

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ★ 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING



CELEBRATING THE ADVENTURE ★ CONTINUING THE JOURNEY



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A Year of Celebration A Century of Making a Difference

We want every Scout, adult leader, and Scouting alum to have the chance to be part of our biggest milestone yet—our 100th Anniversary Celebration. We want to fire up the passion for Scouting while giving everyone an opportunity to make a difference—and earn recognition. Individuals can earn awards by demonstrating dedication to five of Scouting's core values—Leadership, Achievement, Community Service, Character, and the Outdoors. Participants can earn one award in each category. *A Year of Celebration* will be in effect from Sept. 1, 2009, through Dec. 31, 2010. Gamehaven's 100th anniversary team will be highlighting a different core value ribbon each month, starting with the outdoors ribbon. Go to the scout shop to purchase the starter patch. You do not need to complete any requirements to obtain the starter patch. Then work on the requirements and earn your ribbons. Go to <http://scouting.org/100years/100years/ayeurofcelebration.aspx> to print the form to obtain your ribbons. After printing the form take it to the scout shop to purchase your ribbons.



CHARACTER

Scouting is a character-building enterprise. Youth learn that personal responsibility and integrity are essential to accomplishing one's goals. They learn to do good turns without expectation of reward. They learn to be brave when challenged to do the right thing. The Year of Celebration Character Award rewards recipients for engaging in an active conversation about living by the Scout Law. The award involves elements of citizenship, family life, and personal fitness. Scouts will reflect on their own character and values. Adults and alumni will rediscover the impact Scouting makes on their own character.

Complete three of the five requirements in each category to earn that award.

Cub Scouts 1. Talk to your parent or den leader about the Cub Scout Promise or Law of the Pack. What does it say about the kind of character a Scout should have? 2. With your family or den, plan and carry out a game that helps demonstrate one of the Character Connections™. Write or tell about your experience. 3. Talk to your parent or rabbi, minister, cleric, or other religious leader about how trust in God provides inner strength and confidence. 4. Talk to your parent or den leader about honesty. Talk about why it is important to be honest in everything you say and do. 5. Become a friend of a boy who is being left out of the group. Discuss how compassion and cooperation are essential to good character.

Boy Scouts 1. Participate in a flag ceremony, in uniform, for a non-Scouts organization. 2. Earn one of the Citizenship merit badges. 3. Present a written record of your daily Good Turns for a period of 30 consecutive days, verified by your parent, guardian, or Scout leader. 4. Provide two hours of assistance at an activity conducted by a Cub Scout pack, another troop or team, or other youth-serving organization approved by your Scout leader. 5. Conduct a family project (such as the examples found in the Family Life merit badge pamphlet) approved by your Scout leader.

Venturers 1. Conduct an Ethics in Action program for a Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, Varsity Scout team, or other youth group in 2009-2010. 2. Earn the Religious Life Bronze award. 3. Assist at least one crew member in earning the Quest award for Fitness in 2009-2010, earn the Quest award yourself, or conduct a fitness clinic. Explain the benefits of being physically fit. 4. Talk to someone who has earned the Trust award. Discuss religious freedom and understanding different cultures. 5. Earn your faith's religious emblem OR help another Venturer work on his Religious Life award. Discuss what you learned with an adviser.

Adult Leaders 1. Work with any youth so he achieves a religious emblem. 2. Do a Good Turn for seven consecutive days. 3. Participate in a discussion on good character at a unit meeting. 4. Help any youth member achieve his Year of Celebration Character patch. 5. Learn about and participate in a flag retirement ceremony.

Alumni 1. Do a Good Turn each day for at least seven consecutive days. If possible, leave an anonymous note informing the person that he or she is the recipient of a Scouting Good Turn in honor of the BSA's 100th Anniversary. 2. Relearn, then recite the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, or Venturing Promise, Oath, or Law to a friend, family member, or group. Share how Scouting influenced your character. 3. If you become or are active with a Scout unit, lead an activity that encourages Scouts in exploring and developing their faith. If not, give support to a youth program at your religious institution. 4. Learn about and participate in a flag retirement ceremony. 5. Conduct a family project (such as any of the examples found in the Family Life merit badge pamphlet).

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