

Black Hills Area Council Golden Stave/Golden Boot Award Application

MOUNT RUSHMORE PILGRIMAGE

(For current Scouting Year-September 1st through August 31st)

Troop/Crew Number: _____

The listed Troop/Crew submits the following camping, program activities, service projects, training records and council fundraising participation for consideration of being awarded a Golden Stave. Four Golden Staves are presented to the units with the most impressive overall programming for its scouts for the current Scouting year. ***The four Golden Stave winners will have the option to be a trail lead at next year's event.*** The four Golden Stave winners are then qualified to win the Golden Boot which is presented to the unit with the most impressive overall programming. If you need additional space for any category, please attach a separate sheet.

Independent Unit Camping Activities: List all independent unit camping activities. This page should not include items listed elsewhere, such as Mount Rushmore Pilgrimage, summer camp, or training weekends (see following pages).

Description of Activities	Number of Scouts	Number of Adults	Participation % of registered Scouts	Nights of Camping	Activity Dates

National and Council Activities: List all National and Council activities. If your unit/Scouts attended any High Adventure activities, such as Philmont, Summit, Northern Tier, Sea Base, NOAC or Jamboree, they would be listed here.

Description of Activities	Number of Scouts	Number of Adults	Participation % of registered Scouts	Nights of Camping	Activity Dates
BSA Accredited Summer Camp					
Camp Name:					
Location:					
Pilgrimage					
Fall Festival					
Scouting U					
Klondike					
Merit Badge Midway					
Spring Camporee					
Busy Beaver Weekend					

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Order of the Arrow: Please tell us the numbers of your youth & adults that participated in the following OA events as well as any other OA Event that was attended including trainings.

Description of Activities	Number of Scouts	Number of Adults	Activity Dates
Fall Fellowship			
Lodge Banquet			
Spring Ordeal			
Summer Ordeal			
NOAC			
Section Conclave			
Lodge Leadership Development			

Did your Troop/Crew hold an OA Election? **Yes or No**

Does your Troop/Crew have a youth serving as Troop OA Rep? **Yes or No**

Are any of your youth holding a Lodge Leadership Position? **Yes or No** (If yes, please list those positions below)

Youth	Position	Youth	Position

Training: List all *special training* completed by your Troop/Crew's current registered adults. (*) These trainings are lifetime trainings and are not limited to what was completed during the current year. Council will provide your current training percentages for required trainings per re-charter policies. *If you are providing a training report listing training for each adult / leader do not include Youth Protection, Required Position Specific Training, Expired Training Courses.*

Training	# Trained	Training	# Trained
Wood Badge *			
NYLT *			
Den Chief			

Percentage of your leaders are fully trained for the position currently registered: _____

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OTHER FACTORS DETERMINING THE EXCELLENCE OF UNIT PROGRAM

Is your Troop/Crew fully uniformed in accordance with BSA standard guidelines? **Yes or No**

NOTE: The Boy Scouts of America has always been a uniformed body. Its uniforms help create a sense of belonging. They symbolize character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. Wearing a uniform gives youth and adult members a sense of identification and commitment.

How many roundtables has your Troop/Crew been represented? _____

Number of leaders at each roundtable.

September	January	May
October	February	June
November	March	July
December	April	August

What percentage of your unit advanced (1 rank per scout year)? _____ %

What Journey to Excellence status has your Unit achieved. (please circle) **Bronze Silver Gold**

Does your Troop/Crew provide any Den Chiefs? **Yes or No**

- If yes which units do you provide Den Chiefs: _____

Did your Troop/Crew sell popcorn? **Yes or No**

Did your Troop/Crew attend Council Awards Dinner? **Yes or No**

If you answered yes. . . . How many youth _____ How many adults _____

Did your Troop/Crew participate in Friends of Scouting? **Yes or No**

Did your Troop/Crew have anyone attend Leadership Breakfast? **Yes or No**

If you answered yes. . . . How many youth _____ How many adults _____

Did the unit provide a copy of a completely planned unit calendar / budget for Sept. 1st, 2023 through Aug. 31st, 2024? **Yes or No**

Other Unit Activities: List any other unit activities not previously recorded (i.e. assistance to Cub Packs on School Night or Day Camp, assistance to Council with training courses, flag ceremonies performed for other groups, service to your Chartered Organization and other unique experiences).

Activity Date(s)	Activity Location	Activity Description

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Additional Comments: _____

Signed:

Unit Committee Chairman Date

Unit Leader Date

PLEASE RETURN BY Monday August 31st, 2024
Black Hills Area Council, BSA
144 North Street, Rapid City, SD 57701
Fax 605.342.2826

**If your unit is a Golden Stave Winner
and would like to lead a trail, please
list your top 3 trail choices for the
87th Pilgrimage in 2025.**

- 1. _____

- 2. _____

- 3. _____