

# CHAPTER 11

## High Adventure Awards of Western Los Angeles County Council

### CYCLING TRAINING

#### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.
2. May be earned by Girl Scouts 11 years or older.
3. Seven (7) hours cycling time, or 21 mile round trip, whichever comes first, with an overnight campout. Cycle trip (or time) may be earned anywhere.
4. Contact an Approval Person from your Council's H.A.T. approval roster prior to doing the trip. Submit the following to the High Adventure Team Person if requested:
  - a. Itinerary with route, alternate route and rest stops.
  - b. Participant Roster including names, addresses and phone numbers.
  - c. Planned menus.
  - d. Personal and group equipment lists.
  - e. Certification of safe bikes.
5. Minimum food and equipment will be carried on the bicycle (Max. limit 20 lbs.). Equipment should include such items as jacket, rain gear, personal first aid kit, water bottle, long pants and tools. Sleeping gear and other equipment along with food should be carried in a motor vehicle.
6. Group shall have a motor vehicle for emergency with them at all times.
7. Minimum of two registered adults with each touring group, one of which shall be on a bicycle with Tour Group.
8. Participants must be familiar with their State Vehicle Codes and the Orange County BSA Bike Aid Brochure and should be working towards, or have the Cycling Merit Badge. (Adults exempted on Merit Badge but it is strongly recommended that they complete the H.A.T. Cycling seminar.
9. Bicycles must be currently licensed and pass inspection and be certified as safe (brakes, reflectors, tires, etc.) by a qualified cycling counselor or bike shop.
10. Do a good camp or conservation project of at least one hour per participant, on, before, or after tour.
11. Group size should be kept within the maximum recommended for the area of planned camp.
12. Only two (2) Training Cycling Awards per person during their scouting career.
13. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.



FIG. 11-1  
CYCLING TRAINING  
2" x 2"

## CYCLING WEEKEND

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.
2. May be earned by Girl Scouts 11 years or older.
3. Twelve (12) hours cycling time, or 48 miles round trip, whichever comes first, with an overnight campout. Cycle trip (or time) may be earned anywhere.
4. Participant must:
  - a. Have earned two (2) Cycling Training Awards.
  - b. Do a Conservation Project of at least one (1) hour. Can be done on tour, before or after tour.
  - c. Have read their State Vehicle Code booklet and the Orange County Council Bike Aid brochure.
  - d. Scouts should be working on, or have earned, the Cycling Merit Badge.
5. Contact an Approval Person from your Council's H.A.T. approval roster prior to doing the trip. Submit the following to the High Adventure Team Person if requested:
  - a. Evidence of each participant having earned two (2) Cycling Training Awards.
  - b. Itinerary - with route, alternate route, and rest stops.
  - c. Participant Roster including names, addresses and phone numbers.
  - d. Planned menus.
  - e. Personal and group equipment lists.
  - f. Certification of safe bikes.
6. Minimum food and equipment will be carried on the bicycle (Max. limit 20 lbs.). Equipment should include such items as jacket, rain gear, personal first aid kit, water bottle, long pants and tools. Sleeping gear and other equipment along with food should be carried in a motor vehicle.
7. Group shall have a motor vehicle for emergency with them at all times.
8. Minimum of two registered adults with each touring group, one of which shall be on a bicycle with Tour Group.
9. Bicycles must be currently licensed and pass inspection and be certified as safe (brakes, reflectors, tires, etc.) by a qualified cycling counselor or bike shop.
10. Group Size - keep within maximum recommended for the area you plan to camp in.
11. Each participant can earn as many of these awards as they want as long as these requirements are met each time.
12. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.



FIG. 11-2  
CYCLING WEEKEND  
2" x 2"

## HISTORIC CYCLING TOURING AWARD

This award was established to celebrate the heritage of the Mexican and Spanish people who long ago colonized and developed Southern California into a land of enchantment. Within most Council's boundaries are many historic sites which are seldom noticed by the average Californian, and many of our young people are never made aware of the history of our area.

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.
2. SCOUTS: (11-14 years) Cycle between a minimum of four (4) Historic sites in one day, visiting each one. SENIOR SCOUTS AND VENTURERS: (15 years and older) Cycle between a minimum of five (5) Historic sites in one day, visiting each one. SCOUTERS: Meet the requirements of the group they participate with.
3. Contact an approval person from your Council's H.A.T. approval roster prior to doing the trip. After trip, have approval person approve award application.
4. Tour group shall have a motor vehicle for emergency with them at all times.
5. Bicycles must be currently licensed and pass inspection and be certified as safe (brakes, reflectors, tires, etc.) by a qualified cycling counselor or bike shop.
6. Minimum of two registered adults with each touring group, one of which shall be on a bicycle with Tour Group.
7. Participants must be familiar with their State Vehicle Codes and the Orange County BSA Bike Aid Brochure.
8. Each group will give a report of their tour and submit it with their application to their H.A.T. approval person.
9. It is recommended that participants present their report during a Troop meeting, Troop Parent night or other Scout gathering.
10. For safety, keep the size of the group to eight (8) youth. Minimum two adults with each group at all times. One of the adults must be on a bicycle with the tour group.
11. It is strongly recommended that one of the adults on the trip should have completed the latest High Adventure Team Cycling Seminar.
12. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.



FIG. 11-3  
HISTORIC CYCLING TOURING  
3" x 3"  
(Green Border - Scouts)  
(Red Border - Venturers)

## CYCLING TOUR AWARD

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.
2. May be earned by Girl Scouts 11 years or older.
3. Must be (6) days and (5) nights long. Each participant cycling a minimum of 50 miles per day, total for trip 300 miles.
4. Participant must:
  - a. Have earned two (2) Cycling Training Awards.
  - b. Do a conservation Project of at least one (1) hour. Can be done on tour, before or after tour.
  - c. Have read their State Vehicle Code booklet and the Orange County Council Bike Aid brochure.
  - d. Scouts should be working on, or have earned, the Cycling Merit Badge.
5. Contact an Approval Person from your Council's H.A.T. approval roster prior to doing the trip. Submit the following to the High Adventure Team Person if requested:
  - a. Evidence of each participant having earned two (2) Cycling Training Awards.
  - b. Itinerary - with route, alternate route, and rest stop.
  - c. Participant Roster including names, addresses and phone numbers.
  - d. Planned menus.
  - e. Personal and group equipment lists.
  - f. Certification of safe bikes.
6. Minimum food and equipment will be carried on the bicycle (Max. limit 20 lbs.). Equipment should include such items as jacket, rain gear, personal first aid kit, water bottle, long pants and tools. Sleeping gear and other equipment along with food should be carried in a motor vehicle.
7. Group shall have a motor vehicle for emergency with them at all times.
8. Minimum of two registered adults with each touring group, one of which shall be on a bicycle with Tour Group.
9. Bicycles must be currently licensed and pass inspection and be certified as safe (brakes, reflectors, tires, etc.) by a qualified cycling counselor or bike shop.
10. Group Size - keep within maximum recommended for the area you plan to camp in.
11. Each participant can earn as many of these awards as they want as long as these requirements are met each time.
12. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.



FIG. 11-4  
CYCLING TOUR  
4" DIA.

## NORDIC SKIING TRAINING

Due to the strenuous program and physical capabilities required, this award is offered only to youths and adults who have been judged to be in good physical condition by a medical doctor.

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.
2. Each applicant must have completed one (1) weekend winter conditioning hike without skis of not less than one (1) mile round trip with an overnight on the snow. Not required if participant has earned the Snowshoe Training award.
3. Minimum skiing distance, 2.5 miles over a two day period, with an overnight campout on the snow.
4. Minimum age shall be eleven (11) years or older and at the discretion of the adult leader. Council Winter Backpack Awareness Course and the associated Nordic Skiing Seminar is required for at least one adult going on the trip.
5. Prepare a roster and itinerary for the trip. File with the Ranger if possible. Check in and out with Ranger whenever and wherever possible.
6. Location of trip shall be the unit's choice with the approval of an Approval Person from your Council's High Adventure Team Approval Roster. Location may be anywhere good skiing conditions exist over the trip.
7. A person can earn only two (2) of these awards during their Scouting career.
8. After the trip, have a H.A.T. Approval Person sign and approve the award application within a 10 day period.
9. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.



FIG. 11-5  
NORDIC SKIING TRAINING  
2" x 2"

## NORDIC SKIING WEEKEND

Due to the strenuous program and physical capabilities required, this award is offered only to youths and adults who have been judged to be in good physical condition by a medical doctor.

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.
2. Each participant shall have earned two (2) Nordic Skiing Training Awards. Minimum age shall be eleven (11) years or older and at the discretion of the adult leading the trip. A person can earn as many of these awards as they wish during their Scouting career.
3. Minimum Skiing Distance of 10 miles over a two day period with an overnight camp.
4. Council Winter Backpack Awareness Course and the associated Nordic Skiing Seminar is required for at least one registered adult going on the trip.
5. Check in and out with Ranger whenever and wherever possible. Prepare a roster and itinerary for the trip. File with the Ranger if possible.
6. Location of trip shall be the unit's choice with the approval of an Approval Person from your council's High Adventure Team Approval Roster. Location may be anywhere good skiing conditions exist over the trip.
7. After the trip, have a H.A.T. Approval Person sign and approve the award application within a 10 day period.
8. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.



FIG. 11-6  
NORDIC SKIING WEEKEND  
2" x 2"

## SNOWSHOE TRAINING

Due to the strenuous program and physical capabilities required, this award is offered only to youths and adults who have been judged to be in good physical condition by a medical doctor.

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.
2. Each applicant must have complete one (1) weekend winter conditioning hikes of not less than one (1) mile round trip with an overnight on the snow. Not required if participant has earned the Nordic Skiing Training award.
3. Minimum Snowshoe distance of 2.5 miles over a two day period with an overnight camp in snow.
4. Minimum age shall be eleven (11) years or older and at the discretion of the adult leader. Council Winter Backpack Awareness Course and the associated Snow Shoeing Seminar is required for at least one adult going on the trip.
5. Prepare a roster and itinerary for the trip. File it with the Ranger if possible. Check in and out with the Ranger whenever and wherever possible.
5. Location of trip shall be the unit's choice with the approval of an Approval Person from your council's High Adventure Team Approval Roster. Location may be anywhere that has a minimum of five (5) inches of snow over the entire trip.
7. A person can earn only two (2) of these awards during their Scouting career. After the trip, have a H.A.T. Approval Person sign and approve the award application within a 10 day period.
9. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.



FIG. 11-7  
SNOWSHOE TRAINING  
2" x 2"

## SNOWSHOE WEEKEND

Due to the strenuous program and physical capabilities required, this award is offered only to youths and adults who have been judged to be in good physical condition by a medical doctor.

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.
2. Each participant shall have earned two (2) Snowshoe Training Awards.
3. Minimum Skiing Distance of 5 miles over a two day period with an overnight camp.
4. Council Winter Backpack Awareness Course and the associated Snowshoeing Seminar is required for at least one registered adult going on the trip.
5. Minimum age shall be eleven (11) years or older and at the discretion of the adult leading the trip.
6. Check in and out with Ranger whenever and wherever possible.
7. Prepare a roster and itinerary for the trip. File with the Ranger if possible.
8. Location of trip shall be the unit's choice with the approval of an Approval Person from your council's High Adventure Team Approval Roster.
9. Location may be anywhere that has a minimum of five (5) inches of snow over the trip.
10. A person can earn as many of these awards as they wish during their Scouting career.
11. After the trip, have a H.A.T. Approval Person sign and approve the award application within a 10 day period.
12. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.



FIG. 11-8  
SNOWSHOE WEEKEND  
2" x 2"

## BACKCOUNTRY EXPLORATION AWARD

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.
2. Outing leader or another 21 year old adult going on trip must have completed the Basic Backpack Awareness Course.
3. An approved Conservation Project of six (6) hours per participant is required.
4. Plan a trip of 15 or more backpacking hours round trip to a wilderness base camp (use standard allowance of one hour for each two miles hiked, plus one hour for each 1000 feet of elevation gained).
5. Plan an additional 20 or more hiking hours (packs not required) from and around the wilderness base camp. The hiking hours may be for the purpose of sightseeing, exploration, peak bagging, etc. Minimum time on the trail and in the backcountry - six (6) days and five (5) nights.
6. Recommended age is 11 years old or older. Each scout participant must demonstrate the following scout skills or earn the following Merit Badges: Camping, Cooking, First Aid and Swimming. Adults and Venturers must have the equivalent knowledge. Outing leader to certify compliance.
7. An itinerary must be reviewed prior to starting the trip by the Council High Adventure Team and it should also be filed with the Ranger at the trail head upon arrival if possible.
8. Each participant, including adults, must complete a minimum of three (3) conditioning overnight backpacking trips, including one at or near the altitude of the proposed trip, within three months prior to departing on the trip. At least one adult on trip has had previous experience on a Long Term Backpacking trip.
9. The Award may be earned during the winter months (Dec. through Apr.) by units. To have the unit qualify for this award during these winter months, one adult accompanying the group on the trip must have successfully completed the Council High Adventure Team Winter Backpack Awareness Course.
10. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.



FIG. 11-9  
BACKCOUNTRY EXPLORATION  
4" x 4"

## CROSS COUNTRY BACKPACK AWARD

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.
2. Outing leader or another 21 year old adult going on trip must have completed the Basic Backpack Awareness Course.
3. An approved Conservation Project of six (6) hours per participant is required. Participants must show evidence of completion.
4. Plan a trip of 25 or more backpacking hours - Anywhere in the mountains, deserts, coast or any combination of these. Minimum time on trail - 6 days and 5 nights.
5. Recommended age is 12 years old or older. Each scout participant must demonstrate the following scout skills or have earned the following Merit Badges: Camping, Cooking, First Aid and Swimming. Adults and Venturers must have the equivalent knowledge. Outing leader to certify compliance.
6. An itinerary must be reviewed prior to starting the trip by the Council High Adventure Team and it should also be filed with the Ranger at the trail head upon arrival if possible.
7. The Award may be earned during the winter months (Dec. through Apr.) by units. To have the unit qualify for this award during these winter months, one adult accompanying the group on the trip must have successfully completed the Council High Adventure Team Winter Backpack Awareness Course.
8. At least 12 of these backpack hours shall be cross country where trails do not exist. (use standard allowance of one hour for each two miles hiked, plus one hour for each 1000 feet of elevation gained).
9. Each participant, including adults, must complete a minimum of three (3) conditioning overnight backpacking trips, including one at or near the altitude of the proposed trip, within three months prior to departing on the trip. At least one adult on trip has had previous experience on a Long Term Backpacking trip.
10. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.



FIG. 11-10  
CROSS COUNTRY BACKPACK  
4" x 4"

## **GOLDEN ARROWHEAD AWARD**

### **Requirements:**

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.
2. Outing leader or another 21 year old adult going on trip must have completed the Basic Backpack Awareness Course.
3. An approved Conservation Project of six (6) hours per participant is required. Participants must show evidence of completion.
4. Plan a trip of 25 or more backpacking hours - Anywhere in the mountains, deserts, coast or any combination of these. Minimum time on trail - 6 days and 5 nights.
5. Recommended age is 11 years old or older. Each scout participant must demonstrate the following scout skills or have earned the following Merit Badges: Camping, Cooking, First Aid and Swimming. Adults and Venturers must have the equivalent knowledge. Outing leader to certify compliance.
6. An itinerary must be reviewed prior to starting the trip by the Council High Adventure Team and it should also be filed with the Ranger at the trail head upon arrival if possible.
7. The Award may be earned during the winter months (Dec. through Apr.) by units. To have the unit qualify for this award during these winter months, one adult accompanying the group on the trip must have successfully completed the Council High Adventure Team Winter Backpack Awareness Course.
8. Each participant, including adults, must complete a minimum of three (3) conditioning overnight backpacking trips, including one at or near the altitude of the proposed trip, within three months prior to departing on the trip.
9. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.



FIG. 11-11  
GOLDEN ARROWHEAD AWARD  
4" x 4"

## GOLDEN BOOT AWARD

Completion of all requirements of any Council or National Long Term Back Pack Trip, which shall include the following minimum requirements:

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.
2. Have completed and applied for the patch of an approved Long Term trip consisting of a minimum of:
  - a. 25 scheduled backpacking hours on the trail.
  - b. 6 nights and 5 days on the trail.
  - c. Carrying all food and equipment needed for trek on back. (No pack animals or food drops).
3. Completion of ten (10) hours per person of an approved conservation project during, before, or after hike with the approval of the issuing Council's High Adventure Team. Completion of 10 hours minus six (6) hours completed for Long Term award equal four (4) hours additional required conservation work for this award.
4. Long Term Medals are issued for approved Scouting Unit function.
5. Retroactive to January 1970 as long as the individual did not receive a Long Term Medal for that particular backpacking trip. For each additional long term hike, a service star with the appropriate number added to the ribbon.
6. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.



FIG. 11-12  
GOLDEN BOOT MEDAL  
1½" x 3"

## COUNCIL CAMP CONSERVATION

The Award was developed in cooperation with Malibu Lodge, Order of the Arrow to recognize those individuals who have donated their time and effort to better our Council Camps. The Award has 25, 50, 75, and 100 hour segments to indicate hours of service the individual has performed at the Council Camps/Reservations.

### Requirements:

1. Earned only at Scout Camps/Reservations and must be an approved Unit, District or Council activity. BSA Tour Permit Required.
2. If a Unit or District or Council activity they must:
  - a. Fill out as camp reservation, which must be approved.
  - b. Have an approved BSA Tour Permit.
3. Council or District Camping Committees are exempt from item 3 (but BSA Tour Permits are always recommended).
4. Each segment shall be earned totally at the Scout Camp where it was started. Work to be approved and hours verified by the Camp Ranger/Caretaker or approved Campmaster.
5. H.A.T. Approval Person approve award application. Retroactive to May 1, 1982.
6. Patch and segments may be worn on the uniform as a temporary Patch and Segment - right shirt pocket.



FIG. 11-13  
COUNCIL CAMP CONSERVATION  
3" x 4"

## POWDERHORN TRAIL

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.
2. Outing leader or another 21 year old adult going on trip must have completed the Basic Backpack Awareness Course.
3. An approved Conservation Project of six (6) hours per participant is required. Participants must show evidence of completion.
4. Plan a trip of 33 or more backpacking hours - Anywhere in the mountains, deserts, coast or any combination of these. Minimum time on trail - 7 days and 6 nights.
5. Recommended age is 12 years old or older. Each scout participant must demonstrate the following scout skills or have earned the following Merit Badges: Camping, Cooking, First Aid and Swimming. Adults and Venturers must have the equivalent knowledge. Outing leader to certify compliance.
6. An itinerary must be reviewed prior to starting the trip by the Council High Adventure Team and one must be filed with the Camp Director at Camp Whitsett or Wolverton upon arrival if starting trip from either camp or with the Ranger at the trail head if possible.
7. The Award may be earned during the winter months (Dec. through Apr.) by units. To have the unit qualify for this award during these winter months, one adult accompanying the group on the trip must have successfully completed the Council High Adventure Team Winter Backpack Awareness Course.
8. Each participant, including adults, must complete a minimum of three (3) conditioning overnight backpacking trips, including one at or near the altitude of the proposed trip, within three months prior to departing on the trip. Each participant including adults, must have completed one or more previous long term trip(s) of 6 days and 5 nights and a minimum of 25 hours/50 miles or more.
9. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.

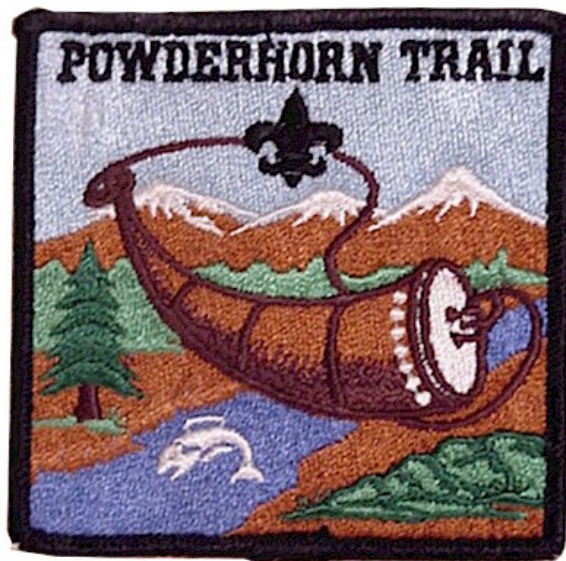


FIG. 11-14  
POWDERHORN TRAIL  
4" x 4"

## SEQUOIA TRAIL

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.
2. Outing leader or another 21 year old adult going on trip must have completed the Basic Backpack Awareness Course.
3. An approved Conservation Project of six (6) hours per participant is required. Participants must show evidence of completion.
4. Make advanced reservations at the Council Service Center Camping Department. Pay fees. Failure to do so can disqualify the participants for the award.
5. Recommended age is 13 years old or older. Each scout participant must demonstrate the following scout skills or have earned the following Merit Badges: Camping, Cooking, First Aid and Swimming. Adults and Venturers must have the equivalent knowledge. Outing leader to certify compliance.
6. An itinerary must be reviewed prior to starting the trip by the Council High Adventure Team and one must be filed with the Camp Director at Camp Wolverton upon arrival.
7. Trip must start at Camp Wolverton and ends at Camp Whitsett. Minimum time on trail - 10 days and 9 nights, backpacking distance must be a minimum of 95 to 100 miles (50 hours). Days and nights spent at Camp Wolverton or Camp Whitsett are not counted towards trip days..
8. Each participant, including adults, must complete a minimum of three (3) conditioning overnight backpacking trips, including one at or near the altitude of the proposed trip, within three months prior to departing on the trip. Each participant including adults, must have completed one or more previous long term trip(s) of 6 days and 5 nights and a minimum of 25 hours/50 miles or more.
9. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.



FIG. 11-15  
SEQUOIA TRAIL  
4" x 4"

## SILVER BEARPAW

The Silver Bearpaw Trail is recommended for both the inexperienced and experienced group.

The basic trail meets the requirements of the following awards: Powderhorn, Cross Country Backpack, Backcountry Exploration, High Adventure Trail, Exploring Mountaineering, One Week Backpack, The Sierra South, and the 50 Miler Award. Please check specific requirements. REMEMBER - ONE TRIP, ONE AWARD.

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.
2. Outing leader or another 21 year old adult going on trip must have completed the Basic Backpack Awareness Course.
3. An approved Conservation project of six (6) ours per participant is required. Participants must show evidence of completion.
4. Make advanced reservations at the Council Service Center Camping Department. Pay fees. Failure to do so can disqualify the participants from the award.
5. Recommended age is 11 years old or older. Prior to departure, each Scout must demonstrate the following scout skills or have earned the following Merit Badges. Camping, Cooking and Hiking. Adult and Venturers must have the equivalent knowledge. Outing leader to verify compliance.
6. An itinerary must be reviewed prior to starting the trip by the Council High adventure Team and one must be filed with the Camp Director at Camp Wolverine upon arrival.
7. Trip must start and end at Camp Wolverton, Sequoia National Park. Minimum time on trail - 6 days and 5 nights, backpacking distance must be a minimum distance of 50 to 55 miles (25 hrs.), days and nights spent at Camp Wolverton do not count toward hike.
8. Each participant, including adults, must complete a minimum of three (3) conditioning overnight backpacking trips, including one at, or near, the altitude of the proposed trip, within three months prior to departing on the trip.
9. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.



FIG. 11-16  
SILVER BEARPAW  
3" x 2"

## SILVER CLOUD TRAIL

Recommended for the more experienced backpacker.

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.
2. Outing leader or another 21 year old adult going on trip must have completed the Basic Backpack Awareness Course.
3. An approved Conservation project of six (6) ours per participant is required. Participants must show evidence of completion.
4. Make advanced reservations at the Council Service Center Camping Department. Pay fees. Failure to do so can disqualify the participants from the award.
5. Recommended age is 12 years old or older. Prior to departure, each Scout must demonstrate the following scout skills or have earned the following Merit Badges. Camping, Cooking and Hiking. Adult and Venturers must have the equivalent knowledge. Outing leader to verify compliance.
6. An itinerary must be reviewed prior to starting the trip by the Council High adventure Team and one must be filed with the Camp Director at Camp Wolverine upon arrival.
7. Trip must start and end at Camp Wolverton, Sequoia National Park. Minimum time on trail - 6 days and 5 nights, backpacking distance must be a minimum distance of 50 to 55 miles (25 hrs.), days and nights spent at Camp Wolverton do not count toward hike.
8. Each participant, including adults, must complete a minimum of three (3) conditioning overnight backpacking trips, including one at, or near, the altitude of the proposed trip, within three months prior to departing on the trip.
9. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.



FIG. 11-17  
SILVER CLOUD TRAIL  
3" x 2"

## SILVER KNAPSACK

The Silver Knapsack Trail is recommended for the group with little or no backpacking experience who would like to try it on their own.

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.
2. Outing leader or another 21 year old adult going on trip must have completed the Basic Backpack Awareness Course.
3. An approved Conservation project of six (6) hours per participant is required. Participants must show evidence of completion.
4. Make advanced reservations at the Council Service Center Camping Department. Pay fees. Failure to do so can disqualify the participants from the award.
5. Recommended age is 11years old or older. Prior to departure, each Scout must demonstrate the following scout skills or have earned the following Merit Badges. Camping, Cooking First Aid and Swimming. Adult and Venturers must have the equivalent knowledge. Outing leader to verify compliance.
6. An itinerary must be reviewed prior to starting the trip by the Council High adventure Team and one must be filed with the Camp Director at Camp Wolverine upon arrival.
7. Trip must start and end at Camp Whitsett. Minimum time on trail - 6 days and 5 nights, backpacking distance must be a minimum distance of 43 to 50 miles (25 hrs.), Days and nights spent at Camp Whitsett are not counted toward trip days.
8. Each participant, including adults, must complete a minimum of three (3) conditioning overnight backpacking trips, including one at, or near, the altitude of the proposed trip, within three months prior to departing on the trip.
9. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.



FIG. 11-18  
SILVER KNAPSACK  
4" x 4"

## WHITSETT TO WHITNEY

Recommended for the very experienced who have two or more previous Long Term Trips. The Trip begins at Camp Whitsett in Inyo National Forest, crosses into the John Muir Wilderness Area, crosses into the Sequoia National Park. At Siberian Pass, returns to Inyo National Forest. After crossing the bridge at Kern Canyon Ranger Station, the trail re-enters Sequoia National Park until reaching Whitney Portal.

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.
2. Outing leader or another 21 year old adult going on trip must have completed the Basic Backpack Awareness Course.
3. An approved Conservation project of six (6) hours per participant is required. Participants must show evidence of completion.
4. Make advanced reservations at the Council Service Center Camping Department. Pay fees. Failure to do so can disqualify the participants from the award.
5. Recommended age is 13 years old or older. Prior to departure, each Scout must demonstrate the following scout skills or have earned the following Merit Badges. Camping, Cooking First Aid and Swimming. Adult and Venturers must have the equivalent knowledge. Outing leader to verify compliance.
6. An itinerary must be reviewed prior to starting the trip by the Council High adventure Team and one must be filed with the Camp Director at Camp Whitsett upon arrival.
7. Trip must start at Camp Whitsett and end at Whitney Portal. Minimum time on trail - 10 days and 9 nights, backpacking distance must be a minimum distance of 95 to 100 miles (50 hrs.), Days and nights spent at Camp Whitsett are not counted toward trip days.
8. Each participant, including adults, must complete a minimum of three (3) conditioning overnight backpacking trips, including one at, or near, the altitude of the proposed trip, within three months prior to departing on the trip. Each participant, including adults, must have completed one or more previous Long Term trip of 6 days and 5 nights and a minimum of 25 hours/50 miles or more.
9. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.



FIG. 11-19  
WHITSETT TO WHITNEY  
4" x 4"

## 14,495' CLUB AWARD

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.
2. Each Participant must:
  - a. Have had a physical exam within two months of climb.
  - b. Have completed a minimum of two conditioning preparation hikes prior to the Mt. Whitney trip. ONE of these must have been taken during the month preceding the climb, and must be at an elevation in excess of 9,000 feet.
  - c. Hike to and from the top of Mt. Whitney, involving at least 3 days, with two nights at a trail camp. At the top, take a photograph of the participants at the hut. It is not necessary to carry a pack on the portion of trail involved in reaching the summit.
  - d. Backpack carrying your own pack. Only those taking part in the entire trip from planning to completion will be eligible for the award. Pack out all your own trash and leave a clean campsite. **DO A GOOD TURN AND EACH PARTICIPANT CARRY OUT APPROXIMATELY TWO POUNDS OF ADDITIONAL TRASH** if possible.
3. Outing Leader must:
  - a. Submit an itinerary showing hike plan, roster, pack list, and menu to an approval person from your Council's High Adventure Team Roster.
  - b. Fill in a trip report on reverse side and affix photograph taken at top of Mt. Whitney.
4. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.

NOTE: This award may be earned additionally to a week-long trip award, when Mt. Whitney is climbed as part of the week-long trip.



FIG. 11-20  
14,495 CLUB  
3" x 3"

## WHALE WATCHER

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements. This award is available to Cadet and Senior Girl Scouts as well as Boy Scouts.
2. Attend presentation of slides on whales in Western Los Angeles County Council.
  - a. The slides may be borrowed from the H.A.T. Chairman along with the text for the accompanying narrative and the lists of whalewatcher cruises, museums and whale shows necessary to complete the award.
  - b. In Girl Scout Council's that have approved this award, their Scouts will fulfill the same requirements as stated and shown.
3. Participate in whale watching cruise or one of the following:
  - a. Visit a whale show at Sea World.
  - b. Or, visit a whale museum such as Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, San Pedro, or the Orange County Marine Museum, Dana Point.
4. Draw a picture of the whale being observed. Label parts. Pictures may be substituted for drawings.
5. Draw a map of the migratory route.
6. Give a report on whaling practices past and present including current laws on whale hunting.
7. Define the following vocabulary words to your unit leader or their representative.

|                       |                   |                  |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. Terrestrial        | 11. Migration     | 21. Pectoral Fin |
| 2. Endangered Species | 12. Sailing       | 22. Bearing      |
| 3. Spout              | 13. Baleen Plates | 23. Baja         |
| 4. Dorsal Ridge       | 14. Dorsal Fin    | 24. Krill        |
| 5. Echo Locate        | 15. Pods          | 25. Caudal       |
| 6. Cetacea            | 16. Mammal        | 26. Snorkeling   |
| 7. Lob Tailing        | 17. Mysticeti     | 27. Lice         |
| 8. Spy Hopping        | 18. Footprints    | 28. Breaching    |
| 9. Piniped            | 19. Blow Hole     | 29. Blubber      |
| 10. Odontoceti        | 20. Laminar       | 30. Saddle Patch |
7. The award application must be approved by a High Adventure Team approval person.
8. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.



FIG. 11-21  
WHALE WATCHER  
3" DIA.

## 180 DEGREE CLUB

Established for those participants engaged in a high adventure trip of 3 days or more that: Due to mother nature creating such a disturbance that adult leaders using good sound judgment turned back or took an escape route to eliminate possible danger to the participants and were not able to complete the requirements to earn the original award.

### Requirements:

1. Could not complete trip because of earthquake, flooding, blizzard, destructive wind, torrential rain, sudden snow storm, avalanches, fire or any combination of these.
2. Meet all requirements of original award except for length of time and mileage.
3. Where possible have BSA tour permit signed by an official stating the reason trip was cut short.
4. Award may be earned anywhere.
5. Must be on the trail of an approved scheduled trip prior to turning around.
6. Award is retroactive to January 1986.



FIG. 11-22  
180 DEGREE CLUB  
3" DIA.

## DICK JACKSON

### Requirements:

1. Must have accumulated a minimum of 200 backpacking miles from any of the following Council Trail Awards (must have earned a minimum of three (3) different Council Trail Awards).

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Cross Country       | 50 miles     |
| Golden Arrowhead    | 50 miles     |
| Powderhorn          | 65 miles     |
| Sequoia Trail       | 95-100 miles |
| Silver Bearpaw      | 50 miles     |
| Silver Cloud        | 50 miles     |
| Silver Knapsack     | 50 miles     |
| Whitsett to Whitney | 90-100 miles |

2. Show evidence of having earned the awards.
3. Must have H.A.T. approval person approve application.
4. None of the above Trail Awards may be counted twice for this award.
5. Retroactive to January 1986.



FIG. 11-23  
DICK JACKSON AWARD  
3" x 3"

## DISASTER CONSERVATION

Designed to recognize those Cubs, Scout and Venturer Units who participate in the recovery action after a disaster or state of emergency so officially declared by any city, county, state or government agency.

### Requirements:

1. Must have approval from disaster agency or representative prior to accomplishing project.
2. Council Trail Boss or his representative must be notified prior to accomplishing project.
3. BSA Local Tour Permit is required if available, and must be signed by agency representative to get credit for hours worked.
4. Minimum of eight (8) hours work required. May be cumulative but must be on same disaster.
5. Participants must be currently registered in Scouting. Applications must be approved by H.A.T. approval person before awards will be issued. Retroactive to January 1971.
6. Councils are encouraged to make segments for disasters in their area. Segments shall be 3/4" x 3" in any color with name of disaster on segment.

FIG. 11-24  
DISASTER CONSERVATION  
3" x 3"

### APPROVED DISASTERS

|                                                            |      |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Sylmar Earthquake                                          | 1971 |
| Malibu Fire                                                | 1978 |
| Manderville Canyon, Pacific Palisades, Carbon Canyon Fires | 1978 |
| Angeles National Forest Fire                               | 1979 |
| So. California Flood                                       | 1980 |
| Whittier Earthquake                                        | 1987 |

## SNOWMAN

The award is for those units, groups and participants who get caught in an unscheduled surprise snow storm while on a weekend or long term trip. It is not for a unit that plans a winter trip and are expecting a possible snow storm while on that trip.

### Requirements:

1. Must be an approved High Adventure activity which meets all applicable General Requirements.
2. While on a scheduled activity, get caught in an unexpected snow storm where a minimum of 4 inches (snow must stick to ground) of snow falls within a 24 hour period.
3. Have Ranger or other agency representative verifying the unexpected snow storm.
4. Award is available whether or not unit received any other award for the same trip. Award is retroactive to January 1986.



FIG. 11-25  
SNOWMAN  
3" DIA.

## GRUNION RUN

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable Area 4 General Requirements.
2. Obtain an approved Local Tour Permit from the Council Office.
3. Attend the Grunion Program presented by Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro, 3720 Stephen White Drive. Phone (310) 548-7562.
4. Write a report describing:
  - a. How and why the moon is essential to the Grunion.
  - b. The Grunion Run at the beach including a drawing of the Grunion.
  - c. The different activities at the Aquarium.
5. After doing items 1-4 see your H.A.T. Approval Person for award approval.
6. This award can be earned by Cub Scouts, Webelos, Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Girl Scouts.



FIG. 11-26  
GRUNION RUN  
3" DIA.

### MUSEUM INFORMATION:

1. Programs are held 2-4 days after a new or full moon during the months of March through July. Call museum for exact dates each year.
2. Museum opens for viewing at 8 PM.
3. A special program on Grunion including films and a lecture is held in the auditorium at 9 PM and 10 PM. Grunion eggs are hatched on the patio. The group is then led to the beach to observe a supervised Grunion run. The runs usually occur between 10:30 PM to 12:30 AM.
4. There is no charge for the parking lot after 6:00 pm. Cost for the Aquarium is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for seniors and children. The Aquarium would appreciate a donation of aluminum cans.
5. There is no food service at or near the beach.
6. The months of April and May are closed season for Grunion. During that time they may not be touched or captured.
7. The months of March, June and July are open season. Anyone 16 years of age or older must have a valid fishing license to touch or capture the Grunion.

### EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

Warm clothing that can (and will) get wet, flashlight, blanket to sit on on the beach, food and hot drinks, and a bath towel.

NOTE: Although this Award is based solely upon the museum's program, they are not involved in the administration of the award. PLEASE DO NOT ask the museum questions other than about Grunion run dates and the Grunion themselves. This award was developed by Marilyn Marrs. If you have additional questions, please call Marilyn at (818) 896-1776.

## TRANS SIERRA TRAIL

Most Units plan trips that start and end on the same side of the Sierra's using trails that usually run North or South. Many areas are unused because they are in the middle between the East or West side of the Sierra's where many units do not venture.

This award was established to get Units away from the more popular areas and trails by having them use the many trans-Sierra Trails.

### Requirements:

1. Meet and comply with all General Requirements.
2. Plan a trip across the Sierra's from East to West or West to East using existing trails wherever possible.
3. Minimum time on trail: 10 days and 9 nights and 50 hours.
4. A minimum of 75% of the groups participants must have completed a previous long term trip (minimum 6 days and 5 nights and a minimum of 25 hours).
5. Itinerary and profile for trip must be reviewed and approved by H.A.T. a minimum of 2 weeks in advance of proposed trip.
6. Recommended age is 12 years old or older. Each Scout participant must demonstrate the following scout skills or have earned the following Merit Badges. Camping, Cooking, Hiking, First Aid and Swimming. Adult and Venturers must have the equivalent knowledge. Outing leader to verify compliance
7. At least one adult 21 years or older, has satisfactorily completed the Council Basic Backpack Awareness Course.
8. Minimum of 3 preparation hikes within the last 4 months prior to trip for each participant at approximate elevation of long term trip.
9. An approved conservation project of six (6) hours per participant is required. Show evidence of completion.
10. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements of there is an area of conflict.

NOTE: The Award consists of a Patch and 2 segments. One segment for East to West and one segment for West to East.

This Award was suggested by T-534 of Chatsworth, CA.



FIG.11-27  
TRANS SIERRA TRAIL  
4" x 5½"

## WHITEOUT

This award was developed for those participants that while engaged in a High Adventure activity get caught in a situation where the visibility is reduced to less than 5 feet distance.

Conditions that can cause the reduction of visibility: rain storm, hail storm, sleet or snow storm, sand storm, fog or low clouds, or any combination of these.

### Requirements:

1. Must be an approved High Adventure activity which meets all applicable General Requirements.
2. While on the activity have the visibility reduced to less than five (5) feet.
3. Have the agency or its representative of the area you experienced the "whiteout" verify the conditions the unit experienced by signing the tour permit where applicable.
4. This award is retroactive to January 1986.
5. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements of there is an area of conflict.



FIG. 11-28  
WHITEOUT  
3" DIA.

## JR. TRAIL BUILDER

This award was established for youth 11 to 18 years old currently registered in the scouting program, who under the supervision of an approved Trail Boss has met all of the following specific requirements.

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.
2. Participant must be 11 years old but not yet 18 years old and currently registered in the Scouting Program either as a Boy Scout, Venturer, or Girl Scout.
4. Project to be under the supervision of an approved certified Trail Boss.
5. Complete a total of 18 hours of instruction and trail work any place, which is to include: Tool use, tool safety, brushing, tread maintenance, and simple rock work.
6. Award applications must be signed by an approved certified Trail Boss prior to submission for H.A.T. approval. See your council H.A.T. Approval Roster.
7. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.



FIG. 11-29  
JR. TRAIL BUILDER  
3" x 3"

## CAMP JUBILEE TRAIL

This award has been developed by this Council as an alternative to the LAAC Training Hike award. Units that feel uneasy about going away from security and safety on training hikes may feel more comfortable by being at a Council Camp where security and safety is available.

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.
2. Registered Girl Scouts 11 years and older may earn this award.
3. Submit the following to the Council H.A.T. approval person prior to going on outing:
  - a. Roster and itinerary.
  - b. Pack list, menu and food list, cooking gear list, including group gear.
  - c. Approved camp registration.
  - d. Approved Local Tour Permit.

NOTE: #3a and #3b need not be submitted if an adult member of your group has completed the Basic Backpack Awareness course and so indicates on the Local Tour Permit with the outing leaders HAT Certificate Number.

4. Check in with Ranger or Campmaster and leave a copy of your roster and show Approved Camp Registration and approved Local Tour Permit.
5. Backpack Camp Jubilee High Adventure Trail from parking lot to assigned campsite.
6. Do a good camp or conservation project at least one hour per participant, after setting up your assigned campsite (check with Ranger or Campmaster for approved projects).
7. Backpack Camp Jubilee High Adventure Trail from assigned campsite to parking lot after spending the night in your campsite.
8. Check out with Ranger or Campmaster at end of trip.
9. Keep adequate notes and maps to use in preparing trip report for your unit records.
10. Upon completion of trip, and within a ten (10) day period, see your High Adventure Team approval person for award approval.
11. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements of there is an area of conflict.



FIG. 11-30  
CAMP JUBILEE TRAIL  
2" x 2"

## FALLS CREEK TRAIL

This trail was pioneered and developed by Scout Troop 317 of Canoga Park, CA. with the support of Tujunga District of the Angeles National Forest.

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.
2. Registered Girl Scouts 11 years and older may earn this award. All participants are to Backpack all food and equipment.
3. Camp a minimum of one (1) night at Falls Creek Campground. Fire permits are usually required.
4. Each participant must perform a minimum of one (1) hour of conservation work. Check with local Ranger for approved projects. Units must leave a clean camp and must PACK OUT all their own trash. Do not use Forest Service receptacles.
5. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements, if there is an area of conflict.

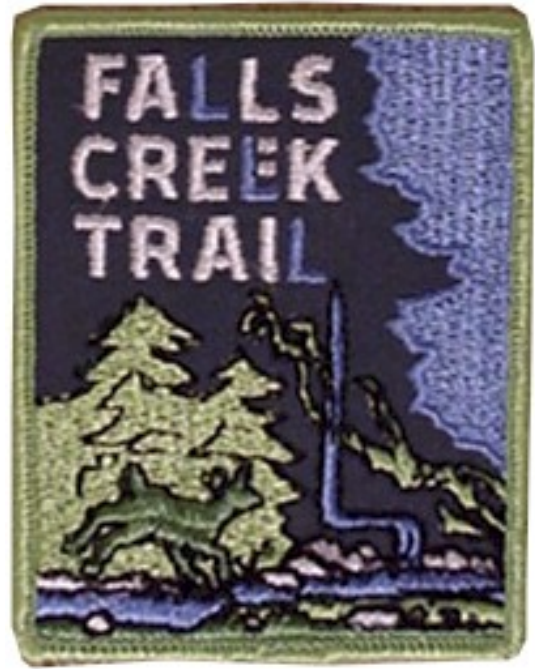


FIG. 11-31  
FALLS CREEK TRAIL  
2½" x 3½"

## NATIONAL RESOURCE TRAIL

A conservation award program designed for all members of the B.S.A. and G.S.A. to help stop the deterioration of our hiking trails. For all Units, whether they be hiking or drive-in type campers. The H.A.T. will provide supervision and project planning using approved, experienced, trained, Trail Bosses, so everyone should be able to participate.

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.
2. The complete program requires a minimum of thirty (30) hours of conservation work on any public lands (Lands under any government agency control). Hours may be accumulated over periods of time.
3. The five (5) National Resource Trail Program Awards are earned in six-hour increments as follows:
  - 6 hrs. = Green border
  - 18 hrs. = Silver border
  - 12 hrs. = Red border
  - 24 hrs. = Gold border
  - 30 hrs. = HAT pin
4. All projects must be approved in advance by an approved Council Trail Boss. Trailwork is an excellent Eagle project. Those participating in Eagle projects may qualify for these "National Resource Trail" program awards if the requirements are met.



FIG. 11-32  
NATIONAL RESOURCE TRAIL  
3" x 4"



HAT pin

## RANGER JIM AWARD

A conservation award established by Troop 317 of Canoga Park, CA. to honor the Rangers of Angeles National Forest for their hard work and dedication to nature and the environment, and for their strong support of the Boy Scouts of America Trail Boss Programs.

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements, (pgs. x & xi).
2. Registered Girl Scouts 11 years and older may earn this award.
3. Must be earned in a National Forest, preferably the Angeles National Forest.
4. Conservation project must be approved by a National Forest Representative.
5. Each participant must do a minimum of twelve (12) hours of conservation.
6. Each participant must have a minimum of five (5) nights camping while conducting their approved (minimum 12 hrs.) conservation project.
7. Award application must be signed by an approved HAT certified Trail Boss upon completion and within ten (10) days, submit application to your HAT award approval person.
8. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.



FIG. 11-33  
RANGER JIM AWARD  
3" x 4"

## HIGH ADVENTURE TRIP DRIVER

The High Adventure Trip Driver Award was established to recognize those adults who spend many hours behind the wheel of a motor vehicle, safely getting the participants to and from High Adventure activities.

The Award is a basic Red Decal with 1000, 2500, 5000, 7500 mile, Red Corner-Decals, and a 10,000 mile Golden Decal indicating miles driven to help Units, Districts, or Councils achieve successful High Adventure trips.

### Requirements:

1. Retroactive to January 1, 1980.
2. Driver of a vehicle does not need to be a registered member of BSA.
3. Trips must be Unit, District, or Council approved High Adventure outings with approved B.S.A./G.S.A. Tour Permits.
4. Drivers of Motor Vehicles must have a valid current State Drivers License, show evidence of proper state insurance, must meet the age limits, as well as other requirements listed on approved Tour Permit.
5. Each vehicle shall meet their State Safety Standards including seat belts for each passenger.
6. Each vehicle should carry the following minimum emergency equipment: (Reference: BSA Tours and Expedition Booklet).
  - a. First Aid Kit
  - b. Fire Extinguisher (type approved for electrical fires)
  - c. Flashlight, Extra Batteries & Bulb
  - d. Road Flares
  - e. Road Distress Flags

FIG. 11-34  
HIGH ADVENTURE TRIP DRIVER  
3½" x 4½" w/SEGMENTS

It is recommended that each vehicle also carry the following additional equipment:

- a. Usable Spare Tire & Jack
- b. Basic Car Repair Kit
- c. Extra Food and Water
- d. Shovel
- e. Blanket & Extra Clothes
- f. Tire Chains
- g. Survival Kit

## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT WEEKEND HIKE AWARD

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.
2. Registered Girl Scouts 11 years and older may earn this award.
3. Must have earned two (2) Training Hike Awards.
4. Take a backpacking trip for a minimum of seven (7) hours (based on two miles an hour and one hour for every 1000 feet gained) to a primitive camp on BLM land. Do not use roads if possible\*
5. Submit the following to an Approval Person from your Council's High Adventure Team prior to going on the outing:
  - a. Roster and itinerary \*
  - b. Pack list, menu and food list, cooking gear list, including group gear.



FIG. 11-35  
BLM WEEKEND HIKE  
2" x 2"

NOTE: No. 5b need not be submitted if an adult member of your group has completed a Basic Backpack Awareness Course, and has so indicated on the Tour Permit.

6. Do a conservation project, two hours per participant. Check with Ranger for an approved project. Project can be done before or after trip, but prior to issuing of awards.
7. Check in with Ranger and leave a copy of your roster and itinerary if possible.
8. Check out with Ranger at end of trip if possible.
9. Keep adequate notes and maps to use in preparing trip report for your unit records.
10. Upon completion of trip, and within a ten (10) day period, see your District High Adventure Team approval person for award approval.
11. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements of there is an area of conflict.

\* Road - Street, Avenue, Lane, Blvd, and Highways that are usually paved. Motor Way - BLM "Roads" are never paved.

## GHOST CHASERS HISTORIC AWARD

This award was established to lead young and old of scouting to the scenes and towns of the early west. Many ghost towns and historic sites are within a day or two drive from Southern California. Why not do something exciting and fun? Relive the good old days of the past.

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.
2. This award may be earned by registered Scouts, Venturers, or Scouters in the BSA program and registered Cadets, Senior Scouts, and adults in the GSA program.
3. Youth must visit a minimum of three (3) Ghost Towns or Historical Sites.
  - a. Stay at a nearby camp site overnight close to the Ghost Town or Historical Site.
  - b. Write or give an oral report of the history of each of the three Ghost Towns or Historical Sites visited.
4. Registered adults must have a minimum of four (4) youth earn this award to be eligible to receive this award
4. The award application must be approved by a High Adventure Team approval person.
5. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements of there is an area of conflict.

References: California-Nevada Ghost Town Atlas by Neil Johnson; California Ghost Towns, Automobile Club of Southern California.

## FOUR PEAKS AWARD

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.
2. Complete the requirements and receive each of the Mt. San Bernardino, Mt. San Antonio, Mt. San Gorgonio and Mt. San Jacinto awards.
3. Within one (1) year after earning the fourth award, complete a minimum of ten (10) hours of trail work on one or more of the main trails used to climb any of the four peaks. The trail work may also be done before the fourth award is earned, but no more than one (1) year prior to earning the fourth award.
4. All trail work must be done under the supervision of a trained Trail Boss or Approved Trail Boss Trainee. Submit a photograph of your trail work and a description of when and where it was completed.
6. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements of there is an area of conflict.



FIR 11-36  
GHOST CHASERS HISTORIC AWARD  
3" x 3"



FIG. 11-37  
FOUR PEAKS MEDAL  
1½" x 3"

## SCOUT/WEBELOS WEEKEND AWARD

This award is designed to promote a better Pack-Troop relationship, and promote Cub interest and awareness in the Boy Scout program. The award provides interaction and preparation for the transition from Webelos to Scouts. The activity will be a planning/teaching experience for the Scouts, and a learning/doing experience for the Webelos - and an educational experience for the adults.

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements and Webelos overnight camping policies. Make advanced reservations at a Council Camp.
2. This activity will be conducted in uniform (a minimum of scout/cub shirt, belt and scarf).
3. Weekend Campout of 2 days and 1 night. (LDS Units may earn this award in 2 one day outings to accommodate church policy)
4. High Adventure Team Approved Council Camps are to be used. This will help accomplish a meaningful experience within a good environment, with good facilities and without the distraction and problems associated with public campgrounds.
5. Adults have a separate campsite and program. This may include scouting and troop program awareness, Webelos transition, future activities, etc.
6. The program and schedule will be planned by Scouts to include Scout Skills and related Webelos Activity Badge requirements. Scoutmaster and Webelos Leader to approve plans.
7. Preparation of meals to include cooking skills and Webelos Outdoorsman Activity Badge Requirements.
8. Saturday requirements (1st day for L.D.S.)
  - a. Camp setup including campsite selection, arrangement, tent setup, cooking areas, sanitation and wood cutting area are to be setup by Scouts and Webelos.
  - b. One morning and one afternoon learning session to be conducted by Scouts for Webelos (see suggestions).
  - c. Dinner to be prepared on approved type fire. Cooking will be with approved equipment and utensils. (see suggestions).
  - d. Saturday night campfire (L.D.S. units may do this on 2nd day's activities). Scouts and Webelos to make plans including songs, skits, recognition's, awards, etc. Campfire does not need to have a real fire or be after dark. Adults may be included.
9. Sunday requirements (2nd day L.D.S.)
  - a. Dinner to be prepared on approved type of fire. Cooking will be with approved equipment and utensils. Adults may be included.
  - b. Scouts Own to be conducted by boys. Adults may be included.
  - c. One learning session to be conducted by Scouts for Webelos. This should be a Nature type experience. (See suggestions)
  - d. A one hour service project, assigned by Camp Ranger, is to be completed. Adults qualifying for award must also participate.
  - e. Scouts and Webelos to disassemble Camp areas to be put back as found. Equipment to be packed and stored properly and campsite to be left cleaner than found.
  - f. An evaluation of the activities will be conducted including Adults, Scouts and Webelos.
10. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements of there is an area of conflict.



FIG. 11-38  
SCOUT/WEBELOS WEEKEND  
3" x 3"

**SUGGESTIONS:** Learning sessions and program considerations

Webelos Activity Badges:

OUTDOORSMAN - outdoor fire safety, visit a Scout Camp, help cook meals, campfire program.

FORESTER - Identify 6 different forest trees and plants, plant 20 forest tree seedlings, discuss harm and prevention of forest fires.

NATURALIST - Identify poisonous plants and reptiles.

SHOWMAN - Sing 2 songs, one act plays, play 4 tunes on an instrument.

ARROW OF LIGHT - First Aid Requirements

AQUANAUT - Swimming, boat safety, rescue. Scout Skills:"

CAMPING - Knots, lashings

CONSERVATION - Outdoor Code, conservation project

COOKING - Tote-N-Chip, fire building

ENVIRONMENT - Plant and animal identification

FIRST AID - Shock, bandages/slings.

MAP READING, compass work

SWIMMING - Swim, rescue

Cooking: Tin can cooksets and stoves could be a troop and/or Webelos project prior to outing, or project done at camp.

Resources: High Adventure Team members, Scout Handbook, Webelos and Scout Program Helps, Boys Life, and various training session materials.

Typical Scout camps are:

Camp Kern - Southern Sierra Council

Camp Jubilee - Western Los Angeles Council

Camp Three Falls - Ventura County Council

Lost Valley - Orange County Council

## SCOUTING SPIRIT

This is a very special award. To earn it, two (2) separate scout troops, one traditional and one handicapped, work together on an outdoor activity. Since members of both units will contribute, they will each earn the same award.

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.
2. The leaders from each unit will meet with the Council Representative (the District Executive, or key volunteer associated with special units of the council). At this meeting they will write a "ticket". This ticket will outline the specific objectives and responsibilities for each unit. The guide for this ticket will be "On My Honor, I Will Do My Best" and the ticket will be aimed at the abilities of the participants.
3. The two units will perform the activity to meet the objectives and commitments agreed upon in the ticket.
4. When both units have met the requirements of the ticket, they will turn in an award application to a High Adventure Team representative. This application will include the ticket and supporting information that will show the ticket items have been completed. The award will be approved when the H.A.T. Representative is satisfied that both units have completed their ticket.
5. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements of there is an area of conflict.

### OBJECTIVES OF THIS AWARD

1. The primary objective is to bring these two different units together for a meaningful activity that will lead to better understandings by all participants. It is also hoped that this first activity will lead to other joint activities.
2. It is the intent of this program that the award be truly earned. It is essential that the handicapped Scout be given the opportunity to feel the pride of doing his best. It will also bring a feeling of pride to the traditional Scout for going something really worthwhile.
3. This award will also provide a means for the traditional Scout Unit to help their boys meet most of the requirements for the Handicapped Awareness Merit Badge.



FIG. 11-39  
SCOUTING SPIRIT  
3" x 4"

## HORN OF PLENTY AWARD

This award was developed for the youth in scouting to learn how important it is to help others and to know there are hungry people in their own community who need help.

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
2. Youths eleven (11) years or older, registered in the Boy Scout or Girl Scout programs, may earn this award.
3. Registered adults in either BSA or GSA may earn this award by having a minimum of four (4) youth in their unit earn this award.
4. You must have approval from an agency/representative of a food/hunger project prior to beginning work on the project.
5. You must have your BSA Local Tour Permit signed by the agency representative along with indicated hours worked.
4. The award application must be approved by a High Adventure Team approval person.
5. These SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS shall supersede the General Requirements of there is an area of conflict.

### Notes:

1. The award is divided into four (4) separate five (5) hour segments with the Horn of Plenty patch awarded together with the initial five (5) hour segment.
2. This award was developed by Pack 644 of Canoga Pard. Cubmaster Nancy Edwards.



FIGURE 11-40  
HORN OF PLENTY AWARD  
5½" x 3"

## LEO FERNS JR. HIKER OF CHARACTER

Leo Ferns Jr. was instrumental and influential in starting the High Adventure Team in the Western Los Angeles County Council and has stayed active in Scouting and High Adventure for over 40 years. He has taken countless Scouts backpacking and taught them to appreciate and protect nature. This award is to honor him.

The purpose of the Leo Ferns Jr. Hiker of Character Award is to have Scouts 1) Learn an appreciation of nature through conservation. 2) Learn and use Spiritual guidance in their lives and 3) Meet the challenge of a long term High Adventure trip and then an additional challenge of their choosing within the requirements.

### Requirements:

1. Meet all applicable General Requirements.
2. Complete two long-term High Adventure trips of at least six days/five nights. These trips may be Backpacking trips, Canoe trips or Cycling trips.
3. Complete at least four hours of trail building or maintenance, OR participate at least four hours in a conservation project. Conservation projects may be of an urban nature (such as setting up a recycling program at an office, school classroom or church) or the project may be of a wilderness nature (such as erosion control, tree planting, etc.).
4. Service hours for requirement 3 may not be used for any Rank Advancement or for any other Award.
5. Lead a Scout's Own Service on a long term trip with your Patrol or Crew.
6. Alternative to requirement 3 for High Adventure trained adult leaders:
  - Serve as an active member on the High Adventure Team for at least three years, serving as a Staff Member, Course Instructor or Course Director or any combination during a three year period.
  - This Award and the completion of any of the above requirements are retroactive for Council High Adventure Staff, Trainers, Course Instructors and Course Directors retroactive to their date of completion of Basic Backpacking.



FIG. 11-41  
HIKER OF CHARACTER  
3" x 4"

## MOUNTAIN BIKE AWARD

This award is designed to promote the safe and careful enjoyment of mountain biking with minimal impact by fostering LNT principles.

### Requirements:

1. Comply with the High Adventure Award General Requirements.
2. This award may be earned by registered Boy Scouts, Varsity and Venture youth and their registered leaders.
3. It may be earned by registered Cadet and Senior Girl Scouts and their registered leaders.
4. Before the ride, meet requirements 1 and 4 of the B.S.A. Cycling Merit Badge. Girl Scouts should use the B.S.A. Cycling Merit Badge pamphlet as a reference for these requirements.
5. Review the Leave No Trace rules and requirements.
6. Obtain a copy of the International Mountain Bike Association “Rules of the Trail” at [www.imba.com](http://www.imba.com).
7. Each Scout participant must complete B.S.A. First Class rank First Aid requirements. Girl Scouts should use the B.S.A. Scout Handbook as a reference for these requirements.
8. Each scout participant shall have completed one of the following three HAT awards:
  - a. The Cycling Weekend patch; or
  - b. The Cycling Achievement Award; or
  - c. The Boy Scout Cycling Award.

\* The above awards may be earned on flat paved areas.  
Girl Scouts shall have completed the equivalent requirements to one of the above awards.
9. The requirement for the patch and the ten mile rocker (green) is two days on the trail for a minimum of ten miles on the first trip. Rockers may subsequently be earned on trips of 15 miles (red), 20 miles (bronze), 25 miles (gold) and 50 miles (silver) but all these must be earned over a minimum two days on the trail. Only one stripe may be earned on each trip but after the ten mile trip, the trips may be earned in any order. All trips should be planned for enough days so that speed is not an issue and safety is not sacrificed. A fifty mile trip will not be pre-approved by a HAT counselor for an award without a minimum of three days and a four-to-five-day period is highly recommended
10. Review the Leave No Trace rules and requirements.
11. Obtain a copy of the International Mountain Bike Association “Rules of the Trail” at [www.imba.com](http://www.imba.com).
12. Each Scout participant must complete B.S.A. First Class rank First Aid requirements. Girl Scouts should use the B.S.A. Scout Handbook as a reference for these requirements.
13. Each scout participant shall have completed one of the following three HAT awards:
  - a. The Cycling Weekend patch; or
  - b. The Cycling Achievement Award; or
  - c. The Boy Scout Cycling Award.

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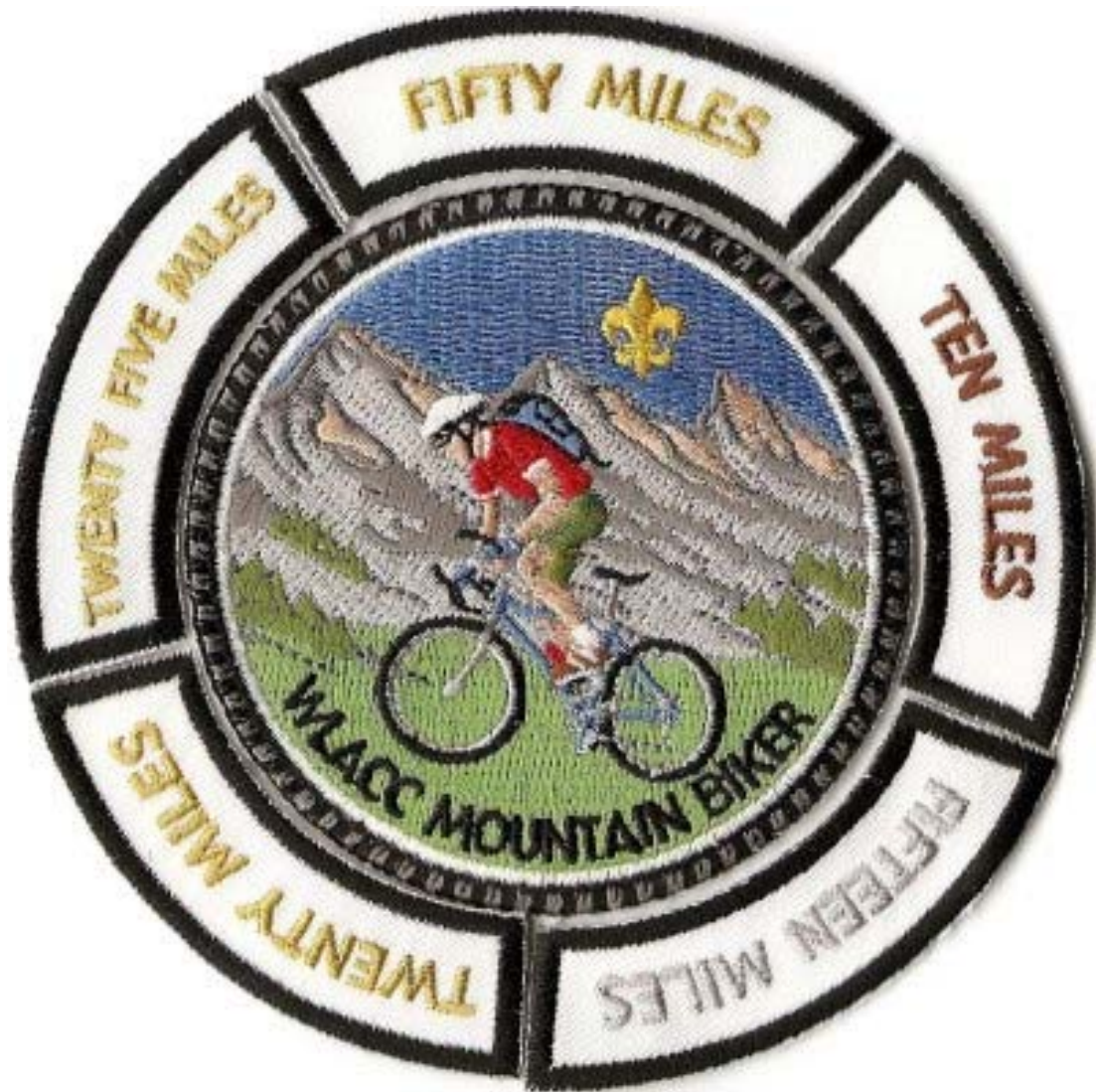


FIG. 11-42  
MOUNTAIN BIKE AWARD  
5" DIA.

**MOUNTAIN BIKE REFERENCES  
AND  
TRAIL INFORMATION**

**Mountain Biking Southern California's Best 100 Trails** by Delaine Fragnoli & Don  
Douglass. Paperback.

It's promotion blurb reads: "Southern California's most popular mountain bike trail guide. This book has it all: easy family outings, the gnarliest singletrack, the classic hillclimbs. All of the best places from San Diego to Big Sur, from the Sierra Nevada to Death Valley and the Mojave Desert. Accurately researched and described, more than 100 routes are fully illustrated with detailed maps and photographs."

**Mountain Bike! Southern California, 3rd: A Guide to the Classic Trails** by David  
Story and Laurie & Chris Leman (**Paperback** - Oct 1, 2001)

**San Bernardino Mountain Trails: 100 Hikes in Southern California** by John  
Robinson and David Money Harris (**Paperback** - Jan 2006)

**Santa Ana River Guide: From Crest to Coast - 110 Miles Along Southern California's Largest River System** by Patrick Mitchell

**BikeMapDude Productions Mountain Bike Trail Guides: The Orange County Map- Pack** by Peter Kelly  
(**Map** - Jun 2003)

**Alpine Sierra Trailblazer: Where to Hike, Ski, Bike, Fish and Drive from Tahoe to Yosemite (Trailblazer)**  
by Jerry Sprout and Janie Sprout (**Paperback** - Feb 1, 2004)

## RED ROCK CANYON-MOJAVE DESERT AWARD

This award is designed to promote the safe and careful enjoyment of mountain biking with minimal impact by fostering LNT principles.

### Requirements:

1. Comply with the High Adventure Award General Requirements.
2. This award may be earned by registered Boy Scouts, Venturers, Girl Scouts and registered leaders.
3. Know symptoms and first aid for the Boy Scout Tenderfoot, Second Class & First Class rank requirements with special attention to hypothermia, hyperthermia, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, dehydration, and snake bites. This area is home to the Western Diamondback Rattlesnake and the Mojave Green Rattlesnake which is known to be aggressive.
4. Camp at least one night in Red Rock Canyon State Park or somewhere else in the Mojave Desert.
5. Hike at least three miles on an established trail. Take at least three pictures at different places along the trail. One of the pictures should include all the participants on the hike. (Exception only for the photographer)
6. Visit one of the features in the Red Rock Canyon/ Mojave Desert area and write a one page report about it. Features may be geologic, or other natural feature or manmade like the Burro Schmidt Tunnel, Bickel Camp or the Dutch Cleanser Mine. These are examples. Ask your approval counselor about others that you are considering.
7. Perform a one hour service or conservation project to aid the desert. The project may be under the direction of the Park Ranger, the BLM, or other organization approved by the HAT approval person. The project may be a trash pick up type project but it is to be a concentrated effort not just the casual picking up of trash while hiking etc.
8. The Specific Requirements shall supersede the General Requirements if there is an area of conflict.

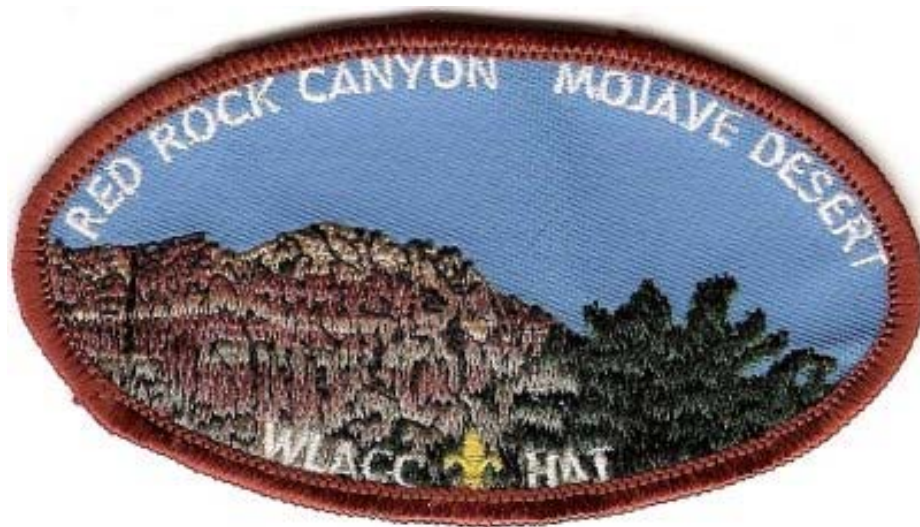


FIG. 11-43  
RED ROCK CANYON-MOJAVE DESERT AWARD  
4" x 3"

## **Some features in the Mojave Desert**

**Note:** The following list contains suggestions for place to go in the Mojave Desert. The websites were current as of November 2007. The places remain so try other information sources if these websites become outdated.

### **Information Sources:**

Mojave Desert Information Center in Lancaster, CA <http://www.californiadesert.gov/resources.php?code=mdic>

Friends of Last Chance Canyon (arrange tours or just ask questions) <http://www.tflcc.org/>

There are many maps such as “The Friends of Jawbone” OHV and Trails [www.jawbone.org](http://www.jawbone.org)

There are lots of websites: [www.desertusa.com](http://www.desertusa.com)

Use your favorite search engine to find other websites about places to visit in the Mojave Desert.

Check your local library, bookstore, or online bookstore for books about the many places to go, things to see, and fun to have in the Mojave Desert.

### **Man Made Features:**

Randsburg (Living Ghost Town) <http://www.ghosttowns.com/states/ca/randsburg.html>

Garlock (Ghost Town) <http://www.ghosttowns.com/states/ca/randsburg.html>

Edwards Air Force Base <http://www.edwards.af.mil/>

US Borax Visitors Center <http://www.borax.com/borax6.html>

Dryden Flight Research Center <http://www.nasa.gov/centers/dryden/about/Dryden/tour.html>

Burro Schmidt’s Tunnel <http://www.burroschmidtunnel.org/>

Bickel Camp <http://www.bickelcamp.org/>

Ballarat (Ghost Town) <http://www.desertusa.com/mag99/apr/stories/ballarat.html>

Tehachapi Loop (Historic Train Tunnel) <http://www.tehachapi.com/loop/>

Tomo Kahui (Indian Settlement) [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=610](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=610)

Manzanar Japanese Internment Camp <http://www.manzanar.com/information.php>

Petroglyphs in the Mojave Desert <http://digital-desert.com/petroglyphs/petroglyphs.html> or <http://www.tflcc.org/>

### **Natural Features:**

Red Rock Canyon [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=631](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=631)

Tronna Pinnacles <http://www.yellowecho.com/travel/trona.htm>

Devil’s Punchbowl <http://www.devils-punchbowl.com/>

Saddleback Butte [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=618](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=618)

Fossil Falls <http://digital-desert.com/fossil-falls/>

El Paso Mountains

<http://www.wilderness.net/index.cfm?fuse=NWPS&sec=wildView&wname=El%20Paso%20Mountains%20Wilderness>

Mitchell Caverns [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=615](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=615)

Kelso Dunes <http://digital-desert.com/kelso-dunes/>

Death Valley National Park <http://www.death.valley.national-park.com/>

San Andreas Fault <http://digital-desert.com/san-andreas-fault/>

## RALPH SEIFERT FIRST BACKPACK AWARD

This award honors one of the founders of the WLACC High Adventure Team and represents his desire that all able-bodied and trained Scouts and Scouters backpack. Ralph Seifert has trained many leaders and introduced many more Scouts to the outdoors. This award introduces the HAT Basic Backpacking Awareness course participants and their scouts to the backpacking awards in the HAT patch system by earning a specific patch for successfully completing their first backpacking overnight trip.

1. Comply with the High Adventure Award General Requirements.
2. This award may be earned on the outdoor portion of the HAT Basic Backpacking course or of the HAT Junior Backpack Awareness course by the course participants. This award may be earned in addition to earning the course stripe.
  - a. In the alternative, this award may be earned by Scouts or registered Scouters for successfully and safely completing the first backpacking trip organized under the supervision and direction of a leader after he or she has completed the Basic Backpacking course. In honor of the leader's first organized hike, a Scout or registered Scouter is eligible for this award even if he or she has earned a previous HAT backpacking award.
  - b. In the second alternative, this award may be earned by scouts or registered Scouters for successfully and safely completing his or her first backpacking trip not otherwise eligible for a HAT backpacking trip award under the supervision and direction of a leader if he or she has never earned a HAT backpacking award. A Scout or registered Scouter is not eligible for this award if he or she has earned a previous HAT backpacking award.
3. For the first option, take an overnight backpacking trip under the supervision and direction of HAT staff instructors. The trip will take place at the location of the assigned HAT outdoor course. For the two alternatives, the overnight backpack trip will be under the supervision and direction of the leader who will determine the location and distance of the trip. The HAT approval advisor will confirm the itinerary.
4. Practice the Leave No Trace program during the trip. If the controlling agency requires, pack out all solid human waste.
5. Pick up every piece of trash, garbage or all man-made debris along the trail as the even service project. The trail and the entire area which can be reached safely just have a clean sweep to implement and practice the Leave No Trace program; pack out the collected material.
6. Cook at least two backpacking meals using the patrol method, with the use of cook stoves. Also plan a menu for a cold camp and meals without benefit of a cook stove, in case fire-danger conditions would so require. Plan the alternative cold-camp meal menus concurrent with the cooked menu, in order to be prepared for any last-minute changes in fire-danger conditions.
9. This award may be earned by any registered Scout, including any female Venture Crew Member, or any registered adult Scouter. Any HAT Staff Member, Course Instructor or Course Director also may earn the award by serving as an instructor for the outdoor overnight session of any HAT course.
10. Follow all fire regulations as appropriate to the conditions and as set by the applicable governmental agency and authority in the area.
11. Obtain a Tour Permit, plus any required Fire Permit and/or any other necessary permits from the appropriate governmental agencies or authorities in the trip area. Complete a HAT application and submit it for approval prior to the planned outing.



FIG. 11-44  
RALPH SEIFERT FIRST BACKPACK  
3" x 2"

12. For any HAT award that requires a Training Hike award, this award would qualify as the equivalent for those adults who took and successfully completed a HAT-sponsored Basic Backpacking Awareness course.