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High Adventure Awards & Training



Website and Award Procedures
Jeff Bozanic, Troop 412 (Pacifica)

Program Overview

- Introduction to HAT Website
- HAT Awards Overview
- General Requirements
- Award Application
- Upgrading Your Status
- Get Involved!



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OR PATROLLED DURING WINTER
SEASON. UNKNOWN HAZARDS
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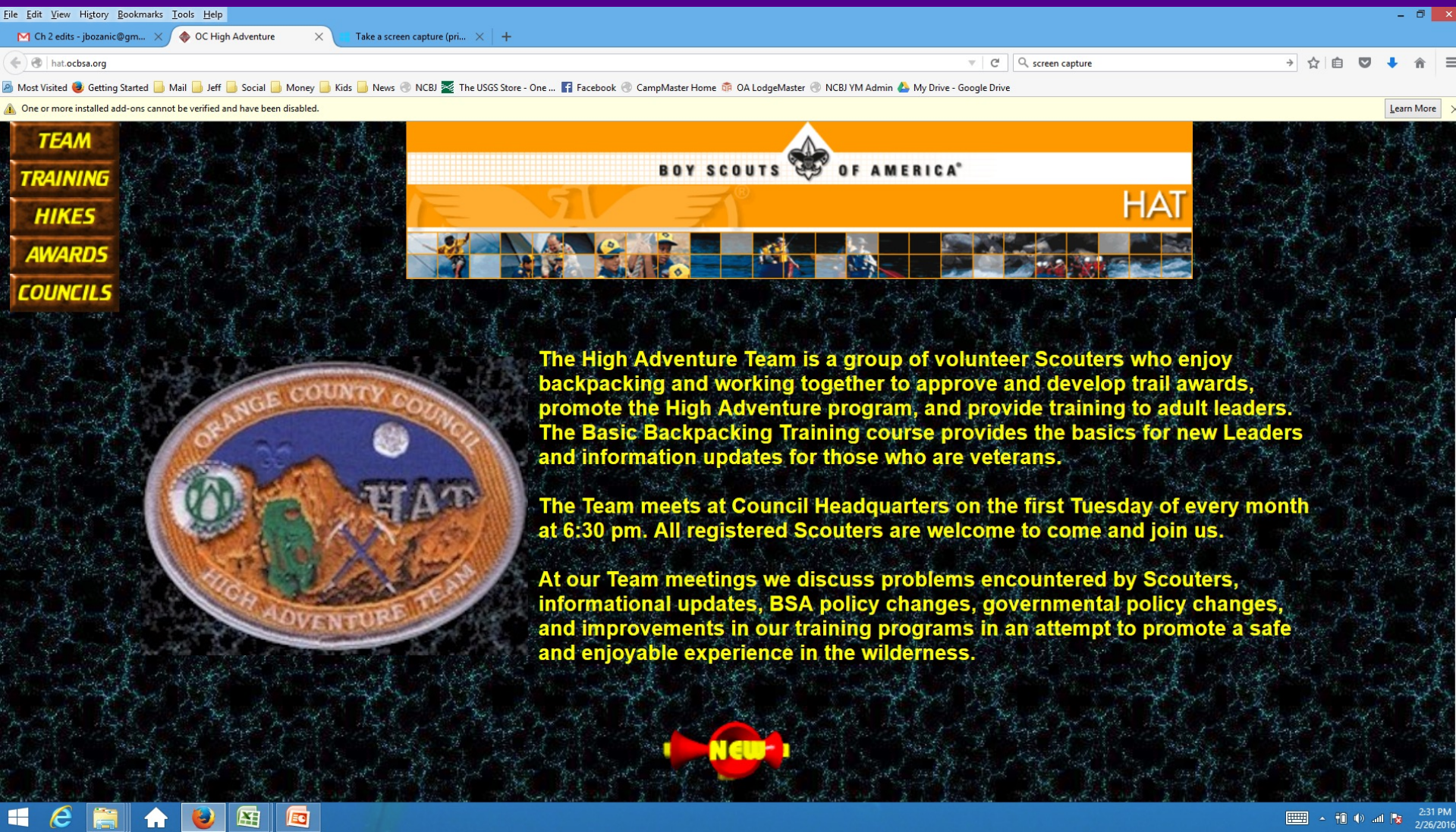
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Introduction to HAT

- Established 1960s
- Individual council HAT committees
- Affiliated councils
 - Orange County
 - Inland Empire
 - West Los Angeles
 - Long Beach
 - Imperial (San Diego)
 - Los Angeles Area
 - Ventura
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The High Adventure Team is a group of volunteer Scouters who enjoy backpacking and working together to approve and develop trail awards, promote the High Adventure program, and provide training to adult leaders. The Basic Backpacking Training course provides the basics for new Leaders and information updates for those who are veterans.

The Team meets at Council Headquarters on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. All registered Scouters are welcome to come and join us.

At our Team meetings we discuss problems encountered by Scouters, informational updates, BSA policy changes, governmental policy changes, and improvements in our training programs in an attempt to promote a safe and enjoyable experience in the wilderness.

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This award was developed and sponsored by Troop 1210 (Foothills Church) in Rancho Santa Margarita, California. It encourages high adventure exploration of the numerous Marine Protected Areas around Southern California and the Channel Islands, broadening scouts' traditional camping and backpacking experiences with the unique coastal adventures Southern California is famous to provide. This award is eligible for both youth and adults in Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Venturing, Crew, Girls Scouts, and other youth

The Big Ride 2016
Information and Application

Eagle Scout Peak
Campfire Permits Online!

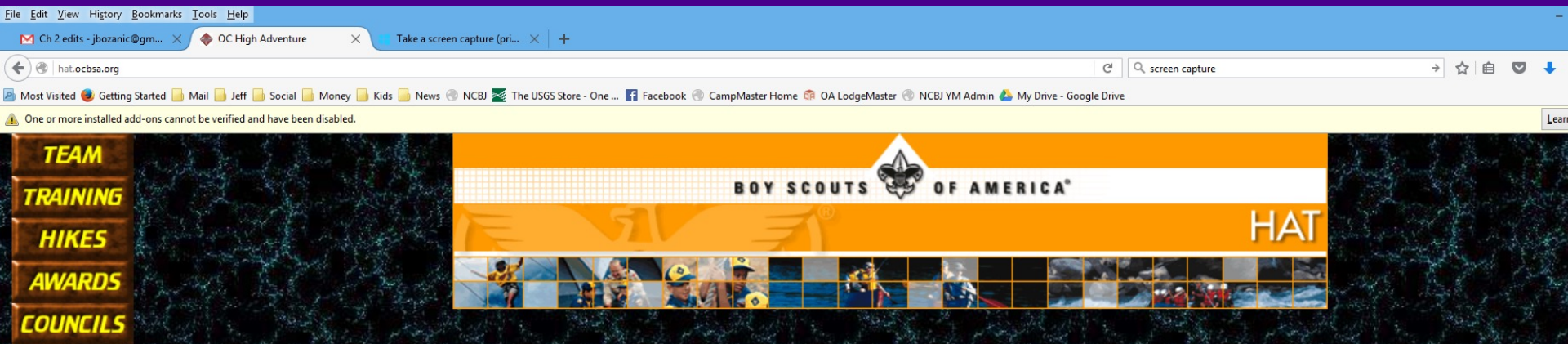
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Barney Ruble - Webmaster
Dennis Crockett - HAT Chairman

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High Adventure Training

Our training courses are designed to help prepare the new Trek Leader for taking scouts into the wilderness and provide updated information for the veteran Trek Leader. Basic Backpacking classroom training is followed with a day hike to provide field experience with map and compass and a weekend overnight hike to let you experience what you've been told about. This training is offered twice a year, the last weekend of February and the last weekend of September. Winter Backpack training is put on in January. If you have questions about the training contact Jeffrey Bozanic at 714-747-2727 or Barbara Gibson at 714-213-4865. The following schedules are typical for the classroom trainings. As you can see we cover a wide range of topics and we include guest experts on several topics.

To understand what our Basic Backpacking Course is all about click on the link below.

[What is HAT Training?](#)

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Council	Contact	Training
California Inland Empire	Rich Maschner	High Adventure Training
Los Angeles Area	Steve Dodson	HAT Adult Training
Orange County	Jeffrey Bozanic	High Adventure Training
San Diego-Imperial	Bob Niderost	High Adventure Leadership
Ventura County	Marc Hanley	High Adventure Training
Verdugo Hills		High Adventure Training
West Los Angeles	Walt Bunch	HAT Scouter Training

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Hikes

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- [Chilao Flats](#)
- [Cooper Canyon](#)
- [Devore](#)
- [Henninger Flats](#)
- [Hoegees](#)
- [Inspiration Point](#)
- [Johns Meadow](#)
- [Little Jimmy](#)
- [Mt. Hillyer](#)
- [Mt. Lowe](#)
- [Mt. San Antonio](#)
- [Mt. San Bernardino](#)
- [Mt. San Gorgonio](#)
- [Mt. San Jacinto](#)
- [Mt. Waterman](#)
- [Placerita Canyon](#)
- [Santa Ana River](#)
- [Sitton Peak](#)
- [Spruce Grove](#)
- [Sugarloaf Peak](#)

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Trek Aids & Hike Aids

The High Adventure Award Program is supported by High Adventure Teams within the Councils in Area IV. The links provided below will help you acquire copies of the Trek Aids provided by Councils.

Trek Aid	Hike Aid
Trek Aid 2 - Equipment for High Sierra Treks	Hike Aid 1 - Your HAT
Trek Aid 3 - Food for High Adventure	Hike Aid 2 - Literature
Trek Aid 5 - High Adventure Health & Safety	Hike Aid 3 - Training
Trek Aid 101 - Canoe the Colorado River	Hike Aid 4 - Procedures & Guidelines
Trek Aid 102 - Desert Camping and Backpacking	Hike Aid 5 - Backpacking Program
Trek Aid 103 - Camelback High Adventure Award	Hike Aid 6 - Awards
Trek Aid 104 - San Geronio and San Jacinto	Hike Aid 7 - Forest Conservation
Trek Aid 105 - Scouting High Sierra Treks	Hike Aid 8 - Scouts Own
	Hike Aid 9 - Risk, Health and Safety
	Hike Aid 10 - Parent Guide
	Hike Aid 11 - Bicycling
	Hike Aid 12 - Backpack Ideas
	Hike Aid 13 - Rae Lakes
	Hike Aid 14 - Aquatics
	Hike Aid 15 - Long Term Trekking
	Hike Aid 16 - Peak Bagging

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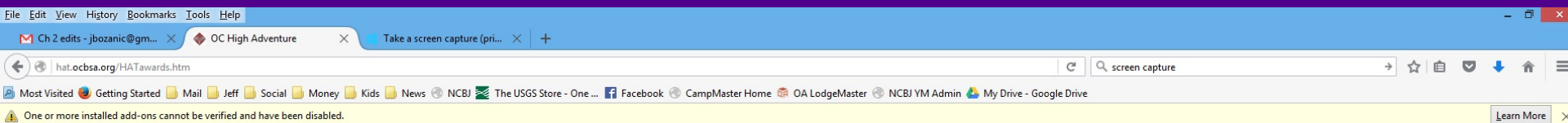
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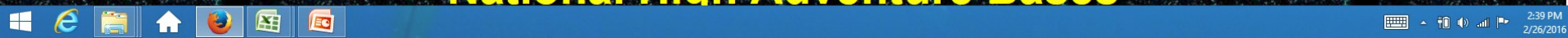
High Adventure Awards Program

The Council High Adventure Teams of Area IV approve and develop the trail awards. These awards are provided to Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Girl Scouts and their leaders as an incentive to develop Pack or Troop outdoor programs. A description of the awards and the requirements for earning each can be found in two publications, produced in Orange County and provided to all Councils, the Cub Adventure Awards for Cubs and Webelos and the High Adventure Awards for Scouts and Explorers. Those award publications are published here in PDF format for download and reference. In addition links have been provided for access to the 'Wilderness Use Policy' and the 'Guide to Safe Scouting' as well as a link to assist in ordering the awards,

[BSA Wilderness Use Policy](#)

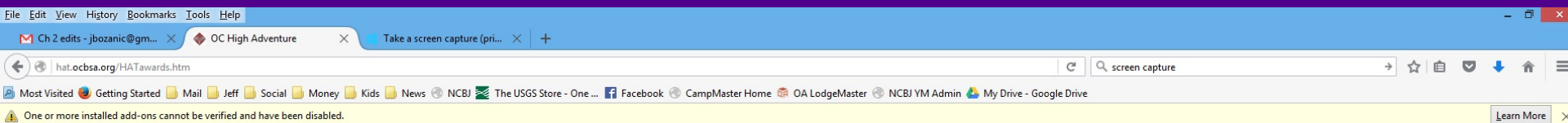
[Guide to Safe Scouting](#)

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Florida
Seabase



Philmont



Northern Tier



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[Cub Adventure Award Book](#)
[Scout High Adventure Award Book](#)
[Ordering High Adventure Awards](#)

Council	Award Application
Orange County	HAT Award Application
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California Inland Empire	Award Application
Long Beach Area	High Adventure Award Application
Los Angeles Area	Award Application Forms
Ventura	High Adventure Award Applications

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HIGH ADVENTURE AWARDS



FOR SCOUTS AND VENTURERS

Complete Scout Awards Book

Scout Book Cover

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Southern Sierra

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Western Los Angeles

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HAT Awards

- Council committees establish awards
- Awards are regional, not national
- Awards for:
 - Cub Scouts
 - Boy Scouts
 - Varsity Scouts
 - Venturers
 - Girl Scouts & other youth groups
- Activity Types:
 - Camping
 - Hiking
 - Backpacking
 - Soaring
 - Cycling
 - Peak bagging
 - Natural history
 - Rafting / canoeing
 - Conservation
 - Trail building
- Over 300 HAT awards



Award Objectives

- Increase retention in scouting
- Promote high adventure
- Provide opportunity for advancement
- Education: history, techniques, nature
- Increase safety
- Motivate youth to get out more
- Support conservation & responsible use
- Broaden opportunity and range of activity
- Build a lifelong love of the outdoors

General Requirements

- Awards must be earned: One trip, one award
- All recipients must be BSA or other youth organization registered
- Awards must be earned with unit/council
- BSA Activity Plan filed in advance
- All other permits (USFS, NPS, etc) received
- Minimum 2 adults (1>21, 2-deep leadership) & 2 youth/trip
- 1 adult must have appropriate HAT training
- 1 adult must be CPR/First Aid trained, Hazardous Wx, WFA if >2 hrs
- Leaders should be familiar with BSA literature, including Trek Aids
- High Adventure Award Application submitted
- Parental consent forms & BSA Physical forms
- All adults must have YPT
- Follow Leave No Trace
- See current HAT Awards Booklet requirements for updates

TOUR AND ACTIVITY PLAN

Date _____
☐ Pack ☐ Troop/team ☐ Crew/Ship ☐ Contingent unit/crew
 Unit No. _____ Chartered organization _____
 Council name/No. _____ / _____
 District _____
 Description of tour or activity _____
 From (city and state) _____ to _____
 Dates _____ to _____ Total days _____

Itinerary: It is required that the following information be provided for each day of the tour. (Note: Speed or excessive daily mileage increases the possibility of accidents.) Attach an additional page if more space is required. Include detailed information on campsites, routes, and float plans, and include maps for wilderness travel as required by the local council.

For office use
Tour and activity plan No. _____
Date received _____
Date reviewed _____

Council stamp/signatures

Date	Travel		Mileage	Overnight stopping place (Check if reservations are cleared)	✓
	From	To			

Type of trip: ☐ Day trip ☐ Short-term camp (less than 72 hours) ☐ Other (OA Weekend, etc.) _____
☐ Long-term camp (longer than 72 hours) ☐ High-adventure activities ☐ High-adventure base _____

Party will consist of (number): ____ Youth—male ____ Youth—female ____ Adults—male ____ Adults—female	Party will travel by (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Bus <input type="checkbox"/> Train <input type="checkbox"/> Plane <input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Boat <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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Leadership and Youth Protection Training: Boy Scouts of America policy requires at least two adult leaders on all BSA activities. Coed Venturing crews must have both male and female leaders older than 21 for overnight activities. All registered adults must have completed **BSA Youth Protection training**. At least one registered adult who has completed BSA Youth Protection training must be present at all events and activities. Youth Protection training is valid for two years from the date completed.

Adult leader responsible for this group (must be at least 21 years old):

Name _____ Age _____ Scouting position _____
 Address _____ Member No. _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip code _____
 Phone _____ Email _____ Youth Protection training date _____

Assistant adult leader name(s) (minimum age 18, or 21 for Venturing crews):

Name _____ Age _____ Scouting position _____
 Address _____ Member No. _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip code _____
 Phone _____ Email _____ Youth Protection training date _____

Attach a list with additional names and information as outlined above.

- ☐ Our travel equipment will include a first-aid kit and a roadside emergency kit.
☐ The group will have in possession an **Annual Health and Medical Record** for every participant.

We certify that appropriate planning has been conducted using the **Sweet 16 of BSA Safety**, qualified and trained supervision is in place, **permissions** are secured, health records have been reviewed, and adult leaders have read and are in possession of a current copy of **Guide to Safe Scouting** and other appropriate resources. Any items needing attention will be resolved before the tour or activity date.

Signature: Committee chair or chartered organization representative

Signature: Adult leader

Unit single point of contact (not on tour)

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____



Cub Scout & Younger Scout Awards

- **Generally, non-backpacking & non-winter camping awards**
- **Day trip activities**
- **Examples follow**
- **If unsure, contact the OCC HAT Committee Chairperson**



BOSTON
SEoul 4 mi / 6.4 km
CONES ISLAND 7033 MILES
SAN FRANCISCO 5426 MILES
TOKYO 259 mi / 414 km
BURBANK 3010 MILES
Death Valley 676 MILES

NASA
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Hiking Activity Awards

Inland Empire Council

Set of 4 awards

- Each requires a 5-mile day hike
- Designed to fulfill Tenderfoot, 2nd Class & 1st Class skills

Animal Tracks

- Complete a day hike of at least 5 miles
- Each Scout keeps a logbook listing at least 10 animals or evidence (tracks, spoor, etc) seen
- Logbook must be submitted within 3 months
- Scouts will show first aid for:
 - Insect & tick bites & stings
 - Rattlesnake bites



Home Town Historic Sites

Inland Empire Council

- Designed to promote awareness of community history
- May be earned by Cub, Boy & Girl Scouts, adult leaders
- Comply with all HAT General Requirements
- Contact HAT member or local community historical society for appropriate sites to visit
- Prepare a list of local sites of interest to your unit
- Complete a 5+ mile hike or 15+ mile cycle to visit 5 or more historic sites from your list
- Prepare a written hike/trek report including date, participant names, route, equipment, site descriptions & submit with application



Soaring Award

Inland Empire Council

- Watch award videos (2)
- Know & understand:
 - Thermal lift
 - Ridge lift
 - Wave lift
- Write a report explaining how pilot uses these
- Comply with HAT General Requirements

Note: A BSA Flying Permit Application must be filed in advance



Scout & Venturing Awards

HUNDREDS of awards

- Backpacking
- Stand alone awards
- Award sets & multi-part awards
- Peak bagging
- Medals
- Patch Blankets



Award Application Process

- **Contact the sponsoring council to ensure the desired award is available and cost thereof**
- **File BSA Activity Plan**
- **Conduct the activity**
- **Complete a HAT Award Application form**
- **Submit the form to the sponsoring council with appropriate payment**
- **Distribute awards to participants**

High Adventure Awards Application

California Inland Empire Council
Boy Scouts of America
1230 Indiana Ct.
Redlands, CA 92374
1-877-732-1450 ext 111



Date ____/____/____

Tour Permit # _____

(Attach copy)

Type of Unit _____

Unit Number _____

Council/District _____

☐ Cash ☐ Unit Account

Awards at \$ _____ Each

for _____ youth and _____ adults

Amount \$ _____ tax \$ _____

*Park/Wilderness/USFS Permit # _____

Total \$ _____

Where obtained _____ ☐ Fire Permit

Check: _____ Miles or _____ Hours Backpacking _____ Hiked _____ Canoeed _____ Cycled _____

Other (explain) _____

Days _____ Nights _____ of Adventure Dates: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

Location of Adventure (brief description of trailhead/starting-point, major stops and ending-point)

(Include description of any trail work or conservation project.)

If trail work/conservation project: Hours per person _____

I/We the undersigned in charge, do certify that I/We have read and understood the complete requirements for the award listed above, and do further certify that all of the participants, whose names are listed below, have fully met the requirements for this award.

Name of Adult in Charge _____ Position _____

Signature _____ Unit # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone # (____) _____ - _____

** HAT card # _____ Council _____ ** CPR card _____

First Aid card (type) _____ Date expires: ____/____/____

* If Applicable

** Desired for all awards, mandatory if required

Plus:

- Name of youth leader
- Names of Scouts earning award
- Names of Scouters earning award





Upgrading Status

- **Map & Compass training (1 day)**
 - 3-4 hrs lecture
 - 3-5 hrs fieldwork
- **Basic Backpacking course (5 days)**
 - 1 day + 1 evening lecture
 - 1 day hike
 - 2 day overnight backpacking trip
- **Winter Backpacking & Snowshoeing (4 days)**
 - 1 evening & 1 day lecture
 - 2 day overnight snow camping trip, snowshoeing
- **Other programs: Desert camping, Long-term backpacking, canoeing & rafting, ice axe use, etc**

Get Involved!

- **HAT Committee is all volunteers**
- **Meetings**
 - **1st Tuesday monthly**
 - **6:30-8:00 pm**
 - **Council Service Center (CSC)**
- **Currently looking for District Representatives**
- **OCC HAT Chair**
 - **Dennis Crockett**
 - **Doctorscoutmaster @ gmail.com**

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