TROOP _____ of _____ District

2013 Scouting's Journey to Excellence

Item Number	Objective	Bronze Level	Silver Level	Gold Level	Bronze Points	Silver Points	Gold Points
1	**Advancement:** Increase the percentage of Boy Scouts earning rank advancements.	Have 40% of Boy Scouts advance one rank or have a 2 percentage points increase.	Have 45% of Boy Scouts advance, or 40% advance and have a 2 percentage points increase.	Have 50% of Boy Scouts advance, or 45% and have a 2 percentage points increase.	75	150	300
2	**Retention:** Improve retention rate.	Retain and re-register 75% of eligible members, or have a 2 percentage points increase.	Retain and re-register 80% of members, or retain and re-register 75% and have a 2 percentage points increase.	Retain and re-register 85% of members, or retain and re-register 80% and have a 2 percentage points increase.	75	150	300
3	**Building Boy Scouting:** Have an increase in membership or be larger than the average size troop.	Have a net gain of one member over last year, or have at least 15 members.	Increase youth members by 5% or have at least 25 members.	Increase youth members by 10% or have at least 35 members with an increase over last year.	75	150	300
4	**Trained leadership:** Have a trained and engaged troop committee.	Have a Scoutmaster, an assistant SM, and a committee with at least three members.	Bronze level, plus the Scoutmaster and 60% of assistants have completed Leader Specific Training, or if new complete within three months of joining.	Silver level, plus 2/3 of active committee members must have completed Troop Committee Challenge.	75	150	300
5	**Short-term camping:** The troop conducts short-term or weekend campouts throughout the year.	Conduct four short-term overnight campouts.	Conduct seven short-term overnight campouts.	Conduct nine short-term overnight campouts.	50	100	200
6	**Long-term camping:** The troop participates in a long-term camp.	The troop participates in a long-term camp.	60% of Scouts attend a long-term camp.	70% of Scouts attend a long-term camp.	50	100	200
7	**Patrol method:** The troop uses the patrol method.	The troop has patrols, and each has a patrol leader. There is an SPL if more than one patrol. The PLC meets at least four times a year. The troop holds patrol leader training.	PLC meets at least six times a year, including an annual planning meeting.	PLC meets at least ten times a year, including an annual planning meeting, and one Scout attends NYLT.	50	100	200
8	**Service projects:** The troop participates in service projects, with one benefitting your chartering organization. The projects and hours are entered on the Journey to Excellence website.	Participate in four service projects.	Participate in five service projects.	Participate in six service projects.	50	100	200
9	**Webelos-to-Scout transition:** Have a Webelos-to-Scout transition plan.	With a pack or Webelos den, hold two joint activities, one of which is a Webelos parent orientation and camp promotion meeting.	Earn the Bronze level, plus recruit two Webelos Scouts.	Earn the Bronze level, plus recruit five Webelos Scouts.	50	100	200
10	**Budget:** The troop has a budget that is continually reviewed by the committee and follows BSA policies relating to fundraising and fiscal management.	Have a written budget reviewed at committee meetings and that follows BSA policies.	Earn the Bronze level, plus Scouts participate in the budget planning process.	Earn the Silver level, plus budget is completed before the next program year.	25	50	100
11	**Courts of honor/parents meetings:** Scouts are recognized for their badges at courts of honor.	Scouts are recognized for badges or cards at least twice a year at courts of honor, where troop plans are reviewed with parents.	Three courts of honor are held with families attending.	Four courts of honor are held with families attending.	25	50	100
12	**Fitness:** Troop meetings and activities include physical fitness components	Introduce the SCOUTStrong program in the troop.	Bronze plus the troop promotes and coordinates group fitness activities.	Silver plus the troop holds an ongoing fitness competition where members can track their performance.	50	100	200
13	**Reregister on-time**	Complete charter reregistration, obtain all signatures, and submit paperwork to the council office or your commissioner prior to the expiration of your charter.	Meet the Bronze level, plus email addresses are provided for all parents of youth members and registered adults who have one.	Meet the Silver level, plus promote the new Unit Tools software program accessed through your MyScouting account.	25	50	100
				Points	_____	_____	_____

Bronze: Earn at least 700 points by earning points in at least 11 objectives.
Silver: Earn at least 1,000 points by earning points in at least 11 objectives.
Gold: Earn at least 1,600 points by earning points in at least 11 objectives.

Total points _____

We certify on our honor as Scout leaders that these requirements have been completed.

Scoutmaster _____ Committee chair _____

Commissioner _____ Chartered Org. Rep. _____

Level achieved _____ **Did not achieve** _____ Date _____

This form should be turned in to the Scout service center or your unit commissioner with your charter renewal paperwork.

JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

Scouting's Journey to Excellence

2013 Troop Performance Recognition Program

Journey to Excellence changes the basic way we measure and recognize success in the Boy Scouts of America by moving away from measuring process and moving to measuring performance. Below provides specific information to help you understand the criteria and exactly what data will be used to determine the three levels of performance. In planning your strategy, use actual numbers from the previous year to guide your performance improvement goal planning. In each area, the troop may qualify by meeting a specific standard or by showing measured improvement.

1	Total number of Boy Scouts advancing at least one rank (Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, Eagle) since your last charter renewal date (A), divided by the number of boys you started your charter renewal year with (B1) plus all new boys who joined or transferred into the troop at any time during the current year (B2). Advancement = A / (B1 + B2).
2	Number of youth members on this year's recharter (C) divided by the number of youth members on last year's recharter (D) plus any additional youth members (E) minus any transfer outs or age outs (F). Total = (C) / (D+E-F).
3	At charter renewal time, have an increase in the number of youth members over the number of youth members on the previous year's charter renewal.
4	Have a SM, an ASM and a troop committee with at least 3 members. SM and 2/3 or the ASM's (paid or multiple registration) have completed leader specific training or, if new leaders, complete within three months of joining. 2/3 of active committee members have completed Troop Committee Challenge.
5	Conduct short-term (at least one overnight) campouts throughout the year.
6	Boy Scouts attend any in-council or out-of-council long-term summer camp (of at least three days and three nights), high-adventure experience, jamboree, or serve on camp staff within the past year, divided by the Boy Scout membership on 6/30/2013.
7	The troop is separated into patrols and each patrol has an elected patrol leader. If the troop has more than one patrol, there is an elected senior patrol leader. If the troop has more than one patrol, the PLC meets at least four time each year. The troop holds patrol leader training each year.
8	The troop participates in at least four service projects during the year and enters them on the Journey to Excellence website. The projects may be completed as joint projects with other organizations. At least one project must benefit the chartered organization.
9	Hold at least two activities with a pack or Webelos den, one of which is a new parent orientation and camp promotion meeting, and recruit new Webelos Scouts into the troop.
10	The troop has a written budget that is reviewed at all troop committee meetings, and the troop follows BSA policies relating to fundraising and fiscal management as found on the Unit Money-Earning Application form, the troop treasurer's book, and any other publication that the council has developed for fundraising and fiscal management.
11	The troop holds at least two courts of honor, where parents are invited and Scouts are recognized for badges. The troop's program plans are reviewed with the parents.
12	The troop meetings have activities that include a physical fitness component. This is ongoing and members can track their performance. The troop is introduced to the SCOUTStrong PALA award by going to www.scouting.org/SCOUTStrongPALA.
13	Complete the troop's charter renewal paperwork, including all required signatures, and submit completed forms to the council service center or your commissioner before the end of the charter year. Provide all email addresses for parents and registered adults on charter renewal forms and promote the new "Unit Tools" software accessed through your MyScouting account.

Scoring the troop's performance: To determine the troop's performance level, you will use the above information to determine the points earned for each of the 13 individual criteria and then add those individual point scores to determine a composite score. Count only the highest point total achieved in any one criterion. Bronze level requires earning points in at least 11 criteria plus 700 points, Silver level requires earning points in at least 11 criteria and 1,000 points, and Gold level requires earning points in at least 11 criteria and 1,600 points.

WHO USES THIS FORM?

Troops with a charter renewal date in any month from October 2013 to September 2014

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