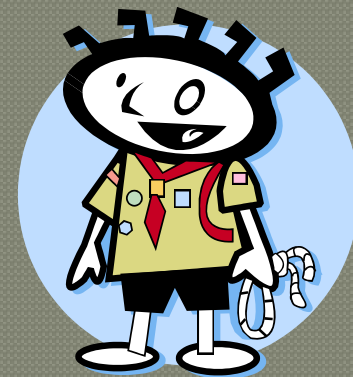


# National Outdoor Challenge & Achievement Awards



New for  
2010!!!!



# National Camping Award



As of 2010 – these awards are replaced by the National Outdoor Challenge Award. Patches will still be available until supply runs out.

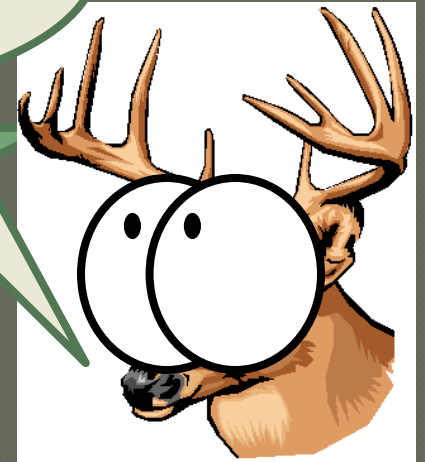
# The NEW & IMPROVED awards



Get them while they're HOT!!!

I AM SOOOO IN!!!

All new for 2010!?!?



# Unit Award – National Outdoor Challenge

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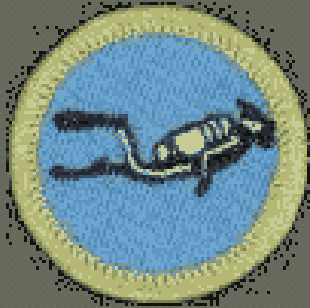
To earn this award, the unit states on the application that it has:

- Developed an annual plan for the current year.
- Conducted 10 outdoor trips or activities with at least 50 percent of the registered youth participating OR increased the number of outdoor trips or activities compared to the previous year.
- Attended long-term resident camp or a local/national high-adventure experience of at least six days/five nights.
- Conducted at least one outing with a Webelos Scout den.
- Earned at least one outdoors-related\* merit badge per Scout.
- Conducted at least one Leave No Trace program during the calendar year for a minimum of 50 percent of the members.
  
- Eligible units must complete application & submits to Council office (Council Camping Committee)
- Units receive applicable streamer for Unit Flag

# Outdoor Challenge Eligible Merit Badges



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# Individual Award – National Outdoor Badges

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- Scouts complete requirements for various segments
- Center patch emblem is awarded with 1<sup>st</sup> segment





# Camping Segment

**Camping.** A Boy Scout or Varsity Scout may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Camping upon successfully completing the following requirements:

- ✓ Earn the First Class rank.
- ✓ Earn the Camping merit badge.
- ✓ Earn two of the following three merit badges: Cooking, First Aid, Pioneering.
- ✓ Complete 25 days and nights of camping—including six consecutive days (five nights) of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America—including nights camped as part of requirements 1 through 3 above.
- ✓ A gold device may be earned for each additional 25 nights of camping. A silver device is earned for each additional 100 nights of camping. The Scout may wear any combination of devices totaling his current number of nights camping.





# Hiking Segment

**Hiking.** A Boy Scout or Varsity Scout may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Hiking upon successfully completing the following requirements:

- ✓ Earn the First Class rank.
- ✓ Earn the Hiking and Orienteering merit badges.
- ✓ Complete 100 miles of hiking or backpacking under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America, including miles hiked as part of requirement 2.
- ✓ A gold device may be earned for each additional 50 miles hiked. A silver device is earned for each additional 200 miles of hiking. The Scout may wear any combination of devices totaling his current number of miles hiking.





# Aquatics Segment

**Aquatics.** A Boy Scout or Varsity Scout may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Aquatics upon successfully completing the following requirements:

- ✓ Earn the First Class rank.
- ✓ Earn the Swimming and Lifesaving merit badges.
- ✓ Earn the Mile Swim BSA Award.
- ✓ Earn at least one of the following merit badges: Canoeing, Rowing, Small Boat Sailing, Whitewater. Complete at least 25 hours of on-the-water time, applying the skills that you learned in the merit badges.
- ✓ Complete at least 50 hours of any combination of swimming, canoeing, rowing, small-boat sailing, or whitewater activity under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America, including time spent in requirements 2 through 4.
- ✓ A gold device may be earned for each additional 25 hours of aquatic activity. A silver device is earned for each additional 100 hours of aquatic activity. The Scout may wear any combination of devices totaling his current number of hours of aquatic activity.





# Riding Segment

**Riding.** A Boy Scout or Varsity Scout may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Riding upon successfully completing the following requirements:

- Earn the First Class rank.
- Complete at least one of the following:  
Cycling merit badge and 100 miles of cycling; or  
Horsemanship merit badge and 50 miles of horseback riding.
- Complete 200 miles of riding activities, either on a non-motorized bike or a stock animal, under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America, including the miles in requirement 2.
- A gold device may be earned for each additional 100 miles of riding. A silver device is earned for each additional 400 miles of riding. The Scout may wear any combination of devices totaling his current number of miles of riding.





# Adventure Segment

- **Adventure.** A Boy Scout or Varsity Scout may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Adventure upon successfully completing the following requirements:
- Earn the First Class rank.
- Complete either the Wilderness Survival or the Emergency Preparedness merit badge.
- Complete 10 of any combination or repetition of the following adventure activities under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America:
  - A backpacking trip lasting three or more days and covering more than 20 miles without food resupply
  - A canoeing, rowing, or sailing trip lasting three or more days and covering more than 50 miles without food resupply
  - A whitewater trip lasting two or more days and covering more than 20 miles without food resupply
  - A climbing activity on open rock, following Climb On Safely principles, that includes camping overnight
  - Earn the National Historic Trails Award
  - Earn the 50-Miler Award
- Attend any national high-adventure base or any nationally recognized local high-adventure or specialty-adventure program
- Items 3a-g may be repeated as desired. A single activity that satisfies multiple items in 3a-g may be counted as separate activities at the discretion of the unit leader. Similarly, a single activity that doubles an item in 3a-d may be counted as two activities at the discretion of the unit leader. A gold device may be earned for each additional five activities. A silver device is earned for each additional 20 activities. The Scout may wear any combination of devices totaling his current number of activities.



# National Medal for Outdoor Achievement



- This medal is the highest recognition that a Scout can earn for exemplary achievement, experience, and skill in multiple areas of outdoor endeavor. This challenging award requires earning at least three of the National Outdoor Achievement segments, planning and leading a trek, earning Wilderness First Aid, and becoming a Leave No Trace Trainer as well as several other requirements.

# National Medal for Outdoor Achievement

- The National Medal for Outdoor Achievement is the highest recognition that a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout can earn for exemplary achievement, experience, and skill in multiple areas of outdoor endeavor. In order for a Scout to earn the National Medal for Outdoor Achievement, the Scout must complete the following requirements:
- Earn the First Class rank.
- Earn the National Outdoor Badge for Camping with a silver device.
- Earn any two additional National Outdoor Badges, each with two gold devices.
- Earn the following merit badges: Backpacking, Emergency Preparedness, Nature, and Wilderness Survival.
- Complete a 16-hour course in Wilderness First Aid from the American Red Cross, Wilderness Medical Institute, or other recognized provider.
- Become a Leave No Trace Trainer by completing the 16-hour training course from a recognized Leave No Trace Master Educator.
- 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.
- Complete at least one of the following:
  - 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.
  - Successfully complete a season on a council summer camp staff in an outdoor area, such as aquatics, Scoutcraft, nature/environment, climbing, or COPE.

# How to Obtain the Award

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- For badge –
  - Complete the Application Form
    - Scout & Scoutmaster complete form, turn into Council Office for final approval
- For medal –
  - Fill out Application
  - Turn in to Council
  - Council gets National approval

# So Why Bother???

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- An EXCELLENT way to keep older scouts interested and involved and to promote advancement (many MB are Eagle Req.)
- Retention & Advancement is a GREAT WAY to earn the Journey to Excellence Award!!!



# For More Information

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- ◉ [www.quarrylands.net/camping.php](http://www.quarrylands.net/camping.php)
- ◉ <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoysScouts/Youth/Awards/NOA.aspx>  
(links to [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org) for ordering)
- ◉ Dr. Bill Marshall – Quarrylands Camping Chairman ([bmarshallpsu@gmail.com](mailto:bmarshallpsu@gmail.com))