

THE 50-MILER PROGRAM



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

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

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

- Select a suitable trail or waterway.
- Adult leaders older than 21 must make the entire trip.
- If the trip is five hundred miles or more from homes of group members (local council camp excepted) or crosses national boundaries and into the territory of other nations, a National Tour Permit Application, No 34419, is necessary. For trips and overnight camps less than five hundred miles, use a Local Tour Permit Application, No 34426.

Award Requirements

The 50-Miler Award is presented to each qualifying individual for satisfactory participation in an approved trip. In order to qualify for the award, the group of which the individual is a member must fulfill all of the following requirements:

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

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

50-MILER AWARD APPLICATION

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

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

Unit No. _____ Tour Permit No. _____

Provision group _____ (check)

District _____

Local Council Action

Approved _____ Disapproved _____

1. Name of trail or waterway _____
Give state and nearest town.
 - From _____ to _____ (minimum of five consecutive days required)
Date Date
 2. Trip was (check appropriate terms) by boat by canoe on foot
 3. Trail or waterway covered: from _____ to _____
Starting point Finishing point
 - Total mileage _____ (must be at least fifty continuous miles)
 4. This group completed 10 hours of trail work, as follows. (Give details as to type of Good Turn, such as clearing trail, repairing bridges, cleaning up campsites and springs, leaving wood supply, etc.) _____

 5. Total Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Explorers, and leaders eligible for the 50-Miler Award _____
 6. Enter our order for _____ decals, No. 3476 _____ embroidered awards, No. 00187 leather awards, _____ leather awards, No. 00243
- (Contact your local council service center for current prices.)

Approved _____

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