

National Outdoor Badges

Do you enjoy camping under the stars, rafting a whitewater river, or hitting the trail afoot, on a bike, or even on a horse? Can you pitch a tent, find your way, and bandage an ankle using only materials in your pack? Are you prepared to do any of these in rain, snow, sleet, or heat? If so, the National Outdoor Awards are for you. There is nothing virtual about these awards—you can earn them only by demonstrating knowledge and experience in the outdoors. So, if you are a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout and think you are tough and disciplined enough to hike or ride the miles, camp the nights, and run the rivers or lakes, then read on and see if the National Outdoor badges or possibly the National Medal for Outdoor Achievement could be for you!

National Outdoor Badges for Camping, Hiking, Aquatics, Riding, and Adventure

Now when a Scout excels in outdoor participation, there are new awards to show for it! This program, conceived by the National Camping Task Force of the BSA®, includes a series of five badges designed to recognize a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout who has exemplary knowledge and experience in performing high-level outdoor activities.



The award consists of five emblem segments positioned around the perimeter of a beautiful center emblem. All are embroidered in full color. The segments represent five areas of emphasis: Riding, Hiking, Camping, Aquatics, and Adventure, with rigorous requirements to earn each segment. The center emblem features an outdoor scene with fleur-de-lis and the words "National Outdoor Awards."

The five National Outdoor Awards badges recognize a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout who demonstrates knowledge and experience in camping, hiking, aquatics, riding, or adventure. Scouts earning the National Outdoor Awards badges have demonstrated that they are knowledgeable, safe, and comfortable in the outdoor activity covered by the badge

Application for NATIONAL MEDAL FOR OUTDOOR ACHIEVEMENT

Name of Scout: _____ Unit No.: _____

Local council name: _____

Scout's address:

Street _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

National Medal for Outdoor Achievement Requirement	Date Completed/Leader's Initials
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. 1st badge: _____; 2nd badge: _____	_____/_____
4. Earn the following merit badges: Backpacking, Emergency Preparedness, Nature, and Wilderness Survival.	_____/_____
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.	Date first trip: _____ Date second trip: _____ _____/_____
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, Scoutcraft, nature/environment, climbing, or COPE.	Option selected: ___ a; ___ b; _____/_____

I have completed the requirements and apply for the National Medal for Outdoor Achievement.

Scout's signature

Date: _____

I affirm that the above-named Scout has completed all of the requirements for the National Medal for Outdoor Achievement.

Unit leader's signature

Date: _____

This application should be turned in to the council service center for approval and authority to obtain the National Medal for Outdoor Achievement from the National Council, Boy Scouts of America.

LOCAL COUNCIL USE ONLY

Application approved for submittal:

Scout Executive

Date: _____

NATIONAL COUNCIL USE ONLY

Approved for issuance:

Director, Outdoor Programs

Date: _____