

THE HISTORIC TRAILS PROGRAM



Love of America and devotion to our country depend upon a thorough appreciation of the ideals, principles, and traditions that have made our country strong. Historic Trails Award requirements emphasize co-

operation between historic societies and Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, and Explorer units. A unit should establish a close relationship with a local society as soon as possible when planning a historic activity—most communities have such societies.

Reports from many units indicate that these societies have been eager to offer their cooperation by:

- Suggesting trails or sites that are suitable for unit historic activities and exploration.
- Providing units with historic information about the trails or sites.
- Offering guidance to units during restoration and marking projects.
- Financing the cost of materials used by units for restoration and marking projects.
- Staging historic pageants and ceremonies with unit participation.
- Directing public attention to unit historic activities through newspapers, television, and radio.

If the trip is 500 miles or more from homes of group members (local council camp excepted) or crosses national boundaries and into the territory of other nations, a National Tour Permit Application, No. 4419A, is necessary. For trips and overnight camps less than 500 miles, use a Local Tour Permit Application, No. 4426.

Award Requirements

To earn the award, members of your unit must plan and participate in a historic activity. A unit historic activity requires members to—

1. Locate a historic trail or site and study information relating to it. (The information may be obtained from an adult historic society, public library or people living near the trail or site.)
2. Hike or camp 2 days and 1 night along the trail or in the vicinity of the site.
3. Cooperate with an adult group such as a historic society to restore and mark all or part of this trail or site. (This may be done during the hike or overnight camp.) Or cooperate with such a group to plan and stage a historic pageant, ceremony, or other public event related to this trail or site—such an event should be large enough to merit coverage by the local press.
4. Your unit leader must then file the Historic Trails Award application with your local council service center.

Detach and send report below to your local council service center.

HISTORIC TRAILS AWARD APPLICATION

(Note: This award does not apply if any other award is available for this trip.)

To: Local Council Only (Do not send to national office.)

Unit No. _____ Tour Permit No. _____

Provision group _____ (check)

District _____

Local Council Action

Approved _____ Disapproved _____

1. Name of historic trail or site covered _____
(Give state and nearest town.)
 From _____ to _____ (2 days and 1 night required)
(Date) (Date)
2. Type of historical observance, pageant, dedication, etc. in which unit participated _____
 _____ OR Type of historic project carried out (such as erecting marker, plaque, sign, etc.) _____
(Note: Unit must have done either activity above.)
3. Give name of local historic society or association with which the unit cooperated in this event _____

4. Total Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Explorers, and leaders eligible for the Historic Trails Award _____
5. Enter our order for: _____ Embroidered awards, No. 188 _____ Leather awards. No. 244

(Contact local council service center for current prices.)

(NOTE: Embroidered and leather awards are not worn on uniforms but may be attached to tents, packs, blankets)

Approved _____
(Unit or tour leader)

(Address) (Phone)