# **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

#### National Outdoor ADVENTURE Badge Tracking

Scout's Name:	

Use this sheet to track your progress toward the National Outdoor **Adventure** Badge. See your Scoutmaster or Coach for an application form when you finish the requirements.

I already have the Adventure Badge and am applying for a Gold Device because I have completed an additional 5 adventure activities since earning the badge, or my last Adventure Gold Device.

I already have the Adventure Badge and am applying for a Silver Device because I have completed an additional 20 adventure activities since earning the badge, or my last Adventure Silver Device.

1. I earned the First Class rank on: \_\_\_

2. I earned the Wilderness Survival merit badge on:

OR I earned the Emergency Preparedness merit badge on:

3. I completed adventure activities on these dates. Enter the letter of the type of adventure:

a.Backpacking trip of 3 or more days, covering more than 20 miles without food resupply.

b.Canoeing, rowing, or sailing trip of 3 or more days, covering more than 50 miles without food resupply.

c. Whitewater trip of 2 or more days, covering more than 20 miles without food resupply.

d. Climbing activity on open rock that includes camping overnight.

e.Earn the National Historic Trails award.

f. Earn the 50-Miler award.

g.Attend a national high-adventure base or nationally recognized local high-adventure program.

Date	Activity Type	Location	Outing Description
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#### National Outdoor AQUATICS Badge Tracking

Scout's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Use this sheet to track your progress toward the National Outdoor **Aquatics** Badge. See your Scoutmaster or Coach for an application form when you finish the requirements.

I already have the Aquatics Badge and am applying for a Gold Device because I have completed an additional 25 hours of aquatics activity since earning the badge, or my last Aquatics Gold Device.

I already have the Aquatics Badge and am applying for a Silver Device because I have completed an additional 100 hours of aquatics activity since earning the badge, or my last Aquatics Silver Device.

1. I earned the First Class rank on:

2. I earned the Swimming merit badge on: \_\_\_\_\_

3. I earned the Lifesaving merit badge on: \_\_\_\_\_

- 4. I earned the Mile Swim BSA award on: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. I earned the (circle one): Canoeing Rowing Small Boat Sailing Whitewater merit badge on:

6. I completed a total of: \_\_\_\_\_\_ hours of swimming, canoeing, rowing, small-boat sailing, or whitewater activity on these dates.

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### National Outdoor CAMPING Badge Tracking

Scout's Name:
Use this sheet to track your progress toward the National Outdoor <b>Camping</b> Badge. See your Scoutmaster or Coach for an application form when you finish the requirements.
I already have the Camping Badge and am applying for a Gold Device because I have completed an additional 25 days and nights of camping since earning the badge, or my last Camping Gold Device.
I already have the Camping Badge and am applying for a Silver Device because I have completed an additional 100 days and nights of camping since earning the badge, or my last Camping Silver Device.
1. I earned the First Class rank on:
2. I earned the Camping merit badge on:
3. Choose two of the following three:
I earned the Cooking merit badge on:
I earned the First Aid merit badge on:
I earned the Pioneering merit badge on:
4. I camped a total of: days and nights on these dates. Five nights must be at a BSA long-term resident camp for the Camping Badge, but not for gold or silver devices.

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#### National Outdoor HIKING Badge Tracking

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Scout's Name:

Use this sheet to track your progress toward the National Outdoor **Hiking** Badge. See your Scoutmaster or Coach for an application form when you finish the requirements.

I already have the Hiking Badge and am applying for a Gold Device because I have completed an additional 50 miles of hiking since earning the badge, or my last Hiking Gold Device.

I already have the Hiking Badge and am applying for a Silver Device because I have completed an additional 200 miles of hiking since earning the badge, or my last Hiking Silver Device.

1. I earned the First Class rank on: \_\_\_\_\_

2. I earned the Hiking merit badge on: \_\_\_\_\_

3. I earned the Orienteering merit badge on:

4. I hiked or backpacked a total of: \_\_\_\_\_ miles on these dates.

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#### National Outdoor RIDING Badge Tracking

Scout's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Use this sheet to track your progress toward the National Outdoor **Riding** Badge. See your Scoutmaster or Coach for an application form when you finish the requirements.

I already have the Riding Badge and am applying for a Gold Device because I have completed an additional 100 miles of riding since earning the badge, or my last Riding Gold Device.

I already have the Riding Badge and am applying for a Silver Device because I have completed an additional 400 miles of riding since earning the badge, or my last Riding Silver Device.

- 1. I earned the First Class rank on:
- 2. I earned the Cycling merit badge on: \_\_\_\_\_

OR I earned the Horsemanship merit badge on:

6. I completed a total of: \_\_\_\_\_ miles cycling or riding on these dates.

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#### **Application for National Outdoor Badge**

National Outdoor	badge earned (cheo	ck all that apply):			
Camping \$1.19/610684	Hiking \$1.19/610683	Aquatics \$1.19/610685	Riding \$1.19/610682	Adventure \$1.19/610686	Conservation \$1.19/620707
Is this the first Natio (Center patch, \$3.59	•	-	Yes No		
Device applied for	(list all that apply):				
G for gold, \$2.99	/610643 S for s	silver, \$2.99/610644			
Camping(817)*	Hiking (816)*	Aquatics (818)*	Riding (815)*	Adventure (819)*	Conservation (820)*
*Office use—awa	ard ID				
Name of youth:				Unit No	
Type of unit:	Troop T	eam Crew	Ship		
Name of unit leader	: 		Unit leader p	phone:	
Unit leader addres	s:				
Street:					
City:			State	e: Zip code:	
Email:					
I have completed the	e requirements and	apply for this award.			
Youth's signature			Date:		
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I affirm that the abo and device(s).	ve-named youth has	s completed all of the	e requirements for th	ne listed National O	utdoor badge(s)
			Date:		

Unit leader signature

Upon completion and unit leader signature, the award should be submitted using Internet Advancement (preferred) or by sending a copy of the signed application to the local council service center. Submittal is not required for the devices. Once the award application is submitted, the badges, devices or medal can be obtained from the local Scout Shop by presenting the completed Internet Advancement report or a copy of the signed application with the appropriate fee.



## **Application for National Outdoor Badge**

Camping	Hiking	Aquatics	Riding	Adventure
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Device applied for	(G for gold, S	for silver; list all	that apply):	
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### Application for NATIONAL MEDAL FOR OUTDOOR ACHIEVEMENT

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State:	Zip:

Nat	ional 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 tage patient or gound in two of the following activity argon:	Date first trip:
	troop, team, patrol, or squad in two of the following activity areas: hiking and backpacking, aquatic activities, or riding. Include in each	Date second trip:
	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.	
8.	Complete at least one of the following:	Option selected: a; b;
	a. Plan and lead, with the approval of your unit leader, an adventure activity identified in the National Outdoor Badge for Adventure	
	<ul><li>for your troop, team, patrol, or squad.</li><li>b. Successfully complete a season on a council summer camp</li></ul>	
	staff in an outdoor area, such as aquatics, Scoutcraft, nature/environment, climbing, or COPE.	/

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

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Scout's signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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.

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Application approved for submittal:

Scout Executive

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Approved for issuance:

Director, Outdoor Programs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: