##  MOUNT RUSHMORE PILGRIMAGE

## ***(In-Council Application)***

 (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 their 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 of 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).

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| **Description of Activities** | **Number of Scouts** | **Number of Adults** | **Participation % of registered Scouts** | **Nights of Camping** | **Activity Dates** |
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**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, or Sea Base. NOAC or Jamboree, they would be listed here.

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| **Description of Activities** | **Number of Scouts** | **Number of Adults** | **Participation % of registered Scouts** | **Nights of Camping** | **Activity Dates** |
| **SCOUTING AMERICA Accredited Summer Camp** Camp Name: Location: |  |  |  |  |  |
|  Pilgrimage |  |  |  |  |  |
|  Fall Festival |  |  |  |  |  |
|  Scouting U |  |  |  |  |  |
|  Klondike |  |  |  |  |  |
|  Merit Badge Midway |  |  |  |  |  |
|  Spring Camporee |  |  |  |  |  |
|  Busy Beaver Weekend |  |  |  |  |  |
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**Unit Leader Volunteers:** List registered adults associated with your Troop/Crew that volunteer at the Council level (i.e., hold district/council positions, volunteer at Council programs). Please list any adults who were on staff at Medicine Mountain Scout Ranch in 2025.

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| **Adult** | **Position/Program** | **Adult** | **Position/Program** |
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**Youth Event Volunteers:** List of all youth (13 and older) registered with your Troop/Crew who volunteer at the council events as a youth event staff volunteer. These youth must be registered for these events as youth staff volunteers. Please list any scouts that were on staff at Medicine Mountain Scout Ranch in 2025 in this area as well.

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| **Youth** | **Position/Program** | **Youth** | **Position/Program** |
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**Service Projects**: List of all service projects that your Troop/Crew has participated in over the current Scouting year. Individual Eagle Project participation should only have one entry per project**. Please only provide the single-page printout from Journey to Excellence that details the service hours** as well as the unit roster of all registered scouts in the unit to determine the average service hours per scout. Council-promoted events include Busy Beaver, city-wide clean-up, and BHAC Food Drive.

PLEASE ONLY LIST THE HOURS SPENT ON THE PROJECT (Ex, Scouting For Food Bag Drop-Off, 20 Scouts, 10 Adults for 2.5 hours total hours 75). ***Do not list driving time to the project or list trash clean-up at the service project as separate service hours for this application***.

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| **Project Date(s)** | **Project Description** |
|  BHAC Scouting For Food |  |
|  Rapid City-Wide Clean-up |  |
|  Busy Beaver |  |
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**Order of the Arrow:** Please tell us the number of youth & adults that participated in the following OA events, as well as any other OA events that were attended, including trainings.

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| **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 |  |  |  |
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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)

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

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| **Training** | **# Trained** | **Training** | **# Trained** |
| Wood Badge \* |  |  |  |
| NYLT \* |  |  |  |
| Den Chief |  |  |  |
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### Percentage of your leaders are fully trained for the position currently registered: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

### OTHER FACTORS DETERMINING THE EXCELLENCE OF UNIT PROGRAM

Is your Troop/Crew fully uniformed per SCOUTING AMERICA 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 have your Troop/Crew been represented at?

**Number of leaders at each roundtable**.

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| 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 the 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, 2024, through Aug. 31st, 2025? **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).

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| **Activity Date(s)** | **Activity Location** | **Activity Description** |
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Additional Comments:

Signed:

Unit Committee Chairman Date

Unit Leader Date

**PLEASE RETURN BY August 31st, 2025**

Black Hills Area Council, SCOUTING AMERICA

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**If your unit is a Golden Stave Winner and would like to lead a trail, please list your top 3 trail choices for the
88th Pilgrimage in 2026.**

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