# GOLDEN STAVE/GOLDEN BOOT AWARD APPLICATION

## MOUNT RUSHMORE PILGRIMAGE

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

## Council:

Troop/Crew Number: District:

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.

**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). If you need more space, feel free to attach another page.

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| Number of Youth | Number of Adults | Participation % of registered Scouts | Nights of Camping | Activity Dates | Description of Activity |
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**NATIONAL and COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**: List all National, Council, and District activities. If your unit/Scouts attended any High Adventure activities, such as Philmont or Jamboree, they would be listed here. If you need additional space, feel free to attach another page.

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| Number of Youth | Number of Adults | Participation % of registered Scouts | Nights of Camping | Activity Dates | Description of Activity |
|  |  |  |  |  | Prior Year Pilgrimage (2025) |
|  |  |  |  |  | Spring Camporee/Busy Beaver |
|  |  |  |  |  | Klondike |
|  |  |  |  |  | SCOUTING AMERICA Accredited Summer Camp,  Where? |
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**SERVICE PROJECTS**: List all service projects (i.e., conservation, community, etc.) that your unit has participated in over the current Scouting year. Individual Eagle Project participation should only have one entry per project. If you need additional space, feel free to attach another page. (Please provide proof to enter into service system)

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| Project Date(s) | Project Location | Project Description |
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**TRAINING:** List all training (i.e., leader leader-specific, Outdoor Leader, NYLT, Den Chief, etc.) completed by your unit’s registered Scouts/Scouters over the current Scouting year. If you need additional space, feel free to attach another page. (Please provide proof of Current Youth Protection Training for all registered leaders)

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| Trainee Name | Trainee Position | Training Description(s) |
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### OTHER FACTORS DETERMINING THE EXCELLENCE OF UNIT PROGRAM How many roundtables have your unit leaders attended?

### OTHER:

Is your unit fully uniformed by Scouting America’s standard guidelines? Yes or No (See appropriate Uniform Inspection Sheet for details.)

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.

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

What Journey to Excellence status has your unit achieved (bronze, silver, gold)?

List any other unit activities not previously recorded (i.e., assistance to Cub Packs on School Night, Day Camp, assistance to Council with training courses, flag ceremonies performed for other groups, service to your Chartered Organization, and other unique experiences). If you need additional space, feel free to attach another page.

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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**

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