



A Year of Celebration, A Century of Making a Difference Scouting Alumni Patch Requirements



By completing three of the five requirements, Scouting alumni can earn each of five award ribbons. *A Year of Celebration* will be in effect from Sept. 1, 2009, through Dec. 31, 2010.

LEADERSHIP

Note: To locate and contact your local council service center, go to the National BSA Web site at www.Scouting.org. Click on "local councils" and enter your ZIP code.

1. Register with a unit as an assistant leader or other adult leader. Attend each unit meeting for at least two months.
2. Become involved with a district or council as a registered volunteer in support of Scouting.
3. Think of a Scouting leader (youth or adult) who made a positive difference in your life. Write a letter to the editor of a local publication about how that individual taught you about leadership.
4. Locate and meet with a Scout leader from a pack, troop, team, crew, district, or council. Let them know that you are working on this award. Ask what being a Scout leader means to them and share your thoughts on what you can do to support Scouting in your community.
5. Contact your local Scout service center. Arrange to make a donation to support the Scouting principle of youth leadership in your area in some way that is mutually beneficial to you and the local council.

ACHIEVEMENT

1. Contact your local council Scout service center. Let them know that you are working on this award. Arrange to meet with a Scouting professional to receive an update on Scouting in your area. If possible, locate and invite other Scouting alumni to participate in the meeting.
2. Go to the Generations Connection page of the 100th Anniversary Web site at www.Scouting.org/100years. Obtain and complete a Scouting Family Tree chart. Then, gather with family members to share the chart, Scouting memories, and thoughts on how to keep current and future family members involved in Scouting or to begin a tradition of Scouting in your family.
3. Work at any of your local council's summer camps or volunteer at your local council service center or for a district or council event, such as a camporee.
4. Visit the BSA Alumni Connection page of the 100th Anniversary Web site at www.Scouting.org/100years. Use at least one of the features to personally reconnect with Scouting and share the link to the site with at least one other Scouting alumnus.
5. Become a financial contributor to your local council, or volunteer in any of its fundraising efforts.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Over the years, the Boys Scouts of America has partnered with several national organizations to accomplish some great service projects. If you are looking for service project ideas, consider the following options:

- [Nothing But Nets](#)
- [Scouting For Food](#)

- [Habitat for Humanity](#)
- [Our National Parks](#)
- [American Red Cross](#)
- [Arbor Day Foundation](#)
- [Take Pride in America](#)
- [The Salvation Army](#)
- [Cell Phones for Soldiers](#)
- [Preserve Our Waterways](#)
- [2010 US Census](#)

* Make sure that all service hours are recorded online for "[Good Turn For America.](#)"

1. Team up with a unit to participate in at least two hours of community service.
2. Work with your local Scout service center to help it identify Scouting alumni. Become familiar with all aspects of the BSA Alumni Connection Web site and arrange to speak to at least one community group about the 100th Anniversary and BSA Alumni Connection. Distribute BSA Alumni reconnection cards, available at your local Scout service center.
3. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper or other publication. Share how Scouting influenced your understanding of service to others and commend local Scouts and leaders for the service they provide each year to the local community.
4. Encourage involvement in a local youth-led food collection drive by personally donating and providing participation information to one or more individuals.
5. Organize a community service project that benefits your community, through your employer or for any social, service, or religious group to which you may belong. Share with the members that you are a Scouting alumnus and distribute a BSA Alumni reconnection card, available at your local Scout service center.

CHARACTER

1. Do a Good Turn each day for at least seven consecutive days. If possible, leave an anonymous note informing the person that he or she is the recipient of a Scouting Good Turn in honor of the BSA's 100th Anniversary.
2. Relearn, then recite the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, or Venturing Promise, Oath, or Law to a friend, family member, or group. Share how Scouting influenced your character.
3. If you become or are active with a Scout unit, lead an activity that encourages Scouts in exploring and developing their faith. If not, give support to a youth program at your religious institution.
4. Learn about and participate in a flag retirement ceremony.
5. Conduct a family project (such as any of the examples found in the Family Life merit badge pamphlet).

OUTDOORS

1. Start a new, or add to an existing, personal physical fitness regimen that includes an outdoor activity.
2. Contact your local Scout service center and arrange to assist with an upcoming outdoor activity.
3. Volunteer time and/or materials to help a Scouting unit or other family, youth, or adult group with a tree-planting or other conservation project.
4. Visit the "Get in the Game Geocaching" page on the 100th Anniversary Web site www.Scouting.org/100years and participate in a BSA 100th Anniversary geocaching activity or attend an outdoor Scouting activity in your area as a registered guest.
5. Take your family and/or friends on a hike, campout, or other outdoor experience. Use the Scout

Handbook, Fieldbook, or a merit badge pamphlet as a resource to plan with them the proper way to prepare for and safely enjoy the outdoors.