



100th Anniversary of Scouting Newsletter October 2009

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 <http://scouting.org/100years/100years/ayeurofcelebration.aspx> to print form to obtain the starter patch. After printing the form take it to the scout shop to purchase your patch. Then work on the requirements, earn and purchase your ribbons.



OUTDOORS RIBBON

From campouts to High Adventure, Scouting happens outdoors. Since its inception, Scouting has centered on teaching values through working and playing outside, and fostering respect and understanding of one’s natural surroundings.

The Year of Celebration Outdoors Award is geared toward getting individuals active in nature. The recipients must participate in outdoor activities and show growth in personal outdoor skills. They must also demonstrate increased knowledge of nature. Scouts must show understanding of the impact humans can have on ecosystems and why one must Leave No Trace when experiencing the outdoors. Adults and alumni are encouraged to share their outdoor Scouting experiences with Scouts, as well as non-Scouts of all ages. The Award centers on principles of stewardship, discovery, and personal fitness. **Complete three of the five requirements in each category to earn that award.**

Cub Scouts

1. With your family or den, help plan and carry out an outdoor activity. Write or tell about your experience. 2. Describe to your parent or den leader the different kinds of plants and animals you can find around your neighborhood. 3. Earn Cub Scouting’s Leave No Trace Awareness Award or the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award. 4. Go on a hike with your family or den. 5. Participate in a district or council outdoor experience (day camp, resident camp, etc.).

Boy Scouts

1. Earn Hiking, Camping, Backpacking, Canoeing or Wilderness Survival merit badges. 2. Attend a Scout overnight campout and practice the principles of Leave No Trace. 3. Attend a full session of council summer camp, participate in a council or national High Adventure program, or

earn the —50 Miler Award. 4. Participate for at least two hours in an outdoor conservation project approved by your Scout leader. 5. Participate

in a Scout backpacking trip separate from requirement No. 2.

Venturers

1. Become a Leave No Trace crew trainer and teach it to a Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, Varsity Scout team, or other youth group in 2009-2010. 2. Earn the Ranger award, or help another Venturer earn his. Discuss at least one outdoor skill. 3. Learn a new outdoor skill such as scuba diving, orienteering, kayaking, etc. 4. Participate in a district or council outdoor experience. 5. Assist a pack, troop, team, or another crew with one of its outdoor activities.

Adult Leaders

1. Participate in a unit, district, or council outdoor event. 2. Assist a unit in an outdoor conservation project. 3. Attend camp with a unit (Cub Scout day camp, summer camp, Venturer camp, etc.). 4. Attend a professional (major or minor league) baseball game, or another public event, in

uniform with a unit. 5. Visit the —Get in the Game Geocaching|| page on the 100th Anniversary Web site www.Scouting.org/100years and

participate in a BSA 100th Anniversary geocaching activity.

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