THE HISTORIC TRAILS PROGRAM



Love of America and devotion to our country depend upon a thorough appreciation of the ideals, principles, and traditions that have made our country strong. Historic Trails Award requirements emphasize cooperation between historic societies and Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, and Venturing units. A unit should establish a close relationship with a local society as soon as possible when planning a historic activity—most communities have such societies.

Reports from many units indicate that these societies have been eager to offer their cooperation by

- Suggesting trails or sites that are suitable for unit historic activities and exploration
- Providing units with historic information about the trails or sites
- Offering guidance to units during restoration and marking projects
- Financing the cost of materials used by units for restoration and marking projects
- Staging historic pageants and ceremonies with unit participation
- Directing public attention to unit historic activities through newspapers, television, and radio

Trips outside council boundaries, trips of 500 miles or more, or trips that include aquatics, climbing/rappelling, or shooting sports components require a tour and activity plan to be submitted to the council. You can find more information here: www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/Alerts/TourActivityPlan.aspx.

Award Requirements

To earn the award, members of your unit must plan and participate in a historic activity. A unit historic activity requires members to

1. Locate a historic trail or site and study information relating to it. (The information may be obtained from an adult historic society, public library, or people living near the trail or site.)
2. Hike or camp two days and one night along the trail or in the vicinity of the site.
3. Cooperate with an adult group such as a historic society to restore and mark all or part of this trail or site. (This may be done during the hike or overnight camp.) Or cooperate with such a group to plan and stage a historic pageant, ceremony, or other public event related to this trail or site—such an event should be large enough to merit coverage by the local press.

Your unit leader must then file the Historic Trails Award application with your local council service center.

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

HISTORIC TRAILS AWARD APPLICATION

(Note: Only chartered units may apply for this award. 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 and Activity Plan No. _____

District _____

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Local Council Action

Approved _____ Disapproved _____

1. Name of historic trail or site covered _____
   Give state and nearest town.

   From _____ to _____ (two days and one night required)
   Date Date

2. Type of historic observance, pageant, dedication, etc., in which unit participated _____

   _____ **OR** type of historic project carried out (such as erecting marker, plaque, sign, etc.)

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   (Note: Unit must have done either activity above.)

3. Name of local historic society or association with which the unit cooperated in this event _____

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4. Total number of Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, and leaders eligible for the Historic Trails Award _____

5. Enter our order for _____ embroidered awards, No. 188 _____ leather awards, No. 244

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

   (Contact your local council service center for current prices.)

Approved _____
Unit or tour leader

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Address Phone

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