Scouting's Journey to Excellence
2011 Troop Performance Recognition Program
Appalachian Trail District

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2011 Troop of the Year Criteria

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 55% of Boy Scouts advance one rank or have a 2 percentage points increase.	Have 60% of Boy Scouts advance, or 55% advance and have a 2 percentage points increase.	Have 65% of Boy Scouts advance, or 60% and have a 2 percentage points increase.	75	150	300
2	Retention: Improve retention rate.	Retain and re-register 76% of eligible members, or have a 2 percentage points increase.	Retain and re-register 80% of members, or retain and re-register 76% 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 14 members.	Increase youth members by 5%.	Increase youth members by 10%.	75	150	300
4	Trained leadership: Have a trained and engaged troop committee.	Have a Scoutmaster, an assistant Scoutmaster, and a committee with at least three members with all completed This Is Scouting, Fast Start training, and Youth Protection training or, if new leaders, within three months of joining.	Bronze level, plus all must have completed Leader-Specific Training or, if new leaders, within six months of joining.	Silver level, plus hold youth officer elections and installation before November 15.	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 eight short-term overnight campouts.	Conduct 10 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 four times a year. The troop holds patrol leader training.	PLC meets six times a year, including an annual planning meeting.	PLC meets 10 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.	Recruit two Webelos Scouts.	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 Bronze and Silver levels, plus budget is completed by August 31 for the next program year.	25	50	100
11	Court of honors/parents meetings: Scouts are awarded their badges at court of honors.	Scouts are awarded badges or cards at least twice a year at court of honors, where troop plans are reviewed with parents.	Three court of honors are held with families attending.	Four court of honors are held with families attending.	25	50	100
12	Reregister on-time	Complete reregistration, obtain all signatures, and submit paperwork to the council office prior to the expiration of your charter.			50		
13	Annual assessment: Completion of this form.	Conduct an annual troop assessment using this form, and submit it completed and signed with the charter renewal forms.			50		
				Points Subtotal-1	_____	_____	_____

To earn Bronze: Complete 11 of 13 Bronze requirements, plus earn 700 points (from Bronze, Silver, or Gold points list).
To earn Silver: Earn the Bronze award, plus earn 1,000 points (from Bronze, Silver, or Gold points list).
To earn Gold: Earn the Bronze award, plus earn 1,600 points (from Bronze, Silver, or Gold points list).
We certify on our honor as Scout leaders that these requirements have been completed. Troop # _____

Scoutmaster _____ Committee chair _____

Commissioner _____

Level achieved _____ Did not achieve _____

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A	Participate in Scouting for Food	25% of members participate	50% of members participate	65% of members participate	25	50	100
B	Participate in Popcorn Sales	At least $250 in sales	At least $500 in sales	At least $1000 in sales	25	50	100
C	Participate in Friends of Scouting	15% of families participates	25% of families participates	50% of families participate	100	200	400
D	Youth participation in District, Council, Regional, National events	Participate in one event	Participate in at two events	Participate in three events	100	200	300
E	Attend District roundtables	Attend at least six	Attend at least nine	Attend at least eleven	75	100	150
F	Participate in resident camp (72 hour or more)	55% of youth participate	60% of youth participate	75% of youth participate	50	100	150
G	Conduct a First Nighter or other type of Annual Recruitment Campaign	1 new member join	3 new members join	4 new members join	75	150	200
H	Nominated Scoutmaster for Scoutmaster of the Year	Submitted by 31 Jan to awards committee			25		
I	Nominated unit family for Scout Family of the Year	Submitted by 31 Jan to awards committee			25		
J	Nominated unit individual for White Blaze Award	Submitted by 31 Jan to awards committee			25		
K	Commissioner or DE attend meeting	2 or more visits	4 or more visits	6 or more visits	100	200	400
L	Members achieve Wood badge	Has at least one member who has submitted Wood Badge application	Has at least one member who has wood badge	Has one member in a wood badge patrol who completes the weekend requirements	75	100	300
M	Discretionary points given by UC/ADC based on overall perception of the unit	UC discretionary points	UC/ADC discretionary points		100	200	
				Points	_____	_____	_____
				Points Subtotal-1	_____	_____	_____
				Total Points	_____	_____	_____

Troop Number: _____ Submitted by: _____

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 requirement. Bronze level requires earning 11 of the 13 criteria plus 700 points, Silver level requires earning the Bronze level and 1,000 points, and Gold level requires earning the Bronze level and 1,600 points.

Performance measures already being considered for inclusion in the 2012 council performance recognition program will involve collecting feedback and improved scores on customer satisfaction surveys sent to parents, youth members, and the charter partners.

This form should be turned in to the District for Unit of the year award along with the JTE Award