

VENTURING RANGER AWARD



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Background and Purpose

High adventure and the outdoors have always been of interest to young Americans as well as an important part of the BSA program. Because of the attraction of high adventure, the Ranger Award is available to all Venturing youth members of the Boy Scouts of America.

The purpose of the award is to encourage Venturers to achieve a high level of outdoor skills proficiency; recognize achievement of this high level of outdoor skills proficiency; provide a path for outdoor/high-adventure skills training; and establish Rangers as a highly trained leadership resource for crews, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and the community.

The Ranger Award exemplifies a challenging high-level outdoor/high-adventure skills advancement program. Once earned, it will identify a Ranger as a person who is highly skilled at a variety of outdoor sports and interests, trained in outdoor safety, and ready to lead or assist others in activities. Rangers can be a great program asset to Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, and others.

Requirements

Ranger candidates must complete eight challenging core requirements:

First Aid	Wilderness Survival
Emergency Preparedness	Communications
Leave No Trace	Cooking
Land Navigation	Conservation

And four of 18 challenging electives:

Backpacking	Mountaineering
Cave Exploring	Outdoor Living History
Cycling/Mountain Biking	Physical Fitness
Ecology	Plants and Wildlife
Equestrian	Project COPE
First Aid	Scuba
Fishing	Shooting Sports
Hunting	Watercraft
Lifesaver	Winter Sports

Note

Venturers who have received the Outdoor Bronze Award need to complete only four more of the core requirements and two more electives to qualify for the Ranger Award.

Procedure

Ranger candidates can earn requirements. They can work on their own or with other Venturers. A crew may also work together. Candidates can work with outside consultants such as a scuba diving instructor, for instance. Advisors and consultants must sign a Ranger candidate's record sheet found in the *Venturer/Ranger Handbook*, No 33494C.

Recognition

After months of experiencing and acquiring skills on a wide variety of outdoor/high-adventure interests and sharing those skills with others, the Ranger will receive a sterling silver medal that features a powder horn superimposed over a compass dial. The medal is worn suspended from a green and white ribbon, which is suspended from a silver Ranger bar. A cloth Ranger bar is also available.

Award Medal, No. 04184
Bar, No. 04185
Certificate, No. 33663
Pocket Certificate, No. 33646