 days and nights of camping-including six consecutive days (five nights) of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America-including nights camped as part of requirements 1 through 3 above.

A gold device may be earned for each additional 25 nights of camping. A silver device is earned for each additional 100 nights of camping. The Scout may wear any combination of devices totaling his current number of nights camping.

**Hiking:** A Boy Scout or Varsity Scout may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Hiking upon successfully completing the following requirements:
1. Earn the First Class rank.
2. Earn the Hiking and Orienteering merit badges.
3. Complete 100 miles of hiking or backpacking under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America, including miles hiked as part of requirement 2.

A gold device may be earned for each additional 50 miles hiked. A silver device is earned for each additional 200 miles of hiking. The Scout may wear any combination of devices totaling his current number of miles hiking.

**Aquatics:** A Boy Scout or Varsity Scout may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Aquatics upon successfully completing the following requirements:
1. Earn the First Class rank.
2. Earn the Swimming and Lifesaving merit badges.
3. Earn the Mile Swim BSA Award.
4. Earn at least one of the following merit badges: Canoeing, Rowing, Small-Boat Sailing, Whitewater. Complete at least 25 hours of on-the-water time, applying the skills that you learned in the merit badges.
5. Complete at least 50 hours of any combination of swimming, canoeing, rowing, small-boat sailing, or whitewater activity under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America, including time spent in requirements 2 through 4.

A gold device may be earned for each additional 25 hours of aquatic activity. A silver device is earned for each additional 100 hours of aquatic activity. The Scout may wear any combination of devices totaling his current number of hours of aquatic activity.
Riding: A Boy Scout or Varsity Scout may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Riding upon successfully completing the following requirements:

1. Earn the First Class rank.

2. Complete at least one of the following:
   a. Cycling merit badge and 100 miles of cycling.
   b. Horsemanship merit badge and 50 miles of horseback riding.

3. Complete 200 miles of riding activities, either on a non-motorized bike or a stock animal, under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America, including the miles in requirement 2.

A gold device may be earned for each additional 100 miles of riding. A silver device is earned for each additional 400 miles of riding. The Scout may wear any combination of devices totaling his current number of miles of riding.

Adventure: A Boy Scout or Varsity Scout may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Adventure upon successfully completing the following requirements:

1. Earn the First Class rank.

2. Complete either the Wilderness Survival or the Emergency Preparedness merit badge.

3. Complete 10 of any combination or repetition of the following adventure activities under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America:
   a. A backpacking trip lasting three or more days and covering more than 20 miles without food resupply
   b. A canoeing, rowing, or sailing trip lasting three or more days and covering more than 50 miles without food resupply
   c. A whitewater trip lasting two or more days and covering more than 20 miles without food resupply
   d. A climbing activity on open rock, following Climb On Safely principles, that includes camping overnight
   e. Earn the National Historic Trails Award
   f. Earn the 50-Miler Award
   g. Attend any national high-adventure base or any nationally recognized local high-adventure or specialty adventure program.

Items 3a through 3g may be repeated as desired. A single activity that satisfies multiple items in 3a through 3g may be counted as separate activities at the discretion of the unit leader. Similarly, a single activity that doubles an item in 3a through 3d may be counted as two activities at the discretion of the unit leader. A gold device may be earned for each additional five activities. A silver device is earned for each additional 20 activities. The Scout may wear any combination of devices totaling his current number of activities.
National Medal for Outdoor Achievement

The National Medal for Outdoor Achievement is the highest recognition that a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout can earn for exemplary achievement, experience, and skill in multiple areas of outdoor endeavor.

Requirements:

1. Earn the First Class rank.
2. Earn the National Outdoor Badge for Camping with a silver device.
3. Earn any two additional National Outdoor Badges, each with two gold devices.
5. Complete a 16-hour course in Wilderness First Aid from the American Red Cross, Wilderness Medical Institute, or other recognized provider.
6. Become a Leave No Trace Trainer by completing the 16-hour training course from a recognized Leave No Trace Master Educator.
7. Plan and lead, with the approval of your unit leader, an outing for your troop, team, patrol, or squad in two of the following activity areas: hiking and backpacking, aquatic activities, or riding. Include in each outing a service element addressing recreational impacts resulting from that type of activity. With the approval of your unit leader, you may plan and lead the outings for another Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, Varsity Scout team, Sea Scout ship, or Venturing crew.
8. Complete at least one of the following:
   a. Plan and lead, with the approval of your unit leader, an adventure activity identified in the National Outdoor Badge for Adventure for your troop, team, patrol, or squad.
   b. Successfully complete a season on a council summer camp staff in an outdoor area, such as aquatics, Scouterraft, nature, environment, climbing, or COPE.
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For more information regarding Grand Canyon Council Trails program refer to the Council’s Trails book.

BUTTERFIELD STAGE HIKING TRAIL

Requirements:

1. Obtain from Theodore Roosevelt Council a current copy of "The Butterfield Stage Hiking Trail in Arizona", which contains an historical outline of the trail and directions.

2. File the appropriate Tour Permits.

3. Be currently registered in Boy Scouting or Exploring.

4. Have obtained the personal recommendation of your Unit Leaders and the written permission of your parents or guardian to take the hike.

5. Read a brief history of the Trails and submit a written report (approximately 400 words) to your Unit Leaders on the "Butterfield Trail" or write an acceptable theme of at least 1,000 words on "What America's Historic Trails Mean To Me". These reports are to be submitted to the Trails Committee by the Unit Leader along with the High Adventure Awards Application. The reports should be written within two weeks after completing the hike.

6. Scouts and Venturers should wear uniform on the trail.

7. Comply with the GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
HIGHLINE TRAIL

For a great hiking adventure, the Highline Trail offers breathtaking scenic beauty, a wide variety of plant and animal life, spectacular geological formations, and a fascinating background of Indian and pioneer history.

The name "Highline" comes from its location along the highest contour line along the base of the majestic Mogollon Rim at which the location of such a trail is practical. It was built by the Tonto National Forest Rangers to reach the "hard to get at" locations along the Rim with fire fighters and equipment for forest protection. Portions of the trail were used at an even earlier date as routes of communication between the few isolated ranches in the Tonto Rim country.

The trail begins at the base of Mogollon Rim just south of Pine and winds its way eastward through heavily forested areas at an average elevation of 5,700 feet for a distance of approximately 50 miles. The trail may be hiked almost year round. Care must be taken to avoid times of extreme weather conditions (both snow storms and thunder storms). The trail is divided into three sections: (1) Pine to Washington Park, (2) Washington Park to Tonto Creek (just below the State Fish Hatchery). This is near Zane Grey's cabin where the famous novelist wrote many of his books. And, (3) Tonto Creek to Highway 260 east of Christopher Creek. It parallels the early General Crook military road along the top of the rim which is still in use. The trail goes through Camp Geronimo and crosses Tonto Creek just below the State Fish Hatchery.

Requirements:

1. Obtain information about trail and forest conditions and restrictions by contacting the Payson office of the Forest Service.

2. All supplies and equipment used on the trip must be carried by members of the group as they hike the trail. No supplies may be carried by cars or other motorized vehicles.

3. All hikers must begin and end at the designated locations. There will be no shortcuts allowed.

4. Each hiking group must compile and submit with the award application a journal describing the trip, including trail conditions, list of animals, plants, geography and other items of interest observed along the way.

5. Obtain a current copy of "Highline Trail" from the Theodore Roosevelt Council. This outline contains a complete list of rules, requirements, required equipment, and list of plants and animals common to the area.

6. Hikers completing any of the sections of the trail will receive the Highline Trail Patch as well as a segment for each segment of the trail that is hiked. Groups may start from either end of the trail for any of the segments.

7. Meet and comply with the GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

SEGMENTS:

BAKER BUTTE

The trail head is marked by a large sign on Highway 87 about one mile south of Pine. The sign reads "Pine Trailhead". The trail begins south of Pine at the highway and heads east around Milk Ranch Point through Camp Geronimo to Washington Park. This section is approximately 18 miles in length. Camp Geronimo may be used for an overnight campsite with prior arrangement or other sites may be used at Poison Springs, Sycamore Creek, West Chase Creek, and East Chase Creek. All of these should have water nearly year round. The trail is shown on the Tonto National Forest map as Forest Trail #31, but for greater detail the "Buckhead Mesa" and "Kehl Ridge" quadrangle topo maps should be used.

FISH HATCHERY

This section begins at Washington Park and heads along the Rim passing close to Zane Grey's cabin and ending at Tonto Creek. The trail is approximately 15 miles in length with numerous campsites at creeks crossing the trail. The more reliable sources of water may be found at East Verde, Dude Creek, Bonita Creek, Perly Creek, and at Ellison. The trail may be found on the "Kehl Ridge", "Dane Canyon", "Promontory Butte", and "Knoll Lake" quadrangle topo maps. The entire trail may be found on the forest service map.
PROMONTORY BUTTE

The trail begins at Tonto Creek and goes east winding around Promontory Point and ends at Highway 260 just before it climbs the Rim. This trail section is approximately 14 miles in length. Campsites may be found at Dick Williams Creek, Horton Springs, and See Canyon all of which should have water available. "Promontory Butte" and "Woods Canyon" topographical maps will show the terrain along the trail. The final portions are NOT MARKED on the topo maps. However, the Tonto National Forest will have the needed information.

FIG. 12-2
HIGHLINE TRAIL w/SEGMENTS
6½" x 6"
SUPERSTITION WILDERNESS TRAILS

The Superstition Wilderness area just east of Apache Junction is famous for its fabled gold mine legends and other folklore and offers a hiking/backpacking opportunity never to be forgotten.

A word of CAUTION. Even though only a few short miles from a bustling metropolitan area, the Superstition Mountains are a rugged, unforgiving, if yet beautiful wilderness.

It is strongly recommended not to hike this area during the summer months. A wilderness experience should be enjoyed not just endured. Reliable water sources are scarce. The two most consistent sources are Charlebois Spring and La Barge Spring and they can usually be counted on year round. The others such as Bluff Springs, Crystal Springs, Dripping Springs, First Water and Second Water may be unreliable depending upon the season. Plan carefully to insure water availability.

Maps and a good compass are a must. Each hike has recommended topo maps which are available at a variety of map stores. A very good map entitled "The Superstition Wilderness - Western Half" is highly recommended as it shows much trail detail. Superstition trails are usually well defined. However, they are rugged. Most trails are rocky and elevation changes are frequent.

A word of caution about desert hiking. Natural plant life and wildlife are not to be disturbed. This will help to preserve the wilderness but also prevent unnecessary accidents. Also, firewood is scarce so all meals are to be cooked over a backpack type stove.

The Tonto National Forest is the only administering agency for the wilderness. No special permits or reservations are required. If Forest Service personnel are present at trailhead, a simple check in procedure must be followed. The Superstition Wilderness award is earned for taking any of the following hikes or backpacking trips into the Superstition Wilderness.

SEGMENTS:

FREMONT SADDLE

This area is most accessible from Peralta Trailhead. The trail follows Peralta Canyon for approximately 2-1/2 miles, climbing almost 1400 feet in elevation to offer one of the finest views of Weaver's Needle and a western desert vista. A return leg could be via the Cave Trail as it passes Geronimo's Cave. This loop makes a good day hike. No water is available. TOPO MAP: Weaver's Needle quadrangle.

SECOND WATER

Accessible from either First Water Trailhead or Canyon Lake Trailhead. A variety of desert scenery is found from the desert beauty of Garden Valley to the rocky ruggedness of Boulder Canyon and the Second Water Spring area itself. This makes a fine day hike of 4 to 6 miles (dependent on route) with minimal elevation changes. TOPO MAP: Goldfield quadrangle.

CHARLEBOIS SPRING

A true oasis. An old miner once said "There is no finer water in the Superstitions." Look for "Pac Man Rock". This area is accessible from several trailheads: the Peralta, First Water, Canyon Lake, or Tortilla Flat. Seven to nine miles of hiking is required to reach Charlebois. Camping space is available. No matter which trailhead is used there will be an elevation change of approximately 1000 feet. This is recommended as an overnight trip. TOPO MAP: Weaver's Needle quadrangle.

LA BARGE CANYON

A most scenic desert canyon and at its headpoint is an area known as Upper La Barge Box. A narrow winding canyon with many sheer drops presents a challenging hike. This area is most accessible from Peralta Trailhead although Tortilla Flat Trailhead is an alternative. A rugged hiking area this one is a test for the experienced backpacker. The canyon has a spring at either end: La Barge Spring and La Barge Spring No. 2. Water at La Barge Spring is the most reliable. Camping space is available. An overnight trek of approximately 20 miles. TOPO MAP: Weaver's Needle quadrangle.
MINER'S NEEDLE

One of the most interesting rock formations in the Superstition Wilderness. Miner's Needle actually resembles a sewing needle. From Miner's Summit, Coffee Flat and its mountains offer a panoramic view. Some legends say the Miner's Needle is the site of the infamous Lost Dutchman's Mine. This area is most accessible from Peralta Trailhead. There is no water available near Miner's Needle. This needle makes a great highlight in a loop through Bluff Spring or even La Barge Spring. As usual elevation changes are prominent, Miner's Summit is 1000 feet higher than the surrounding area. Bluff Spring loop is 9 miles, La Barge loop is 15 miles. TOPO MAP: Weaver's Needle quadrangle.

REEVIS RANCH

This is an actual ranch site of an early rancher. The best trailhead is Reevis Ranch Trailhead although the ranch could be accessed through Roger's Trough trailhead. Reevis Creek is fairly reliable for water. There is an apple orchard at the ranch, late September is the best harvest time. A challenging hike over the usual Superstition Terrain. From Reevis Trailhead climb over 1000 feet before dropping into the ranch area. An overnight trek of 16 miles. TOPO MAP: Pinyon Canyon and Iron Mountain quadrangles.

ROGER'S CANYON

This area is accessible from Roger's Trough Trailhead. The canyon is a major drainage area in the wilderness and as a result is greener and has a wider variety of plant life than most other areas of the Superstition Wilderness. The main attraction of this area is the Indian ruins on the canyon wall on the west end of the canyon. This trip could be a day hike but difficult trailhead accessibility make an overnight trip a more pleasant outing. This is a 6 to 7 mile hike. TOPO MAP: Iron Mountain quadrangle.
MAZATZAL WILDERNESS TRAILS

Mazatzal (pronounced MA-TA-ZEL', although the pronunciation found in Webster's Geographic Dictionary is MA'SA-TSAL') to the Paiute Indians means empty space between. The Mazatzal Wilderness Area is located in Central Arizona between the Verde River on the west, and the Beeline Highway (State Route 87) on the east. It stretches from south of Strawberry to just north of Sunflower. Parts of the wilderness area are in each of three counties - Gila, Maricopa and Yavapai. It contains 205,000 acres and is the second largest wilderness area in Arizona.

Elevations range from 7000 ft. in the highest passes to around 2400 ft. along the Verde River. The "Mazatzal Divide" runs approximately north to south close to the eastern boundary of the wilderness area. From the Divide the land slopes west toward the Verde River in a series of rugged mountains and twisted canyons.

Weather and vegetation vary greatly in the Mazatzals. Temperatures can reach an extreme low of -15 degrees F and highs of 115 degrees F. Vegetation ranges from Ponderosa Pines and Douglas Fir through Pinyon Pine, Oak, Juniper and Arizona Cypress to Mesquite Catclaw, Saguaros, etc. Dangerous winter storms and blistering summer heat (with accompanying lack of water) can be problems in the area. Nevertheless, the Mazatzals can provide a truly meaningful wilderness experience to those who come prepared.

The area is administered by four ranger districts of the Tonto National Forest. For more information see the Tonto National Forest Map and the Mazatzal wilderness Map both distributed by the forest service.

Tonto National Forest
2324 E. McDowell Rd.
Phoenix, AZ.

Requirements:

1. You must be a registered Boy Scout or Scouter.

2. All hikes must be supervised by a minimum of two adults (at least one must be over 21) with at least two adults for each 12 boys.

3. Awards will be denied for misconduct.

4. All of these trails are within the Coronado National Forest. Contact the appropriate office well in advance of your trip for information and details on hiking and/or camping on your trek.

   United States Forest Service (602) 629-6483
   Coronado National Forest
   300 West Congress
   Tucson, AZ. 85701

5. Hikes must be completed. Weather, trail closure, tired boys or leaders who cannot go on, equipment failure, etc., may make it wise to stop short of completing these hikes, but do not justify granting the awards.

6. Individual "Trail Logs" describing what you did and what you saw must be signed by the Trek Leader and submitted with your High Adventure application.

7. Only one Patch or Medal will be issued to each participant. When a trail is hiked a star pin is to be attached by the name of the trail as each trail is hiked.

8. Wearing Awards. Trail award patches may be displayed on the jacket, pack, camping gear or worn as a temporary insignia on the right shirt pocket. Medals may be worn on the left breast pocket to the left of the Eagle Badge on the Scout Uniform. Use Cub Scout Den numerals on trail medals as "repeater" numbers for those earning trail medals more than once.
SEGMENTS:

BARNHART

Beginning a hike at the Barnhart trailhead, visit one or more of these areas: Chilson's Spring, Brody Seep, Malapais Spring, Windsor Spring or Hopi Spring. The trails in this segment are best suited for hiking in the Spring or Fall. Details for the entire Barnhart segment area are found on the Mazatzal Peak Quadrangle Map.

DEER CREEK

Beginning at the Deer Creek trailhead, hike one or more of these trails in their entirety: #45, #46, or #47. You must also visit either Gowan Camp or Maple Springs on the hike. This area offers good weather possibilities from September through June. Details for the entire Deer Creek segment area (except for the Deer Creek trailhead itself by 1/8 mile) are found on the Mazatzal Peak Quadrangle Map.

DOLL BABY

Beginning a hike either at the Doll Baby or the City Creek trailhead visit at least one of these areas: (a) The Park (Pete's Pond Area), (b) Fuller Seep, (c) Brush Spring. The higher elevation options are best in October, November, April or May. The lower elevation options are best in October through April. See both the North Peak and Cypress Buttes Quadrangle Maps.

CROSS F RANCH

Do all of the following: (a) Hike all of trail #244 from Cross F trailhead, (b) Hike trail #88 between its junctions with #244 and #87, and (c) Visit Potato Patch. These hikes are best suited for October through May. For details for the area's segment see the Lion Mountain Quadrangle Map and the Reno Pass Quadrangle Maps.

TWIN BUTTES

Beginning a hike at Twin Buttes trailhead, hike to the East Verde River. This hike is best suited for Spring or Fall. See the Cane Spring Mountain Quadrangle plus the Verde Hot Spring Quadrangle (west option) plus the Cypress Quadrangle (east option).

SHEEP CROSSING

This hike segment was scheduled for program inclusion in Autumn of 1987. As of this printing we do not have additional details. Please check with the Theodore Roosevelt Council Camp Office.

You must OBTAIN A CURRENT COPY of Catalina Council's "Where To Go Camping in Arizona & the Southwest", trails edition. This brochure contains trail information, history, suggestions and other helpful aids. The following General Requirements apply.
ARIZONA TRAIL HIKES

You must obtain a current copy of the Council's "Where To Go Camping in Arizona & the Southwest", trails edition. This brochure contains trail information, history, suggestions and other helpful aids. The following General Requirements apply.

Requirements:

1. You must be a registered Boy Scout or Scouter.

2. All hikes must be supervised by a minimum of two adults (at least one must be over 21) with at least two adults for each 12 boys.

3. Awards will be denied for misconduct.

4. All of these trails are within the Coronado National Forest. Contact the appropriate office well in advance of your trip for information and details on hiking and/or camping on your trek.

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5. Hikes must be completed. Weather, trail closure, tired boys or leaders who cannot go on, equipment failure, etc., may make it wise to stop short of completing these hikes, but do not justify granting the awards.

6. Individual "Trail Logs" describing what you did and what you saw must be signed by the Trek Leader and submitted with your High Adventure application.

7. Only one Patch or Medal will be issued to each participant.

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HO-HO-KAM TRAIL

DESCRIPTION:

Approximately 30 miles long. Plan at least three (3) days. The trail runs from Camp Lawton Boy Scout Camp to the top of Mt. Bigelow, traversing almost 5,000 vertical feet in elevation. This is about the same as climbing in and out of the Grand Canyon.

There are many fine campsites along the trail (refer to council brochure).

Planning water is extremely important. There are stretches with NO PERMANENT WATER.
GRAND CANYON TRAILS

The Grand Canyon is so internationally popular that there are more people wishing to camp in the Canyon than there are places for them, especially during the summer months. Plan your trip and get reservations three (3) months in advance!

ALL HIKES IN THIS SERIES REQUIRE EITHER A HIKING OR CAMPING PERMIT IN ADVANCE.

Maps: Unless otherwise indicated, USGS topos. Grand Canyon National Park and vicinity, AZ. (1:62,500), or Bright Angel Quadrangle, AZ. (15 min.)

It takes two to three times longer to hike out of the canyon as it does to hike in. On summer days the temperature can be over 100 degrees (F), requiring a gallon of water per hiker to come out safely. During the summer months you may arrange for your unit to use the Grand Canyon High School to store your extra gear while hiking the canyon. Inquire in advance at the Park Superintendent's office. A fee will be charged for your use of the facility.

ELEVEN SEGMENT AWARDS:

RIM TO RIM

Requirements:

1. A minimum of two days is recommended.

2. From South Rim, via Bright Angel Trail (25 miles), or the South Kaibab Trail (21 miles), take the North Kaibab Trail up Bright Angel Creek to the North Rim, or take the reverse route. Campgrounds are along the creek.

RIM TO RIM TO RIM

Requirements:

1. A minimum of 2-1/2 to 3 days is recommended.

2. The hike is 47 miles.

3. South Kaibab or Bright Angel Trails from the South Rim and the North Kaibab Trail from the North Rim.

4. Hike must be completed in one trip.
BASS, GRANDVIEW, HANCE, HERMIT, THUNDER RIVER

Requirements:

1. These five trails go from the South Rim to the river, with the exception of the Thunder River Trail which starts at the North Rim.

2. All are unmaintained and require a hiking and camping permit.

3. Each trail has its own segment award.

PRIMITIVE TRAILS

Requirements:

1. This award may be earned by hiking any trail, not previously named, from either rim to the Colorado river.

2. The Boucher and Tanner Trails are examples.

3. A permit is required in all cases.

SUPAI TO RIVER

Requirements:

1. This hike takes you into Havasu Canyon, the home of the Havasupai Indians, ending below the waterfalls of Havasu creek.

2. Travel down the creekbed to reach the Colorado River.

3. Allow three days for entire trip.

4. Advance reservations and fees are required. Write to: Havasupai Tourist Enterprise, Supai, Arizona 86435; phone (602) 448-2121.

5. This hike is only partly within the Grand Canyon National Park; it starts at Hualapai Hilltop, some 60 miles north of Peach Springs, AZ., and is four hours driving time from the Canyon's South Rim.

PARIA CANYON

Requirements:

1. The canyon is 45 miles long and embraces the Paria River, a perennial stream that begins near Bryce Canyon National Park and runs into the Colorado River at Lee's Ferry.

2. The hike begins in a shallow wash just below U.S. Highway 89 where it crosses the Colorado River in southern Utah.

3. Allow four to six days to complete the entire trek to Lee's Ferry, AZ.

4. Maps: USGS 15 min. topos - Paria, Utah; Paria Plateau, AZ.; Lee's Ferry, AZ.
RAINBOW BRIDGE

Requirements:

1. Two trails may be hiked to earn this segment.

2. Rainbow Trail around the west side of Navajo Mountain (14 miles), starting at abandoned Rainbow Lodge. or,

3. Cameron Trail which is longer by several miles but easier. This trail starts near Navajo Mountain School and goes around the east and north sides of Navajo Mountain.

4. Return by either trail or go out by boat on Lake Powell, or come in by boat and hike out by trail.

5. Permits are required by the Tribal Government. contact: Director, Recreational Resources Dept., The Navajo Tribe, Window Rock, AZ. 86515. Phone: (602) 871-4941.

GRAND CANYON TRAILS MEDAL

Requirements

To earn this award, you must complete one requirement from (1) and (2):

1. Complete the Rim to Rim to Rim hike or complete any three separate hikes in this series.

2. Write your own 800-word report on your hikes covering geology, plant and animal life of the area hikes as you saw them, or read a book on the Grand Canyon, which has been approved in advance by your unit leader as appropriate to your age and interests. Be sure to name the book you read on the application form.

FIG. 12-7
GRAND CANYON MEDAL
1½" x 3"
SAN FRANCISCO PEAKS TRAILS

These hikes are in the vicinity of the San Francisco Peaks, the surrounding plateau and its rugged canyons in northern Arizona. Write to: Trails Committee, c/o Grand Canyon Council, for current trails and road directions and field notes. Write to appropriate office of U.S. Forest Service for fire closures, trail and road conditions and other current data before attempting these treks.

FIG. 12-8
SAN FRANCISCO PEAKS
5” DIA. w/Segments
SAN FRANCISCO PEAKS

Requirements:

1. This hike offers a choice of nine routes, over and around peaks; you make up your own hike, choosing any three or more routes put together, with the aid of a prepared map and route directions, available from the Council Office. Routes are not marked on the ground; they go cross-country and challenge you to use map, compass, and altimeter to make your way over and around the mountains.

2. Elevations: 8,000' to 12,000'.

SYCAMORE CANYON

Requirements:

1. This hike through rugged Sycamore Canyon is a two or three-day trip which is best traveled downstream, starting at either the Boy Scout Reservation or at Winter Cabin near Turkey Butte and ending at the Verde River. Length: 44 miles. This is one of the most demanding hikes in the Council's awards program.


TUTHILL VIA VOLUNTEER

Requirements:

1. Follow the powerlines between Ft. Tuthill (County Fair Grounds) and the Boy Scout Reservation. Hike courses across typical Coconino plateau terrain of ponderosa pine forests atop volcanic rock formations.

2. Difficulty: Easy Length: 18 miles. Maps: USGS (Topos) Flagstaff West, Bellemont, Garland Prairie (7.5 min.)

CRACK-IN-THE-ROCK

Requirements:

1. Hike to one of the major Indian Ruins in Wupatki National Monument. Specific permission must be obtained in advance. Write to: Superintendent, Wapatki Monument, Tuba Star Route, Flagstaff, AZ. 96001.


MOUNT ELDEN

Requirements:

Complete ten non-repeating miles in the new Mount Elden - Dry Lake Hills Trails system near Flagstaff. Information is available from the Scout Office or the Forest Service (Elden district).

TRAIL BUILDER

Requirements:

Perform 16 hours of trail building or maintenance on any of the areas covered by the San Francisco Peaks Trails (San Francisco Peaks, Sycamore Canyon, Tuthill Via Volunteer, Crack-In-The-Rock, or Mount Elden). Prior approval of the Trails Committee and appropriate Forest Service District Office or National Park Service is necessary.
WHITE MOUNTAIN TRAILS

MOUNT BALDY, SQUIRREL CANYON, EAST EAGLE CREEK, ROSE SPRING, BEAR CANYONS SEGMENTS

1. The hikes in this area are located in rugged high-mountain country around the Mogollon Rim, Arizona's famed east-west escarpment which separates the state's high northern environs from the remainder of the state's lower desert areas.

2. The hikes are all found in the vicinity of the Rim in eastern Arizona, between the eastern boundary of Fort Apache and San Carlos Indian Reservation and State Highway 666.

3. The area is Arizona's most verdant and well-watered.

4. It is a three-season hiking area, spring through fall; winter snow storms can quickly make travel hazardous.

5. **YOU MUST CONTACT THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE BEFORE TAKING ANY OF THESE HIKES AND FOLLOW THEIR INSTRUCTIONS.**

Note: USGS maps do not have trails numbers. You will need USFS Apache-Sitrraves National Forest Map, obtained at Forest Service Ranger Stations. This map covers all the hikes in this series.
BLUE PRIMITIVE AREA TRAILS

HORSE RIDGE, BEAR MOUNTAIN, STRAY HORSE CREEK, BLUE RIVER, PUEBLO PARK, KELLY'S ARCH SEGMENTS

1. The Blue Range Primitive Area is in east-central Arizona between State Highway 666 and the New Mexico border and contains some of Arizona's most remote mountain country.

2. It is named for the Blue River which flows north and south through the center of the area.

3. It is similar in ruggedness to the White Mountains to the west and is also a three season area.

4. Hikes range in length from 22 to 42 miles and from 3800 to 9100 feet in elevation.

5. YOU MUST CONTACT THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE BEFORE TAKING ANY OF THESE HIKES AND FOLLOW THEIR INSTRUCTIONS.

Note: USGS maps do not have trail numbers. You will need USFS Apache-Sitrraves National Forest Map, obtained at Forest Service Ranger Stations. This map covers all the hikes in this series.
GENERAL CROOK HISTORIC TRAIL

In 1871, General George Crook ordered a wagon road built from the Arizona Territorial Capital at Prescott, east to New Mexico, and to Fort Apache. The road was used to move troops and supplies into remote eastern Arizona until the railways were built in the 1880s.

FT. WHIPPLE TO FT. VERDE, FT. VERDE TO GENERAL SPRINGS, GENERAL SPRINGS TO COTTONWOOD, & TRAIL BUILDER SEGMENTS

Requirements:

1. The segments on this hike are approximately 50-miles long and are earned when each segment is hiked or ridden on horseback.

2. Backpacking is not required; camping gear may be carried by vehicle.

3. The hiking (or riding) segment need not be done all at one time; it can be done in pieces.

4. The trail is close to existing roads and easily driven to all but a few short sections.

5. TRAIL BUILDER segment is earned when 16 hours of trail work has been completed on the basis of arrangements previously made with the appropriate Ranger District, U.S. Forest Service.

GENERAL CROOK TRAIL MEDAL

Requirements:

1. This award can be earned by completing the requirements for all the segment awards.

2. Medals are consecutively numbered.

3. Applications must be individually submitted.
CHAPTER 13
High Adventure Awards for Las Vegas Area Council

BASIN & RANGE TRAILS

Purpose:
The award consists of Boulder Dam Area Council High Adventure Team round patch, featuring the official State Colors of the State of Nevada, and additional segments for specific areas in the Basin and Range Area. The round patch is ordered with the first segment earned and may not be awarded as an award unto itself.

Requirements:

1. At least one adult going on the hike must have completed the Basic Backpack Awareness Course. Comply with the General Requirements.

2. Be a registered member of Boy Scouts of America or Girl Scouts U.S.A.

3. Obtain Tour Permit and any other necessary permits. Attach reports, and any other documentation needed for the award, to the award application.

4. At least one adult on the hike must have a Standard, or better, First Aid Card.

5. All food and equipment must be backpacked for a minimum of 5 backpacking hours and sleep a minimum of one night in a trail camp in the area for which the segment is awarded. All trash must be packed out.

6. Each participant earning the award must do a minimum of one hour of work on a “Good Turn” project approved by the administering agency.

FIG. 13-1
BASIN & RANGE TRAILS AWARD
3½" DIA.
GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK

Any of the following hikes may be taken to qualify for the GREAT BASIN SEGMENT. Information may be found in *Hiking Great Basin National Park*, a Falcon Guide, or *The Hikers Guide to Nevada* by Falcon Press.

BAKER CREEK CAMPGROUND TO BAKER LAKE
JOHNSON LAKE
TIMBER CREEK-SOUTH FORK TO WHEELER CAMPGROUND
WHEELER PEAK

See END NOTE.

DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK

Any of the following hikes may be taken to qualify for the GREAT BASIN SEGMENT. Information may be found in *Backpacking Death Valley*, by Chuck Gebhardt, or pamphlets, maps, and books from the National Park Service at Death Valley or the Death Valley Natural History Association. Always check in at the Visitors Center for local conditions before starting out.

CHARCOAL KILNS TO WILDROSE PEAK
COTTONWOOD CANYON
HOLE IN THE WALL
INYO MINE TO SCHWAUB PEAK
JOHNSON CANYON TO HYNGRY BILL’S RANCH
MAHOGANY FLAT CAMPGROUND TO TELESCOPE PEAK
TITANOTHORE CANYON

See END NOTE.

ZION NATIONAL PARK

Any of the following hikes may be taken to qualify for the ZION NATIONAL PARK SEGMENT. Information may be found in pamphlets, maps, and books from the National Park Service and the Zion Natural History Association. Always check in at the Visitors Center for local conditions before starting out.

KOLOB ARCH
VIRGIN RIVER RIM TRAIL
ZION EAST ENTRY STATION TO WEEPING ROCK
ZION EAST TO CABLE MOUNTAIN, EXIT WEEPING ROCK
ZION EAST RIM FROM WEEPING ROCK
ZION NARROWS
ZION WEST RIM, LAVA POINT TO THE GROTTO PICNIC AREA
ZION WEST RIM, GROTTO PICNIC AREA TO WEST RIM SPRING

See END NOTE.
GHOST TOWNS

1. This segment can be earned by hiking into 3 Ghost Towns in the Basin and Range area.

2. Photograph at least one outstanding feature at each Ghost Town.

3. Write a short narrative about each site as it is today and a short history of the town’s reason for existence.

4. Camp a minimum of one night at a remote location where all gear, food, and water had to be backpacked in one for at least one mile near one of the Ghost Towns visited.

5. Submit photos and write ups with award application.

MOJAVE DESERT

Any of the following hikes may be taken to qualify for the MOJAVE DESERT SEGMENT. The canoe trip does not require the backpack portion of this requirement, but does require an adult with a current CPR card and one night camping at a remote site near the river. Information may be found in pamphlets, maps, and books from the National Park Service and other books. Always check in at the Visitors Center for local conditions before starting out.

BONANZA CREEK TRAIL TO EAGLE EYE SADDLE
CRANES NEST RAPIDS
HIDDEN FOREST TO WIRE GRASS SPRING
PINTO VALLEY
RED ROCK TO TOP OF THE ESCARPMENT
MT. CHARLESTON SOUTH LOOP TO RIDGE CREST
WHITE CANYON TO HOT SPRINGS
10 MILE CANOE TRIP ON THE COLORADO RIVER BETWEEN BOULDER AND DAVIS DAMS

See END NOTE.

MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE

Any of the following hikes may be taken to qualify for the MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE SEGMENT. Information may be found in Mojave National Preserve, a Visitors Guide, by Olympic Press, or pamphlets, maps, and books from the National Park Service.

CARUTHERS CANYON
MID HILLS TO HOLE IN THE WALL
TEUTUNIA PEAK TRAIL & KELSO DUNES (BOTH)
U.S. 95 TO FORT PIUTE AND PIUTE SPRINGS
30,000 FT. CLUB
60,000 FT. CLUB
100,000 FT. CLUB

These segments are cumulative and can be earned by hiking to mountain peaks over 10,000 ft. in the Basin and Range. 3 peaks = 30,000 ft., 6 peaks = 60,000 ft., and 10 peaks = 100,000 ft.

These may be earned as a side trip during a planned hike or as an event in itself. The hour/mileage shall not apply and there is no need to take the backpack to the peak. All other requirements listed in Basin and Range shall apply.

See END NOTE.

FADED TRAILS OR RAILS

1. This segment can be earned by taking the minimum 5 hour scheduled backpack trip along any of the many no longer used routes of the settlers of the Basin and Range or now abandoned railway right of ways of the Basin and Range.

2. Carry all gear and camp overnight.

3. May be combined with the cumulative visits for the Ghost Towns segment.

4. Make a report of location route and any historical significance and attach to award application.
These awards replace the Basin and Range Awards which have been in place from the 70’s through 2002. The new awards may be earned by fulfilling the requirements and having a Tour Permit dated no earlier than January 2003.

In redefining the awards and updating the patch, the Boulder Dam Area Council High Adventure Team hopes to encourage more Scouts and Scouters to enjoy the outdoors as well as develop an awareness of the recreation potential in the Basin and Range of Nevada, Arizona, California, and Utah.

In requiring that leaders complete the Basic Backpack Awareness course in order to earn the award, the High Adventure Team hopes to develop the abilities and self-confidence within the Basin and Range environment and give special recognition to Scouts and Leaders who use it.

THIS LIST IS INCOMPLETE. There are many areas that may equal or surpass the challenge, beauty and desirability of going on these specific outings. If you know of a place which would meet all the requirements, or have some special requirements to make it work, write up a short statement of the location and the information which makes you feel it deserves to be an award hike in the Basin and Range. Bring or send the information to:

Boulder Dam Area Council  
7220 S. Paradise Road  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119

Don’t forget to include your name, address and phone number.
OAK CREEK - SEDONA RIM HIKES

Sedona Rim country is a unique and beautiful area with many rugged canyons, forested slopes and isolated plateaus and mesas. Most hikes in these areas are best as day hikes and lend themselves to small groups (groups of 10 or less). Several hikes can be overnight trips.
WILSON MOUNTAIN, EAST POCKET TRAIL, WET BEAVER CREEK, DRY BEAVER CREEK, LOY TRAIL, MOONEY TRAIL, HARDINGS SPRINGS TRAIL, COOKSTOVE TRAIL, THOMAS POINT TRAIL, CASNER CANYON TRAIL, JACKS CANYON-MUNDS MOUNTAIN, SOLDIER PASS TRAIL, VULTEE ARCH-DEVILS BRIDGE, DRY CREEK TRAIL OAK CREEK - SEDONA RIM HIKES

Requirements:

1. Contact the Council for updated pamphlet containing trail descriptions, notes, maps and other useful information.

2. The OAK CREEK - SEDONA RIM patch is earned after completing one overnight hike and the day hikes utilizing "no trace" camping. As additional segment hikes are completed a star pin is to be attached by the name of the segment.

NOTE: Only two hikes have dependable water and the others will require a "dry camp".

OVERNIGHT HIKES:

1. Wilson Mountain 6 - 8 miles
2. East Pocket Trail 5 - 7 miles
3. Wet Beaver Creek 6 - 8 miles
4. Dry Beaver Creek 6 - 8 miles
5. Loy Trail 10 miles
6. Mooney Trail 12 - 14 miles

DAY HIKES:

7. Harding Springs Trail 1.5 miles
8. Cookstove Trail 1.5 miles
9. Thomas Point Trail 2 miles
10. Casner Canyon Trail 4 miles
11. Jacks Canyon - Munds Mt. 9 - 10 miles
12. Soldier Pass Trail 4 miles
13. Vultee Arch-Devils Bridge 5 - 6 miles
14. Dry Creek Trail 6 miles
ARIZONA MORMON BATTALION TRAIL AWARD

Requirements:

We offer a special Trail Patch for those that complete the following requirements while on the Trail.

1. Camp overnight
2. Cook a meal.
3. Hike at least 5 miles.
4. Do a service project.
5. Have the *History of the trail explained to your unit.

* The history can be presented by members of the Mormon Battalion or by others familiar with the history.

For information about how to get this patch for your unit contact us at: info@MormonBattalionAZ.org
THREE DAY BACKPACK

This award was sponsored by Troop 317 (LDS Church), Bakersfield, CA.

Requirements:

1. Plan and complete a backpack of 9 scheduled backpack hours or greater over 3 consecutive days, camping in two different sites….or:

2. Plan and complete a backpack of 6 scheduled backpack hours or greater over 3 consecutive days, camping at the same base camp, and on the second day bagging a USGS named peak at 1,000 feet or greater above your base camp.

3. If option 2. is completed, the appropriate High Adventure Award for that peak may also be earned.
SEVEN LEAGUE BOOT AWARD

Seven-league Boots is an element of European folklore, and the boots allow the individual wearing them to take great strides of seven leagues per step, therefore trekking many miles with great speed. The boots are granted to the protagonist of a story by a magical character, so that a great deed may be accomplished.

The background of the patch is from the 7.5 minute topographic map Split Mountain, and shows the Palisade Lake Basin which is the most remote area along the John Muir Trail, 3 days trek from any trailhead.

This award may be earned by Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and/or Venturers, as well as adult leaders, and miles are cumulative throughout the Scouting career.

The Mileage Rockers were sponsored the Troop 276 "The Mountain Men", Palos Verde Estates, CA.

Requirements:

1. This is a hiking and backpacking cumulative mileage award, and is earned concurrently with other High Adventure Awards.

2. A minimum of 50% of the miles must be backpacking miles, and additional miles are earned by day hiking. The exception is Cub Scouts, where all miles earned are hiking miles.

3. The Seven League Boot Award main patch and 25 mile segment is awarded upon completion of the first 25 miles.

4. Backpacks must have complied with the Area IV General Requirements.

5. Additional segments are awarded at 50, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, and 1,000 mile increments.

References

1. Seven League Boots by Richard Halliburton, available online at amazon.com
This award was developed and sponsored by Troop 636, Rancho Santa Margarita. The purpose of this award is to recognize older scouts who serve in a leadership capacity to younger scouts during a long-term High Adventure backpack (minimum 6 days and 5 nights). The scene in the patch depicts an older Scout pointing the way to two younger Scouts up the Class 2 route between Minaret and Iceberg Lakes below the Minarets in The Ansel Adams Wilderness.

Only registered Boy Scouts and Venturers, ages 14 through 20 who have completed the 8th grade are eligible. Venturers must serve in a leadership capacity to younger Boy Scouts. The award is earned in conjunction with completion of the requirements of any long-term High Adventure backpacking award. The following requirements are not absolute, but meant to serve as guidelines to the adult trek leader in his/her decision as to which Boy Scouts and/or Venturers are deserving of the award.

Requirements:

1. During the trek, serve in a leadership capacity to younger scouts. This leadership can be modeled after the duties of a Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Senior Patrol Leader, or Junior Assistant Scoutmaster.

2. Instruct and supervise younger scouts in basic backpacking skills such as campsite selection and setup, stoves and cookery, orienteering, water purification, bear management and minimum impact camping. Demonstrate by action the Outdoor Code.

3. Instruct and supervise younger scouts in the completion of advancement requirements.

4. Shoulder a greater proportion of the weight of patrol and/or troop common gear.

5. Show Scout Spirit at all times, both on the trail and in camp.
HIGH LOW AWARD

This award may be obtained only after both trips have been completed and all requirements have been met.

Requirements:

1. Climb and summit Mt. Whitney, the highest point in the continental United States.

2. Camp or backpack at least one night in Death Valley National Park, and visit Badwater, the lowest point in the United States.
DEATH VALLEY CYCLING 50-MILER

This award was developed and sponsored by Assistant Scoutmaster and cyclist Keith Clark and Troop 1210 (Foothills Church) Rancho Santa Margarita, California.

Requirements:

1. Research and plan and ride a cycling route of approximately 50 miles (plus or minus 5 miles) in Death Valley National Park. Possible routes include but are not limited to:
   (1) Mesquite Springs to Harmony Borax Works...approximately 50 miles...1800 feet MSL to -200 feet MSL...nice and long, slight downhill overall...safe route...easy to monitor riders.
   (2) Emigrant Camp to Badwater Basin...approximately 48 miles...2100 feet MSL to -292 feet MSL...nice downhill early with gradual descent...easy to monitor riders...slightly less safe route due to early descent from Emigrant Camp...more complicated logistics due to start and finish points.
   (3) Leadfield (ghost town) on Titus Canyon Road to Furnace Creek...approximately 45 miles...4000 feet MSL to -200 feet MSL...mountain bikes required first half due to rocky dirt road...downhill overall...tougher to monitor riders...riskier route, but fun and challenging...more complex logistics.

2. Comply with all Death Valley National Park rules and regulations. Well in advance of the ride date, contact Death Valley Education Office for approval. A special use permit is required for a group of 20 riders or more.

3. Proper SAG (“support and gear” in the cycling world) logistics is essential for a Scouting cycling 50-miler in Death Valley...having enthusiastic adults to help out is critical to a successful ride. SAG stops should be established ahead of the riders arrival and organized so as not to impede motor vehicle traffic flow.

4. Furnace Creek is the only Death Valley campsite that takes reservations and has two group sites. For all other campsites, an advance party is required to save sites for all participants. This is important if the selected route involves camping at any campground other than Furnace Creek.

5. Ideally, this award should be attempted as the last requirement for the Cycling Merit Badge.


References:

BOY SCOUT TRAIL

This award was developed and sponsored by Troop 1210 (Foothills Church), Rancho Santa Margarita, California.

Requirements:

1. Through-trek the Boy Scout Trail in Joshua Tree National Park from Indian Cove (2,840 feet) to Keys West (4,040 feet), approximately 8 miles, camping for one night just past the halfway point and camping west of the trail.

2. This trek requires a car shuttle, and a support crew may carry in extra water from Keys West.

References:


CHANNEL ISLANDS ADVENTURER

This award was developed and sponsored by Troop 1210 (Foothills Church) in Rancho Santa Margarita, California. It encourages high adventure exploration of the numerous Marine Protected Areas around Southern California and the Channel Islands, broadening scouts’ traditional camping and backpacking experiences with the unique coastal adventures Southern California is famous to provide. This award is eligible for both youth and adults in Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Venturing, Crew, Girls Scouts, and other youth groups (e.g. YMCA).

Requirements:

Learn about the environmental purpose of Marine Protected Areas and complete 2 of the following experiences in the Southern California Channel Islands and/or a Southern California Marine Protected Area:

. Participate in an overnight adventure.
. Explore via SCUBA diving. Your organization’s rules and regulations must be followed pertaining to the act of SCUBA diving.
. Explore via snorkeling. Your organization’s rules and regulations must be followed pertaining to the act of snorkeling.
. Explore via kayaking or canoeing. For instance, explore the sea caves of the Scorpion or Painted Cave Marine Protected Areas on Santa Cruz Island. Your organization’s rules and regulations must be followed pertaining to the act of kayaking or canoeing.
MARINE AREA EAGLE PROJECT

This award was developed and sponsored by Troop 1210 (Foothills Church) in Rancho Santa Margarita, California. This award is eligible for both youth and adult participants.

Requirements:

Participate in an Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project in the Southern California Marine Protected Area network.

FIG. 1-9
MARINE AREA EAGLE PROJECT
4x3
SANTIAGO PEAK

This is a strenuous, but rewarding, 8-10 hour day hike to the summit of Orange County's highest peak. The hike is a 15 mile round trip hike with a 4000 foot elevation gain to Santiago Peak's summit of 5687 feet. On a clear day you will have breathtaking views of Santa Catalina and San Clemente islands. On the horizon you will see the Santa Monica, San Gabriel, San Bernadino, Santa Rosa, and Cuyamaca mountains as well as Palomar Mountain. Far to the south you might the mountains of Mexico.

This award is for Scouts, Venturers, and Scouters who meet the following requirements.

Requirements:

1. Comply with the High Adventure General Requirements.

2. At least one adult going on the training hike and summit hike must have completed a Council Basic Backpack Awareness Course and at least one adult must have a current Red Cross First Aid card or equivalent.

3. Participants must complete a 10 mile training day hike within 60 days prior to the summit trip.

4. You must start and end your day hike in the dirt parking lot just past the Holy Jim Volunteer Fire Dept. 4.7 miles after turning off the Live Oak Canyon Road. It is permissible to begin and end further downhill of the parking lot, to extend the trip length to qualify for the Hiking Merit Badge requirement of 20 miles.

NOTE: It is recommended that groups bring water for the whole hike as Bear Springs is sometimes dry. Temperatures form late May through the end of September may be quite high, suggesting that planning a hike in these months may not be prudent for some groups. Trail description and directions can be found in Jerry Schad's book, "Afoot and Afield in Orange County". Use the Santiago Peak topo.
MOUNT WHITNEY DAY TREK

This award was developed and sponsored by Troop 1210 (Foothills Church), Rancho Santa Margarita, California.

Requirements:

1. Climb and “summit” 14,505 foot Mt. Whitney as an in-and-out trek from Whitney Portal in a 24-hour period.
2. Acclimate by camping and sleeping at Whitney Portal the night before the trek.
3. This award; may also be earned by units exiting Whitney Portal at the conclusion of a long-term Sierra trek. In one day, backpack from Guitar Lake, summit Mt Whitney, and exit at Whitney Portal.

References:


FIG 1-11
MT. WHITNEY DAY TREK
4½ DIA.

TELESCOPE PEAK DAY TREK

This award was developed and sponsored by Troop 1210 (Foothills Church), Rancho Santa Margarita, California.

Requirements:

1. Day climb and “summit” 11,049 foot Telescope Peak in Death Valley National Park.
2. Acclimate by camping and sleeping at Mahogany Flat Campground (8,133 feet) the night before the trek.

References:


FIG 1-12
TELESCOPE PEAK DAY TREK
5” DIA
WHITE MOUNTAIN

This award was developed and sponsored by Troop 1210 (Foothills Church), Rancho Santa Margarita, California. California has 15 peaks over 14,000 feet, including 14,246 foot White Mountain located just north of the Bristlecone Pine Forest east of Owens Valley. Bristlecone Pines are the oldest living single organisms on the planet at over 4,000 years old. Located at the 12,470 foot level is the University of California White Mountain-Barcroft Research Station, where U.C. faculty and students in the biological and physical sciences conduct high altitude field research during the summer.

Requirements:

1. Climb and “summit” White Mountain in the Inyo-White Range.

2. If time allows and if permission is granted, visit the Barcroft Research Station (contact: Denise Waterbury-Scheduling Coordinator, White Mountain Research Station, 3000 East Line Street, Bishop, CA, 760-873-4344 and wmrsinfo@ucla.edu).

References:

3. White Mountain Research Station Website: www.wmrs.edu
3 SAINTS AWARD

The 3 “Saints” for this award are Mt. San Antonio (Baldy), Mt. San Jacinto and Mt. San Gorgonio in the southern California mountain’s and this award requires climbing to the summit of all 3 within a 15 month period of time.

Requirements:

1. Comply with the GERNERAL REQUIREMENTS.

2. Climb Mt. San Antonio as part of either a day hike or overnight backpacking trip. DO NOT use the ski lift if using the trail from Manker Flats.

3. Climb Mt. San Jacinto as part of an overnight backpacking trip.

4. Hike to the summit of Mt. San Gorgonio Peak (11,503 ft. elevation) as part of an overnight backpacking trip.

5. Complete all 3 hikes as a registered Scout or adult Scouter. Hikes may be part of longer treks earning other awards (if applicable).

6. Complete 6 hours of trail maintenance work or outdoor service work within either the Angeles National Forest, San Gorgonio Wilderness or San Jacinto area. (Earning the Silver Trail Saver Award with 6 hours of service will fulfill this trail service requirement)

7. At least one adult on each outing must have completed Council Adult Leader Basic Backpack Training.

8. File a separate BSA Tour Plan for each outing.

This award can be earned in conjuction with other High Adventure Awards.

This High Adventure Award was dreamt up by Ryan (an Eagle Scout in Troop 93 out of Fullerton, CA) while backpacking in the local Southern California Mountains in the summer of 2013. Ryan and his fellow high adventure Scouts from Troop 93 had stopped for a short break along a ridge and noticed how they could see the outlines of San Antonio, San Gorgonio and across the valley to San Jacinto. It was a clear day providing a spectacular 360 degree view in the local mountain’s where these Scouts had spent many weekends camping and logging many backpacking miles. This Award was created to encourage climbing the highest peaks and concurring the most challenging trails in these southern California mountain ranges. The views from all three of these “Saints” are quite spectacular on a clear day.
EAGLE SCOUT PEAK

This award was developed and sponsored by Troop 1210 (Foothills Church), Rancho Santa Margarita, California. In 2006, five Orange County Council Eagle Scouts measured the most accurate to date elevation, latitude and longitude of Eagle Scout Peak in the backcountry of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park. The Eagle Scouts used a Trimble R8 GPS receiver, and the measurements will become the official U.S. Geodetic Survey reading. The data appears on the award. The 4 inch patch is a replica of the brass GPS Control Point medallion with stem that was forged and is on public display in the Superintendent’s Office of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park. The medallion was not set in rock on the summit to observe the “Leave No Trace Philosophy”. The 3 inch patch with button loop is designed for uniform wear. Successful completion of the requirements earns both patches. An article about this project was published in the June, 2007 issue of Point of Beginning, the most respected journal for the geodesy and surveying industry in the United States (www.pobonline.com Archive of Past Issues).

Requirements:

1. Climb and “summit” Class 2 Eagle Scout Peak in the Sequoia backcountry, as either an in-and-out trek from the Crescent Meadow Trailhead, or as part of the High Sierra Trail-Giant Forest to Mineral King (or Mineral King to Mt. Whitney) High Adventure Award from the Los Angeles Area Council.

References:

NOTHING PEAKBAGGER AWARD

This award was developed and sponsored by Troop 1210 (Foothills Church), Rancho Santa Margarita, California.

Parmenides was a 5th century BCE Greek philosopher born in Elea (now Ascea), a Greek city on the southern coast of Italy. He founded the Eleatic School of Philosophy, and pre-dated Socrates, Plato and Aristotle. Parmenides is considered the grandfather of Western philosophical thought. Parmenides was the first of the ancient philosophers to consider the concept of not or nothing, and made the ontological argument against its existence..."For never shall this prevail, that things that are not...are”.

On July 4th weekend of 2011, Troop 1210 Scouts and Scouters attempted a day trek of 14,496 foot Mt. Whitney. The 2010-2011 Sierra Winter had experienced the highest snowpack in its recorded history. Despite a 0300 start with headlamps, and trekking through snow with ice axes, Troop 1210 made it to 13,000 foot Trail Crest before making the right safety call, turning around and heading down. The Whitney summit was not to be that day.

Or...was it? According to Parmenides, not does not exist. And so it is with Scouting, although the summit was not reached that day, all Scouts and Scouters gained much experience and good Scouting fellowship and memories, and should not come away with nothing, because nothing does not exist. All should earn a High Adventure Award...this award.

Requirements:

1. This award is earned by Scouting units who plan and attempt to bag a peak, but for safety considerations turn back due to inclement weather, high water and/or snow, hazardous terrain or unanticipated illness or injury, among other safety reasons.

References:

JOHN MUIR TRAIL (JMT) THROUGH TREK

This award was developed and sponsored by Troop 1210 (Foothills Church), Rancho Santa Margarita, California.

Requirements:

1. Through-trek the John Muir Trail, either from north (Happy Isles) to south (Whitney Portal), or from south to north, 218.5 miles.

2. Utilize up to four food re-supply options, either any of the JMT lateral trails (through trekkers may use support crews to carry in fuel and food, and haul out trash), or the following re-supply locations: Red’s Meadow, Vermilion Valley Resort or Muir Trail Ranch.

References:

HAT OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

This award recognizes outstanding contributions made to the High Adventure Program by Scouts, Scouters or other supporters. It generally recognizes volunteer service at the Council level as a member of the High Adventure Team Committee, but may also be used to recognize a youth who makes a significant program contribution, a leader at the troop level who has actively used the HAT program to benefit their youth, or an individual who provided an extraordinary service supporting the program on a short term basis.

This award was initiated in 2016 by Orange County Council Troop 292 to honor Guil Caliboso, their Scoutmaster of 20 years, who was an enthusiastic supporter of the HAT program at both the unit and council level.

Requirements:

1. Meet one of the following qualifications:
   a. Serve on a HAT committee at council, regional, inter-council, or national level for a minimum of three (3) years.
   b. Serve as a unit leader (scoutmaster, assistant scoutmaster, or similar position) for a minimum of three (3) years. During this time he/she must demonstrate a history of promoting high adventure to youth by utilizing HAT awards within their unit. The unit leader must be HAT trained.
   c. Provide a significant service to benefit the HAT program. The nature of this service is purposely left open, so as not to constrain the manner in which an individual may provide assistance or support.

2. Submit a letter of application containing the person's name and affiliation, their background and justification for being honored with this award. The application may be sent to any council, inter-council, or national HAT committee for review and approval.

3. Have the application for the award approved by a majority vote of the attending members of any convening HAT committee meeting at which a quorum is present.

4. Recipients will be recognized with a certificate signed by the Chairman of the convening HAT committee, and the HAT Outstanding Service Award emblem.

5. This award may only be conferred once to any given individual.
**BRON DRAGANOV TRAILBUILDING HONOR AWARD**

This award was developed and sponsored by Troop 1210 (Foothills Church), Rancho Santa Margarita, California. This award honors Bron Draganov, Orange County Council Trail Boss and trailbuilder extraordinaire, for his many years of advising Life Scouts who have completed Eagle Projects that involve trailbuilding and conservation work.

**Requirements:**

1. Earn all five Trail Saver (30 hours total) and all five Forest Saver (30 hours total) High Adventure Awards of the Los Angeles Area Council or...

2. Complete 30 hours of trailbuilding beyond the 30 hours for the Trail Saver Medal or...

3. Complete an Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project with Trail Boss Bron Draganov as your primary mentor and adviser.

![Bron Draganov Honor Award](image-url)
WILDERNESS SLOT CANYONEERING

This award was developed and sponsored by Troop 1210 (Foothills Church), Rancho Santa Margarita, California. For something completely different, give slot canyoneering a try. The American Southwest has loads of slot canyons, including 21-mile Buckskin Gulch in the Paria Canyon-Vermillion Cliffs Wilderness of northern Arizona and southern Utah, and the longest slot canyon in the world. The colorful geology, narrow rock channels, waterfalls and pools are really cool for Scouts.

There is a plethora of possibilities, but three river and geographic areas that include slot canyons as tributaries are judged to be the best overnighters for Scouts: the Virgin River Narrows (Zion National Park), the Escalante River (Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument) and the Paria River (Paria Canyon-Vermillion Cliffs Wilderness).

Successful completion of the requirements earns both the main patch, which pictures Buckskin Gulch, and the appropriate segment(s).

Requirements:

1. Complete an overnight backpack that includes slot canyoneering, with relatively longer mileage and harder access for older Scouts (e.g. Buckskin Gulch in Paria or Virgin River Narrows in Zion or Golden Staircase/Neon Canyon in Escalante) and relatively shorter mileage and easier access for younger Scouts (e.g. Harris Wash in Escalante or Round Valley Draw in Paria).

2. Utilization of a local and experienced guide service by units is approved and appropriate for some trailheads.

3. Successful trekking of Buckskin Gulch earns both segments: PARIA CANYONEERING & 21-MILE BUCKSKIN GULCH EPIC CANYONEERING.
BSA ROCKETEER

This award was developed and sponsored by Troop 1210 (Foothills Church), Rancho Santa Margarita, California. This award may be earned by Webelos, Scouts and/or Venturers and Girl Scouts.

Requirements:

1. Build, launch and successfully recover (so that the rocket can be launched again the same day...or, if minimal damage, can be repaired on site to launch again) a model rocket.

2. The rocket must be flown at either a National Association of Rocketry or Tripoli Rocketry Association, Inc. sanctioned club launch, or a unit, district or council model rocketry event that follows the National Association of Rocketry Model Rocket Safety Code (nar.org).

References:

1. For the National Association of Rocketry, go to nar.org and click on Find A Launch.

2. For the Tripoli Rocketry Association, Inc., go to tripoli.org and click on Launches.

3. For southern CA rocketeers, go to rocstock.org which is the Rocketry Organization of California.
EASTER BREAK SCIENCE TREK

This award was developed and sponsored by Troop 1210 (Foothills Church), Rancho Santa Margarita, California. This award may be earned by Cub Scouts, Scouts, Sea Scouts and/or Venturers, as well as adult leaders. This is an ideal award for younger Cubs and Scouts to earn during a combined outing.

This award honors Dennis Crockett, MD, FACS, FAAP, who has led many camping and backpacking treks over Easter Break for Scouts while teaching merit badges in the natural and physical sciences.

The patch depicts in Easter pastels the following merit badges from the 12:00 position: Astronomy, Chemistry, Bird Study, Geology, Insect Study, Mammal Study, Medicine, Nature, Oceanography, Plant Science, Reptile and Amphibian Study and Weather.

Other merit badges appropriate for this award include Animal Science, Archeology, Composite Materials, Dentistry, Electricity, Electronics, Engineering, Environmental Science, Forestry, Medicine, Mining in Society, Model Design and Building, Nuclear Science, Robotics, Space Exploration and Veterinary Medicine.

Requirements:

1. Participate in a unit outdoor outing over Easter Break that involves camping and/or backpacking and/or sailing/boating, while at the same time working on activity badges, merit badges, Venturing Awards and/or STEM/NOVA Awards Program that involve subjects in the natural and/or physical sciences, engineering and health sciences. Completion of all the requirements during the outing is not necessary.
CHRISTMAS CONSERVATION CORPS

This award was developed and sponsored by Troop 1210 (Foothills Church) Rancho Santa Margarita, California. This award may be earned by Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts Sea Scouts and/or Venturers, as well as adult leaders. This award honors Dennis Crockett, MD, FACS, FAAP, who for over twenty years has encouraged Scouts to participate in a trail building or conservation project over Christmas Break.

The Civilian Conservation Corps, also known as the CCC, was established in 1933 by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Congress, and put many young men to work doing worthwhile projects across the nation. The CCC restored more than 3,900 historic structures, developed in excess of 800 state parks and worked on countless projects in the national parks. The CC built over 28,000 miles of trails, more than 38,500 vehicle bridges, at least 3,116 lookout towers as well as many lodges and museums. The CCC was disbanded after the start of World War II.

The center of the patch depicts the actual red, green and gold shoulder patch worn by the surveyors of the CCC.

Requirements:

1. Participate in a “substantial” trail building or conservation project over Christmas Break (or in the month of December), of at least 6 hours work. The definition of ‘substantial” is left to the judgment of the unit leadership, but should be something more than trash pick-up.

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CHRISTMAS CONSERVATION CORPS
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TRANS CATALINA BACKPACK AWARD

This award was developed and sponsored by Troop 93, Fullerton, CA. The Trans Catalina Trail has been a spring break tradition in Troop 93 for our high adventure Scouts. Spending 4-5 days backpacking the entire Trans Catalina Trail is both challenging and rewarding. It’s truly an adventure that all participants talk about for years.

Requirements:

1. Comply with the GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

2. At least one adult going on the trip must have completed the Council Basic Backpack Awareness Course and one adult going on the trip must hold a current Wilderness First Aid Training certification.

3. All individuals must complete two overnight training hikes and at least one 3-4 day backpack trek prior to attempting this hike.

4. Backpack the entire Trans Catalina Trail, covering the 37.2 miles over a minimum of 4 days. The typical route starts in Avalon and ends at Starlight Beach. For logistics, this trek then includes an additional 9 mile hike back to Two Harbors through Emerald Bay to catch the return boat ride back to the mainland. This trip will include at least 37.2 miles and up to 46 miles with a total accumulated elevation gain of 9,600’. (The opposite route starting in Two Harbors and ending in Avalon is also acceptable.)

5. OPTIONAL REQUIREMENT – Earn the Service Project Rocker Patch after completing a service project working with the Catalina Island Conservancy, spending a minimum 3 hours. (Contact the Catalina Island Conservancy to make arrangements for a service project (562) 437-8555 or on the website at www.catalinaconservancy.org to download the Group Volunteer Application Form)
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