

ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL HIGH ADVENTURE TEAM
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CUB ADVENTURE AWARDS FOR CUBS

HIGH ADVENTURE AWARDS FOR SCOUTS AND VENTURERS

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

INTRODUCION AND PURPOSE

The Council High Adventure Team is a group of volunteer Boy Scouts of America (BSA) registered adults who through either hobby and/or vocation maintain knowledge and expertise in “High Adventure” (hereinafter High Adventure) outings. They are willing to give their time to teach their skill sets. Each Council High Adventure Team conducts its High Adventure programs and activities in compliance with all applicable policies and procedures of the BSA National Council, including, but not limited to, the Scout Oath and Law, The Outdoor Code, *Wilderness Use Policy of the Boy Scouts of America*, and *Guide to Safe Scouting*. Council High Adventure Teams answer to and operate under the guidance of their respective Camping and Outdoor Program Committees and Boards of Directors.

High Adventure outings include, but are not limited to hiking, camping, short-term and long-term backpacking, rock climbing, mountaineering, peakbagging, winter backpacking/mountaineering, cycling (road and mountain), canoeing, whitewater kayaking/rafting, prolonged camping treks in remote areas, soaring and trailbuilding and conservation work.

The general mission of each Council High Adventure Team is to develop and promote, as well as conduct adult leader training for, High Adventure outings within their respective Councils and by its Scouting units. Each Council High Adventure Team strives to add High Adventure to each Scouting unit’s program, and to assist the unit leadership in meeting the promise contained in the *Boy Scout Handbook* and *Camping and Outdoor Program Committee Guide* that each Scout will have an exciting, challenging, year-round program of hiking and camping.

The OCC-HAT conducts the following High Adventure Courses: Basic Backpacking Course (biannual); Desert Backpacking Course (annual); Winter Backpacking Course (annual); Non-technical Ice Axe Course (annual); Map and Compass 101 (biannual) and Technology on Trail (biannual).

High Adventure Awards are developed and sponsored by their respective Council High Adventure Teams and are cloth patches and medals designed to recognize Scouts and Scouters who participate in High Adventure outings. High Adventure Awards are graded to age and ability and include the *Cub Adventure Awards* and the *High Adventure Awards for Scouts and Venturers*.

The following BSA Councils develop and sponsor Cub Adventure Awards and High Adventure Awards for Scouts and Venturers: California Inland Empire, Grand Canyon, Greater Los Angeles Area, Las Vegas Area, Long Beach Area, Los Padres, Orange County, San Diego-Imperial, Southern Sierra, Ventura County, Verdugo Hills, and Western Los Angeles Area.

BSA REGISTRATION FOR HIGH ADVENTURE AWARDS

High Adventure Awards are earned by BSA registered Cubs, Scouts, and Venturers, as well as their BSA registered adult leaders, who participate in High Adventure outings conducted by BSA registered units.

BSA NATIONAL POLICY FOR HIGH ADVENTURE AWARDS

High Adventure Awards are earned on High Adventure outings conducted in compliance with all applicable policies and procedures of the BSA National Council, including, but not limited to, the Outdoor Code, *Wilderness Use Policy of the Boy Scouts of America*, and *Guide to Safe Scouting* which includes: (I) Youth Protection and Adult Leadership; (II) Aquatics Safety; (III) Camping; (IV) Alcohol and Drug Abuse; (V) Medical Information and First Aid; (VI) Chemical Fuels and Equipment; (VII) Shooting Sports; (VIII) Sports and Activities; (IX) Insurance; (X) Transportation; (XI) Winter Activities; (XII) Animal and Insect Hazards; (XIII) Incident Reporting; (XIV) Exploring Program; and Appendix.

WILDERNESS PERMIT

The required wilderness permit, other permit(s), or permission shall be obtained by units earning High Adventure Awards, as required by the regulations, policies, and procedures of the appropriate government land manager (municipality, county, state, United States Forest Service, National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management), or private landowner.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH ADVENTURE AWARDS

High Adventure Awards are earned by completion of all requirements specific to the award, as well as these GENERAL REQUIREMENTS. In general, one award is earned per trek but there are many exceptions, which include awards for cumulative hiking miles (e.g. OCC-HAT 7 League Boot Award), peakbagging (e.g. GLAAC Peakbagger; OCC-HAT Eagle Scout Peak; WLAAC 14,505 CLUB), trailbuilding (e.g. GLAAC-HAT Trail Saver Awards) and conservation (e.g. GLAAC-HAT Forest Saver Awards) that may be earned concomitantly with hiking or backpacking awards.

The National Council 50-Miler Award and National Council's National Outdoor Badges for Camping, Hiking, Aquatics, Riding, and Adventure and National Medal for Outdoor Achievement may be earned concomitantly with any council High Adventure Awards.

Some High Adventure Awards can be earned by both Scouts and Venturers, and Cub Scouts, such as the BSA Rocketeer (OCC-HAT) and 7 League Boot (OCC-HAT) and Easter Break Science Trek (OCC-HAT) and Christmas Conservation Corps (OCC-HAT).

The OCC-HAT works very hard to maintain an updated listing of specific requirements for all Council High Adventure Awards which may be viewed at occhat.org

MODIFICATION OF SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Units may petition to modify any award requirement. The petition shall be made via email to the Chair of the respective council High Adventure Team sponsoring the award. Adequate time must be given to allow for discussion of the petition at a regularly scheduled council High Adventure Team meeting.

RETROACTIVE EARNING OF HIGH ADVENTURE AWARDS

High Adventure Awards may be earned retroactive, with no date requirement. As an example, the Rim-to-Rim and Rim-to-Rim-Rim Grand Canyon Medals (OCC-HAT) came out in 2023. A Scout or Adult Leader may say, "I did that back in such and such". They are eligible to earn the award.

ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL CLIMBING COMMITTEE

While many OCC-HAT members are also Climbing Instructors, and OCC-HAT sponsors the Top Roping Honor Award (occhat.org), the Orange County Council Climbing Committee is a separate entity, and has its own policies, procedures, and general requirements. They conduct biannual Climbing Instructor Level 1 and 2 Training Courses. Please refer to the Orange County Council Website.

HOW TO OBTAIN HIGH ADVENTURE AWARDS* UPDATED January 2024

Council	Contact**	Phone/Email/Website
1. CA Inland Empire	Brandi Bedia Brandi.Bedia@scouting.org	909-712-6162
2. Grand Canyon	https://councilstuff.com/010	
3. Greater LA Area	https://glaac-hat.org/store/	
4. Las Vegas	Eileen Bevacqua LVACSTORE@scouting.org	702-968-8148
5. Long Beach Area	Sandy Van Wyk Sandy.Vanwyk@scouting.org	562-684-3165
6. Los Padres	Judie Stowe Judie.Stowe@scouting.org	805-967-0105
7. Orange County	Roslyn Rakosky roslynr@ocbsa.org Outdoor@ocbsa.org	714-546-8558 x201
8. San Diego-Imperial	Susan Miller sdiccamp@scouting.org	619-298-6121
9. Southern Sierra	Cindy Basham Cindy.Basham@scouting.org	661-325-9036
10. Ventura County	Eileen Traxler Eileen.Traxler@scouting.org	805-482-8938
11. Verdugo Hills	Nia Rode Nia.Rode@scouting.org	818-243-6282

12. Western LA Area

Julie Roosewinkel-Jimenez

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*** The “Universal” High Adventure Awards Application for all councils (the exceptions are Greater LA Area and San Diego-Imperial that are unique) can be found at occhat.org.**

Each contact will accept the Universal or the Greater LA Area and San Diego-Imperial applications. Recommend email first on how to proceed for purchase of awards and to check their inventory of awards. The Grand Canyon and Greater L.A. Area Councils are online stores only.

**** Council Service Center, National or Council Scout Store, or online store**