



# NCAC Scouting at Home 2020 Award - Scouter



Scouter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Background

In response to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the National Capital Area Council (NCAC) is encouraging Scouts of all ages to Stay Home and be Scout Safe throughout the crisis. The Scouting at Home 2020 Award has been created to recognize the unique challenge this presents to our Scouts and their families, encouraging them to live the Scout Oath and Law, even when typical Scouting activities are disrupted.

## Procedure

This award can be earned by Scouters registered with any Unit (Pack, Troop, Ship, or Crew) by completing the appropriate requirements below while state or municipality stay-at-home orders are impacting Scouts in the Scouter's area. This form is a self-tracking sheet, with completion approved by the Unit's Committee Chair. The Scouter (or another on the Scouter's behalf) will submit this form indicating completion of each of the areas described below. Once approved, the Scouter or his/her unit may pre-order the patch for \$5 here: <https://councilstuff.com/082>. Include contact name and mailing address, each awardee's name, and district name in the comments section of the order. Patches will be mailed in the fall.

## Definition of Unit

For the purpose of this Scouter award alone, a Unit is either a Den or Pack in Cub Scouts, a Troop in Scouts BSA, a Crew in Venturing, or a Ship in Sea Scouts.

## Requirements

### 1) Scouting Cares

A Scout is Helpful. Scouters should foster a culture of caring and support among the Scouts and families in their unit and others. To that end, carry out a unit-wide service project to benefit others in need during the pandemic. Achieve a unit participation rate of at least 75 percent.

### 2) Advancement at Home

Advancement is one of the eight methods used to fulfill the mission of the BSA. With schools closed and a nation in crisis, both the need and the opportunity to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices are clear. With that in mind, complete the following:

- Cub Scouts – ensure at least 50 percent of the Scouts in the Unit complete at least one Cub Scout Adventure.
- Scouts BSA – ensure at least 50 percent of the Scouts in the Unit complete at least one merit badge. This need not be the same merit badge for all Scouts.
- Venturing and Sea Scouts – ensure at least 50 percent of the Scouts in the Unit complete at least one merit badge. This need not be the same merit badge for all Scouts. Alternatively, ensure 50 percent of the Scouts in the Crew or Ship make equivalent progress toward advancement. Please explain that progress in the box below.

Our Crew or Ship made incremental progress toward advancement by:

### 3) Training

Every Scout deserves a trained leader. In my.scouting.org take or re-take a training course beyond Youth Protection Training and Hazardous Weather Training. If you have already completed all training for your position, complete a course in either the Commissioners or District Committee position specific areas to learn more about those functions.

Course(s) taken and date completed: \_\_\_\_\_



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**4) Scouting Skills**

With NCAC summer camps cancelled for the summer, Scouters should identify and implement creative ideas to teach outdoor Scouting skills while adhering to CDC guidance to prevent the spread of Coronavirus. Develop a plan and by a minimum of three virtual meetings carry out a program of instruction in one of the following areas:

- Knot Tying and Lashing
- Land Navigation
- Campsite Safety and Sanitation
- First Aid
- Nature

Ensure at least 75 percent of the Unit attends at least one of the meetings.

**5) Unit/District Participation**

A Scout is Loyal. With schools closed and many other extracurricular activities on hold, Scouting can help fill a need for families across the country. Complete the following:

- Hold monthly virtual Pack, Den, Troop, Patrol, Crew, or Ship meetings for a minimum of four straight months (assumes continued social distancing).
- Encourage Scouts to invite friends and family members to attend virtual meetings – especially those who are not currently in Scouting.
- Ensure at least 50% of the Scouts in the Unit earn the Scouting at Home Award.
- Attend and actively participate in at least two of your district’s virtual roundtable and/or district committee meetings.

**6) Community Service – Individual Acts of Kindness**

A Scout is kind. Help make Scouting an essential part of America’s response to the Coronavirus pandemic. Challenge Scouts to be bold in family and community service and help them make a significant impact. For Cub Scout leaders, encourage Cub Scouts to help families with the challenges of balancing caring for young children and work during these trying times. For Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouts, focus on safe and meaningful support that teenagers can provide to their community.

I encouraged Scouts to perform individual acts of kindness by:

Individual Scouts in my Unit performed the following acts of kindness: