THE HISTORIC TRAILS PROGRAM



Love of America and devotion to our country depend upon a thorough appreciation of the ideals, principles, and traditions that have made our country strong. Historic Trails Award requirements emphasize cooperation between historic societies and Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, and Venturing units. A unit should establish a close relationship with a local society as soon as possible when planning a historic activity—most communities have such societies.

Reports from many units indicate that these societies have been eager to offer their cooperation by

- Suggesting trails or sites that are suitable for unit historic activities and exploration
- Providing units with historic information about the trails or sites
- Offering guidance to units during restoration and marking projects
- Financing the cost of materials used by units for restoration and marking projects
- Staging historic pageants and ceremonies with unit participation
- Directing public attention to unit historic activities through newspapers, television, and radio

If the trip is 500 miles or more from homes of group members (local council camp excepted) or crosses national boundaries and into the territory of other nations, a National Tour Permit Application, No. 4419B, is necessary. For trips and overnight camps less than 500 miles, use a Local Tour Permit Application, No. 34426B.

Award Requirements

To earn the award, members of your unit must plan and participate in a historic activity. A unit historic activity requires members to

1. Locate a historic trail or site and study information relating to it. (The information may be obtained from an adult historic society, public library, or people living near the trail or site.)
2. Hike or camp two days and one night along the trail or in the vicinity of the site.
3. Cooperate with an adult group such as a historic society to restore and mark all or part of this trail or site. (This may be done during the hike or overnight camp.) Or cooperate with such a group to plan and stage a historic pageant, ceremony, or other public event related to this trail or site—such an event should be large enough to merit coverage by the local press.

Your unit leader must then file the Historic Trails Award application with your local council service center.

Detach and send the report below to your local council service center.

HISTORIC TRAILS AWARD APPLICATION

(Note: Only chartered units may apply for this award. This award does not apply if any other award is available for this trip.)

To: Local Council Only (Do not send to national office.)

Unit No._____ Tour Permit No._____

District_____

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Local Council Action

Approved_____ Disapproved_____

1. Name of historic trail or site covered_____
   Give state and nearest town.

   From _____ to _____ (two days and one night required)
   Date Date

2. Type of historic observance, pageant, dedication, etc., in which unit participated _____

   _____**OR** type of historic project carried out (such as erecting marker,

   plaque, sign, etc.) _____
   (Note: Unit must have done either activity above.)

3. Name of local historic society or association with which the unit cooperated in this event _____

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4. Total number of Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, and leaders eligible for the Historic Trails Award _____

5. Enter our order for _____ embroidered awards, No. 00188 _____ leather awards, No. 00244

(Contact your local council service center for current prices.)

(NOTE: Embroidered and leather awards are not worn on uniforms but may be attached to tents, packs, blankets.)

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Unit or tour leader

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THE 50-MILER PROGRAM



The primary objective of this program is to stimulate Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, and Venturer interest in the ideals of the movement and to promote activity that will result in personal fitness, self-reliance, knowledge of wood lore, and a practical understanding of conservation.

Chartered unit participation is most desirable; however, provisional groups are eligible. This award does not apply if any other award is available for a trip.

The Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or Venturing unit or provisional group must follow these rules for a 50-Miler trip:

- Select a suitable trail or waterway.
- Adult leaders 21 or older must make the entire trip.
- If the trip is 500 miles or more from homes of group members (local council camp excepted) or crosses national boundaries and into the territory of other nations, a National Tour Permit Application, No. 4419B, is necessary. For trips and overnight camps less than 500 miles, use a Local Tour Permit Application, No. 34426B.

Award Requirements

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:

1. Make complete and satisfactory plans for the trip, including the possibilities of advancement.
2. Cover the trail or canoe or boat route of not less than 50 consecutive miles; take a minimum of five consecutive days to complete the trip without the aid of motors. (In some areas pack animals may be used.)
3. During the time on the trail or waterway, complete a minimum of 10 hours each of group work on projects to improve the trail, springs, campsite, portage, or area. If, after checking with recognized authorities, it is not possible to complete 10 hours each of group work on the trail, a similar project may be done in the unit's home area. (There should be no unauthorized cutting of brush or timber.)
4. Unit or tour leader must then file the 50-Miler Award application with the local council service center.

Detach and send the report below to your local council service center.

50-MILER AWARD APPLICATION

(Note: This award does not apply if any other award is available for this trip.)

To: Local Council Only (Do not send to national office.)

Unit No._____ Tour Permit No._____

Provision group _____ (check)

District_____

Local Council Action

Approved_____ Disapproved_____

1. Name of trail or waterway_____
   Give state and nearest town.

   From _____ to _____ (minimum of five consecutive days required)
   Date Date

2. Trip was (check appropriate terms) ☐ by boat ☐ by canoe ☐ on foot ☐ by bicycle

3. Trail or waterway covered: from _____ to _____
   Starting point Finishing point

   Total mileage_____ (must be at least 50 continuous miles)

4. This group completed 10 hours of trail work, as follows. (Give details as to type of Good Turn, such as clearing trail, repairing bridges, cleaning up campsites and springs, leaving wood supply, etc.) _____

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5. Total Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, and leaders eligible for the 50-Miler Award _____

6. Enter our order for _____ decals, No. 33490 _____ embroidered awards, No. 00191 _____ leather awards, No. 00241

   _____ Staff Shield, No. 14131 (Contact your local council service center for current prices.)

Approved_____
Unit or tour leader

(NOTE: Embroidered and leather awards are not worn on uniforms but may be attached to tents, packs, or blankets. Decals may be used on canoes, paddles, or plaques.)

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Address Phone

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