THE 50-MILER PROGRAM

The primary objective of this proram is to stimulate 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 Scout or explorer unit or provisional group must follow these rules for a 50-Miler trip:

- Select a suitable trail or waterway.
- Adult leaders over 21 must make the entire trip.
- If the trip is more than 500 miles 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. 4419, is necessary. For trips and overnight camps less than 500 miles, use a Local Tour Permit Application, No. 4426.

Award Requirements

The 50-Miler Award is presented to each qualifying individual for satisfactory participation in an approved wilderness 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 wilderness trail or canoe or boat route of not less than 50 consecutive miles; take a minimum of 5 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 10 hours each of group work on projects to improve the trail, springs, campsite, portage, or wilderness area. If, after checking with recognized authorities, it is not possible to complete 10 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 local council office.

Detach and send report below to your local council office.

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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._____

Provisional group _____ (check)

District _____

Local Council Action

Approved _____ Disapproved _____

1. Name of trail or waterway _____
(Give state and nearest town.)

From _____ _____ (minimum of 5 consecutive days or more 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 50 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.) _____

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5. Total Scouts, Explorers, and leaders eligible for 50-Miler Award _____

6. Enter our order for _____ Decals, No. 3476, $_____

_____ Embroidered awards, No. 187, _____

_____ Leather awards, No. 243, _____

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

Approved: _____
(Unit or tour leader)

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(Address) (Phone)