

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ★ 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING



CELEBRATING THE ADVENTURE ★ CONTINUING THE JOURNEY



100th Anniversary of Scouting Newsletter

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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/ayeartofcelebration.aspx> to print the form to obtain your ribbons. After printing the form take it to the scout shop to purchase your ribbons.



ACHIEVEMENT

Achievement in Scouting builds self-esteem and fosters collaboration with others. With every rank advanced and award earned, Scouts develop pride in themselves and their units. More than just getting a patch, Scouting's myriad of awards challenge Scouts to excel, have fun, and grow into healthy, prepared adults. In addition to advancement, the award recipient makes an active effort to reflect on personal achievements and those of other Scouts. The Year of Celebration Achievement Award highlights the possibilities for personal achievement. Scouts will pursue rank advancements, religious emblems, as well as engage adults and alumni in conversation about their own achievements in Scouting.

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

Cub Scouts 1. Choose something you'd like to do better, and work on it for a week. Write or tell your parent or den leader about your progress. 2. Earn one Cub Scout Academics belt loop and one Cub Scout Sports belt loop. 3. Complete one achievement or activity badge for your rank. 4. Complete one elective for your current rank. 5. Complete one Cub Scout Sports or Academics pin, or the BSA Emergency Preparedness Award or the BSA Physical Fitness Award.

Boy Scouts 1. Talk to a family member or family friend who used to be in Scouting or a Scout leader and ask about their favorite Scouting achievements. Write 200 words and share with your troop leader or parent OR fill out your family's Scouting Family Tree at www.Scouting.org/100years. 2. Advance to Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, or Eagle rank, or earn two merit badges. 3. Earn the religious emblem for your faith. 4. Attend 90 percent of your troop or team meetings for three consecutive months. 5. Earn one of the following awards: BSA Lifeguard, Mile Swim, BSA Emergency Preparedness Award, or BSA Physical Fitness Award.

Venturers 1. Working with at least one crew member, assist them in earning one Venturing Bronze award in 2009-2010. 2. Research a famous Scout or Venturer. Demonstrate or explain in a creative way that individual's achievements, such as a performing a play or skit, making models, or telling a story. Carry out this demonstration before a group. 3. Earn BSA Lifeguard, Red Cross certification in first aid, CPR, AED, BSA Emergency Preparedness Award, or BSA Physical Fitness Award. 4. Advance one rank OR help another Scout or Venturer complete three requirements toward his rank advancement. 5. Have a discussion with someone who is not in Scouting about your achievements as a Venturer. Talk about your awards and what you did to earn them. Invite them to attend a crew meeting or outing.

Adult Leaders 1. Actively serve on one advancement review for any Scouting program or participate in any rank advancement award ceremony. 2. Earn any BSA training award, BSA Emergency Preparedness Award, or BSA Physical Fitness Award. 3. Help any youth member with advancement toward rank. 4. Be a registered member of a Centennial Quality Unit. 5. Help any youth member earn any 100th Anniversary *Year of Celebration* award.

Alumni 1. Contact your local council Scout service center. Let them know that you are working on this award. Arrange to meet with a Scouting professional to receive an update on Scouting in your area. If possible, locate and invite other Scouting alumni to participate in the meeting. 2. Go to the Generations Connection page of the 100th Anniversary Web site at www.Scouting.org/100years. Obtain and complete a Scouting Family Tree chart. Then, gather with family members to share the chart, Scouting memories, and thoughts on how to keep current and future family members involved in Scouting or to begin a tradition of Scouting in your family. 3. Work at any of your local council's summer camps or volunteer at your local council service center or for a district or council event, such as a camporee. 4. Visit the BSA Alumni Connection page of the 100th Anniversary Web site at www.Scouting.org/100years. Use at least one of the features to personally reconnect with Scouting and share the link to the site with at least one other Scouting alumnus. 5. Become a financial contributor to your local council, or volunteer in any of its fundraising efforts.

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