

BACKPACKING EXPERIENCE

This award is for an extended weekend Backpacking trip of at least 3 days and 2 nights. There is no limitation on where it can be earned.

Requirements:

1. Comply with the Area 4 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
2. At least one of the adults participating in the outing must have completed the Basic Backpack Awareness Course.
3. Each person must complete two 5-mile training hikes and one 7-hour weekend hike within four months prior to hiking the qualifying hike.
4. Participants must spend a minimum of 3 days and 2 nights on the trail.
5. Each participant must complete a minimum of 12 (twelve) hiking hours.
6. All food and equipment must be backpacked in (no pack animals or food drops allowed) Clean up and pack out all trash. A Scout always leaves campsites and trails better and cleaner than he found them.
7. Each participant must complete a 1-hour conservation project cleared with the local ranger before starting on the trail.
8. While on the trip/trail adhere to the seven (7) principles of the Leave No Trace outdoor ethics: 1- Plan Ahead and Prepare, 2- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces, 3 - Dispose of waste properly, 4 - Leave What You Find, 5 - Minimize Campfire Impacts, 6 - Respect Wildlife, 7 - Be Considerate of Other Visitors.

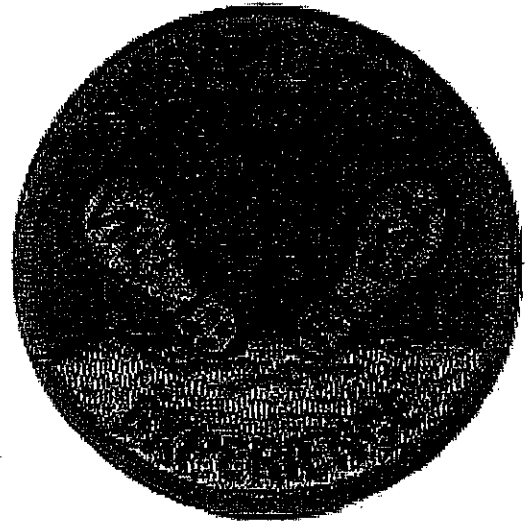


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