



BSA 430: Understanding the National Outdoor Challenge Award





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Q&A

- Who drives a blue colored vehicle?
- Who attended any camp as a young person?
- Who attended BSA high adventure?
- Who has a birthday today? Anniversary?
- Who was Boy Scout or a Girl Scout when they were younger?
- Eagle Scout or Gold Award?
- Serving in a Scouting position?

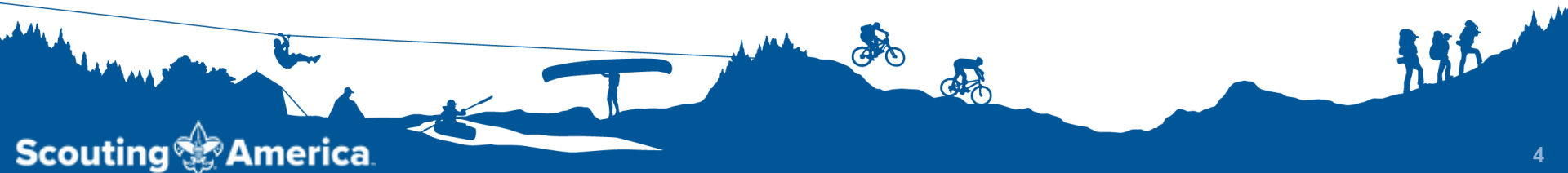




Course Objectives

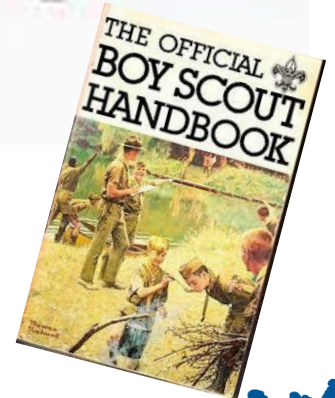
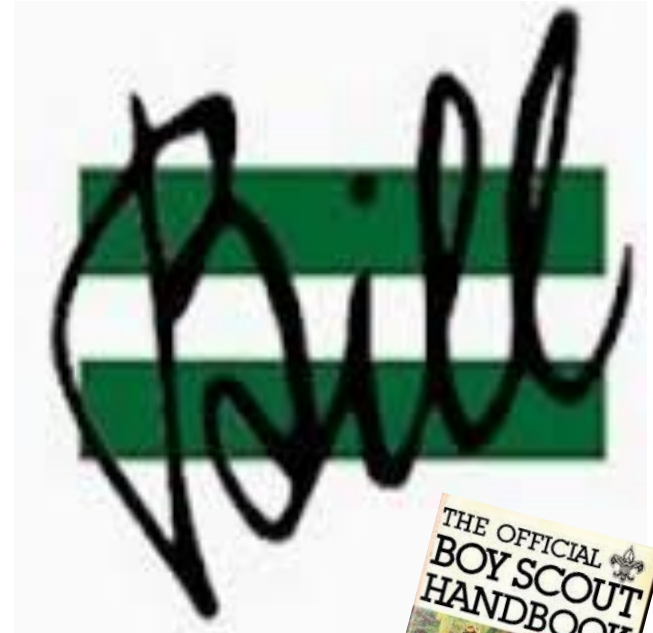
Upon completion of this class the student will gain an understand of the National Outdoor Award program as it pertains to both the Unit and the individual scout including:

- Foundation & Purpose
- Award Requirements for unit and individual
- Tools for Program Management
- Lessons Learned in Program Management
- Resources for Program Engagement & Execution





"Scouting is a Game with a Purpose"





Outdoor Programs

“In the outdoors, Scouts have opportunities to acquire skills that make them more self-reliant. They can explore canoe and hiking trails and complete challenges they first thought were beyond their ability. Attributes of good character become part of them as they learn to cooperate to meet outdoor challenges.” -- *BSA Outdoor Programs*

- Types of Outdoor Activities

- Day events
- Patrol events
- Camporees
- Summer camp
- Jamborees (World and National)
- Service projects
- Weekend overnights
- Summer camp
- High Adventure (National, Council, or unit)





Tools for Implementation

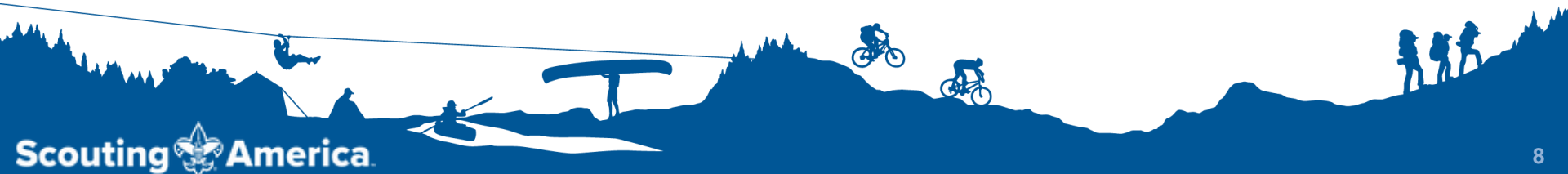
- **Patrol Leaders Council (PLC)**
 - Reporting at monthly meetings
- **Patrol Meetings**
- **Scoutmasters Conferences**
- **OA Troop Representative Adviser / ASM Tracking**
 - Troop OA Representative Promotion
- **Annual Planning Conference**
- **Troop Committee**
 - Advancement Chairman
 - Camping Chairman





Desired Outcomes for Award Programs

- **Increased...**
 - Self Confidence
 - Competency in Outdoor Skills
 - Environment Stewardship
 - Retention
 - Recruitment
 - Attendance
 - Stronger Youth Leadership and Engagement





History of National Outdoor Award



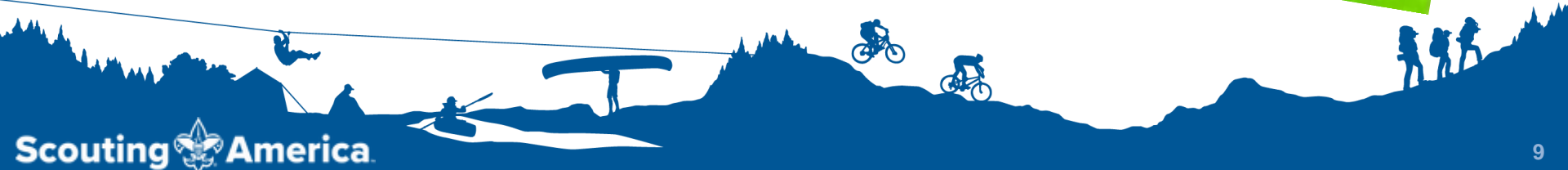
1954 – 1960 Certificate

1961 – 1990 Certificate & Streamer

1991 – 2010 Certificate, Streamer & Patch

- Counted nights of camping: 25 / 50 / 75 / 100 / 250 / 500 / 1000

2010 – Present: Streamer

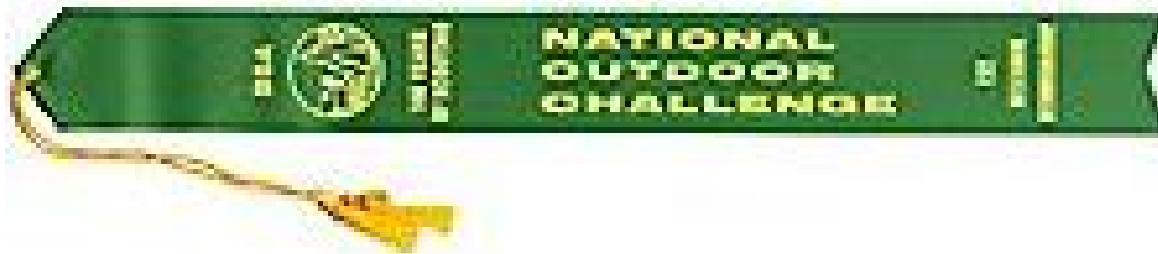




National Outdoor Challenge Program

- **Unit Award**

To encourage troops to do more outdoor trips and long-term camping, have an annual program plan, have an activity with a Webelos den, conduct a Leave No Trace program, and teach outdoor-related merit badges.



<https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/noa/>
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THEMES	THEMES	ACTIVITIES	ACTIVITIES
Cyberquiz	First day writing in own words	Harvest Moon REX Online Diary	Swimming Day thing day in straw
Rat climbing	something 'U'	LPM's	Summer camp rites
Measurements	something scary	BUC A	Uncle/ies
His/Her story	something scary	Winter camp water fire	Stewards
Can a P. Cook?	thing of Gedgar	Dull	Overnighter
Swimming song	thing Space exploration and know	Wachman me for the two candles	full camp take care of his/her
Keep with Bala	History MY	Visit to capitol	VA. Area
Winter song	Play adequate	Camp cookout for the night	Starts back night at cattle
Winter survival	fishing min't Coping Day	Overnight in the cave	Fishing
Archery song	Alex	It's the same song	Disc CD WII
Disc Game playing		Summer/low /bale	
		Defence meeting	
		Good clean one in hand	



Planning

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Wood Badge Planning

1. Prepare a project overview that summarizes the specific goals and objectives of the project
2. Develop a work breakdown structure that identifies the tasks to be completed and order in which they should be done
3. Assign responsibilities for specific activities or task to each project team member
4. Put the plan into action and track its progress
5. Prepare a closeout report that compares the original goals and objectives to the outcome





Requirement 2 (Form BSA 430-16)

2a. Our troop conducted 10 outdoor trips or activities with at least 50 percent of the registered youth participating. Yes / No

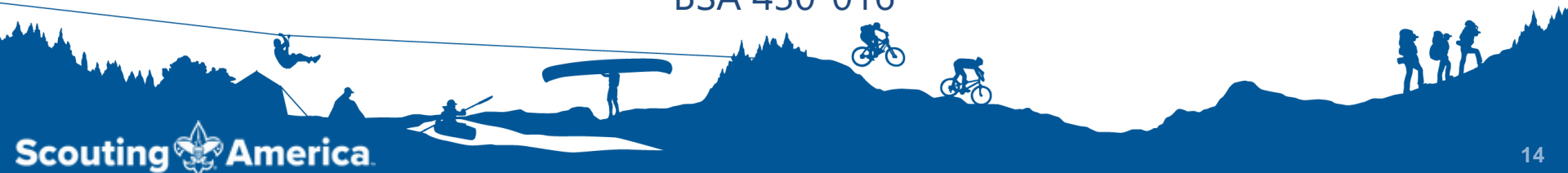
OR

2b. Our troop increased the number of outdoor trips or activities compared to the previous year. Yes / No

- Previous year _____
- Current year _____

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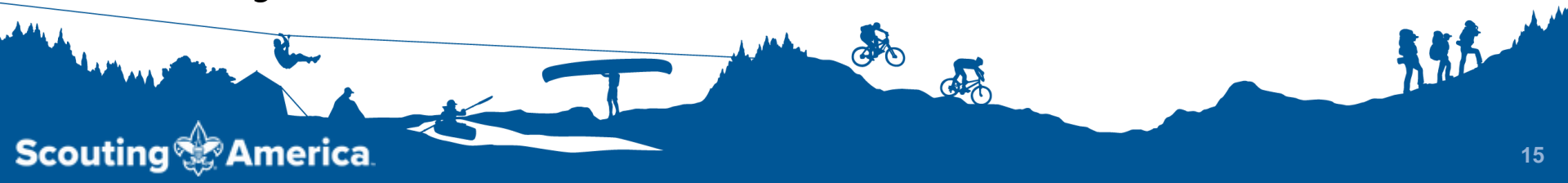


Requirement 3 (Form BSA 430-16)

- Troop attended long-term resident camp or a local/national high-adventure experience of at least six days/five nights. “Yes” / “No”



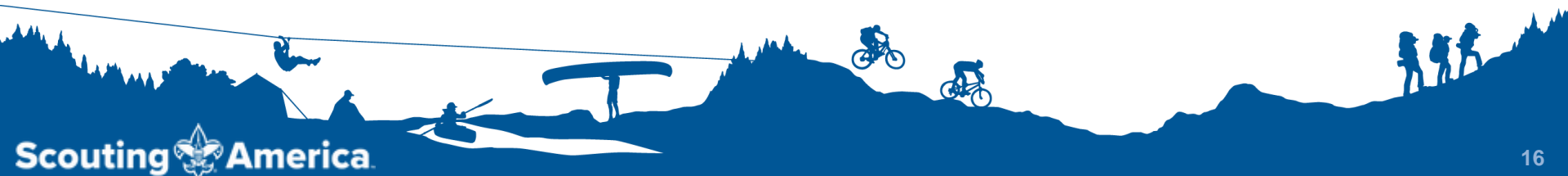
"A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room." -- Baden-Powell





Requirement 4 (Form BSA 430-16)

- The troop conducted at least one outing with a Webelos Scout den. “Yes” / “No”





Requirement 5 (Form BSA 430-16)

- The troop earned at least one outdoors-related* merit badge per Scout. “Yes” / “No”

Number of registered Scouts _____

Total outdoor* merit badges earned _____

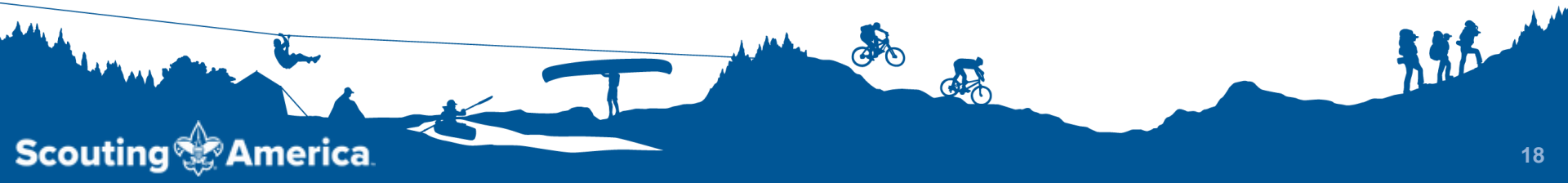




Outdoor Merit Badges

(there are 45 of them!)

Archery, Astronomy, Athletics, Backpacking, Bird Study, Camping, Canoeing, Climbing, Cooking, Cycling, Emergency Preparedness, Environmental Science, Farm Mechanics, First Aid, Fish and Wildlife Management, Fishing, Fly-Fishing, Forestry, Geocaching, Geology, Hiking, Horsemanship, Kayaking, Landscape Architecture, Lifesaving, Motorboating, Nature, Oceanography, Orienteering, Pioneering, Rifle Shooting, Rowing, Safety, Scuba, Shotgun Shooting, Skating, Small-Boat Sailing, Snow Sports, Soil and Water Conservation, Sports, Sustainability, Swimming, Water Sports, Whitewater, Wilderness Survival.





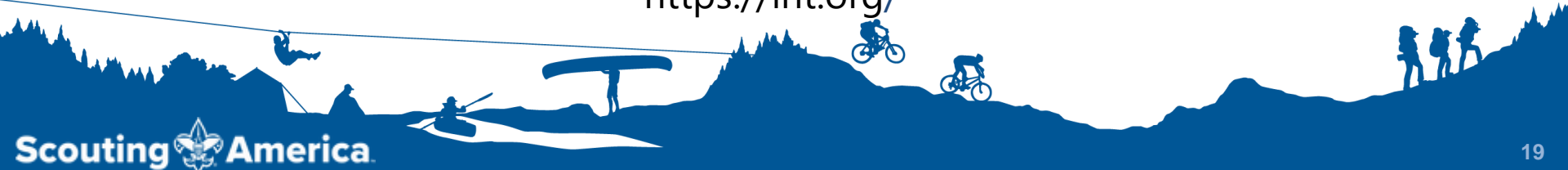
Requirement 6 (Form BSA 430-16)

- The troop conducted at least one Leave No Trace program during the calendar year for a minimum of 50 percent of the members. Yes / No



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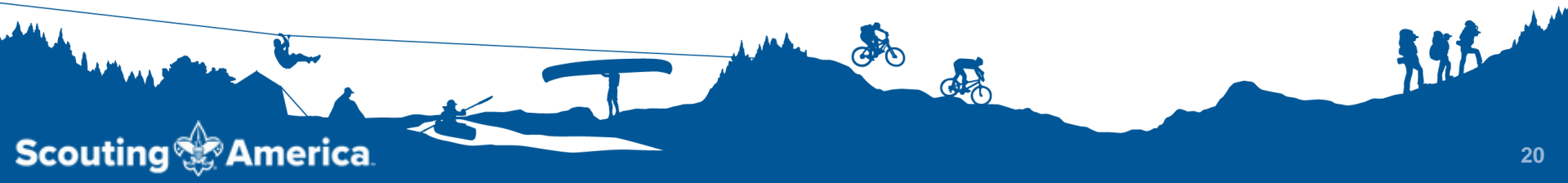
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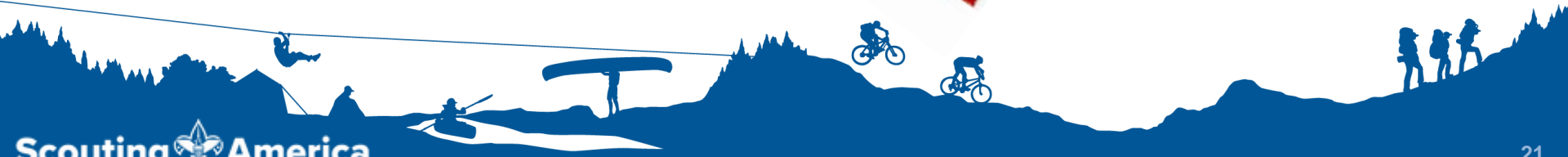
Finishing up (Form BSA 430-16)

- **Signatures of:**
 - Camping Chair or unit commissioner
 - Scoutmaster
 - Senior Patrol Leader
- **Recognition:**
 - National Outdoor Challenge Streamer, Number 610297





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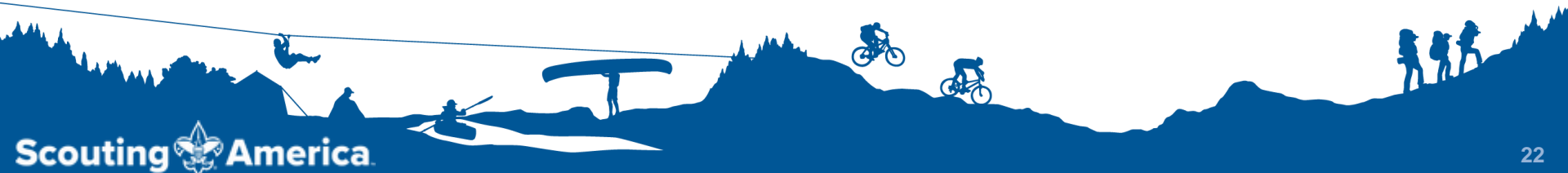


National Outdoor Awards (BSA 430-509WB)

- Camping
- Aquatics
- Hiking
- Riding
- Adventure
- Conservation



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National Outdoor Badge for Camping



1. Earn (one of the following):

- Scouts BSA First Class rank
- Sea Scout Apprentice rank, or
- Venturing Ranger (complete requirements 1–6.)

2. Complete the Camping merit badge requirements.

3. Complete the requirements for two of the following three:

- Cooking merit badge or Ranger Cooking core;
- First Aid merit badge or Ranger First Aid core;
- Pioneering merit badge.





National Outdoor Badge for Camping

4. Complete 25 days and nights of camping—including (*but not limited to*)) six consecutive days (five nights) of camping including nights camped as part of requirements 1 through 3 above at 25 nights at a BSA accredited resident camp.

Gold device may be earned for each additional **25 nights** of camping.

Silver device is earned for each additional **100 nights** of camping.

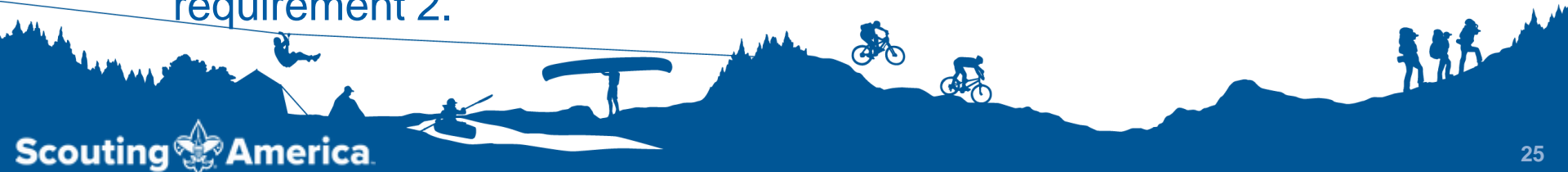




National Outdoor Badge for Hiking



1. **Earn (one of the following):**
 - Scouts BSA First Class rank
 - Sea Scout Apprentice rank, or
 - Venturing Ranger (complete requirements 1–6.)
2. **Complete the requirements** for the Hiking merit badge, Backpacking merit badge, or Venturing Ranger Backpacking elective
3. **Complete the requirements** for one of the following: Orienteering merit badge, Geocaching merit badge, or Venturing Ranger Land Navigation core requirement.
4. **Complete 100 miles** of hiking or backpacking under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America, including miles hiked as part of requirement 2.





National Outdoor Badge for Hiking

Gold device may be earned for each additional 50 miles hiked, backpacked, snowshoed, or skied as outlined in requirements 2 and 3.

Silver device is earned for each additional 200 miles of hiking. The youth may wear any combination of devices totaling his or her current number of miles hiking.





National Outdoor Badge for Aquatics

1. **Earn (one of the following):**
 - Scouts BSA First Class rank
 - Sea Scout Apprentice rank, or
 - Venturing Ranger (complete requirements 1–6.)
2. **Complete requirements** for Swimming **AND** Lifesaving merit badges *or* Venturing Ranger Lifesaver elective. (For Sea Scouts, swimming merit badge requirements are an Ordinary rank requirement, and lifesaving merit badge requirements are an Able rank requirement)
3. **Earn the Mile Swim BSA Award**



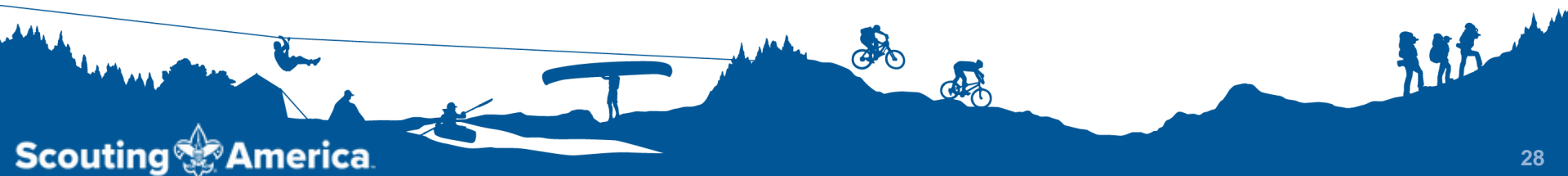


National Outdoor Badge for Aquatics

4. Compete requirements for at least **one** of the following merit badges:

Canoeing, Fishing, Fly-Fishing, Kayaking, Rowing, Scuba Diving, Small-Boat Sailing, Water Sports, or Whitewater merit badges or Ranger Award Fishing, Scuba or Watercraft electives.

Complete at least **25 hours** of on-the-water time, applying the skills that you learned in the merit badge or Ranger elective.





National Outdoor Badge for Aquatics

- **5. Complete at least 50 hours** of any combination of swimming, canoeing, fishing, fly-fishing, kayaking, rowing, scuba, small-boat sailing, stand up paddleboarding, water sports, or whitewater activity under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America, including time spent in requirements 2 through 4.

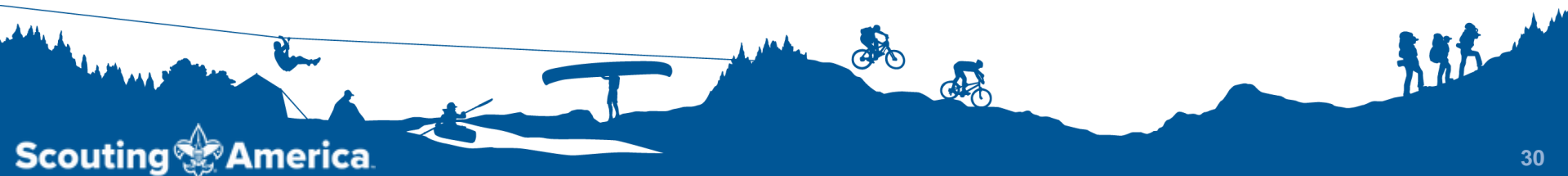




National Outdoor Badge for Aquatics (Cont)

Devices:

- A **gold device** may be earned for each additional 25 hours of aquatics activity listed in requirement 5.
- A **silver device** is earned for each additional 100 hours of aquatics activity. The youth may wear any combination of devices totaling his or her current number of hours of aquatics activity.





National Outdoor Badge for Conservation

1. Earn the Scouts BSA First Class rank, Sea Scout Apprentice rank, or complete Venturing Ranger Award reqts 1-6.
2. Demonstrate the safe use of five of the following conservation tools: pick or pickax; shovel or spade; ax; bow saw; cross-cut saw; prybar; sledge hammer; loppers or shears; fire rake or McLeod; and/or Pulaski. Discuss the ethical use of the tools you chose.
3. Complete the requirements for the following: a. Environmental Science merit badge or Sustainability merit badge or both Venturing Ranger Conservation core and Ecology elective; b. Soil and Water Conservation merit badge; c. One of the following merit badges: Fish and Wildlife Management, Forestry, or Mammals





National Outdoor Badge for Conservation

4. Complete 25 hours of conservation work under the auspices and standards of Scouting America, including hours worked as part of requirements 1 through 3.





National Outdoor Badge for Conservation

Devices:

- A **gold device** may be earned for each additional 25 hours of conservation work.
- A **silver device** is earned for each additional 100 hours of conservation work
- For example, the first silver device is earned at 125 total hours of conservation work). Youth may wear any combination of devices totaling his or her current number of hours of conservation work.





National Outdoor Badge for Riding



1. Earn the First Class rank, Sea Scout Apprentice rank, *or* complete Venturing Ranger Award requirements 1-6.
2. Complete the requirements for at least one,
 - Cycling merit badge or Ranger Cycling/Mountain Biking elective and 100 miles of cycling
 - Horsemanship merit badge or Ranger Equestrian elective and 20 miles of horseback riding
 - Motorboating merit badge or Ranger Watercraft elective and 100 miles of motor boating
 - Skating merit badge or Ranger Winter Sports elective and 20 miles of skating





National Outdoor Badge for Riding

3. Complete 200 miles of riding activities, including cycling, stock riding, skating, motor boating, mountain boarding, (including ATV or PWC riding at an approved council program), under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America, including the miles in requirement 2.





National Outdoor Badge for Riding

Devices:

- A **gold device** may be earned for each additional 100 miles of riding set forth in requirement 3.
- A **silver device** is earned for each additional 400 miles of riding.
- The youth may wear any combination of devices totaling his or her current number of miles of riding





National Outdoor Badge for Adventure



1. **Earn** the Scouts BSA First Class rank, Sea Scout Apprentice rank, *or* complete Venturing Ranger Award requirements 1-6.





National Outdoor Badge for Adventure

- 2. Complete the requirements for:

Wilderness Survival, Search and Rescue, or Emergency Preparedness merit badge.



OR



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or Ranger Wilderness Survival core, Ranger Emergency Preparedness core, or Ranger First Aid elective.

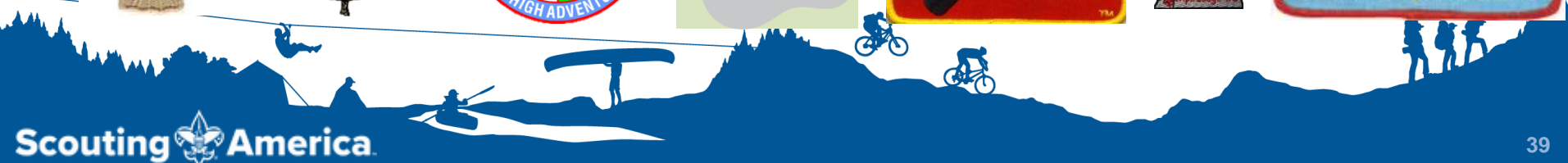




National Outdoor Badge for Adventure

3. **Complete 10 activities** of any **combination** or **repetition** of the following adventure activities, under the auspices of the Scouting America:

- a) Backpacking
- b) Water Trekking
- c) White Water Trekking
- d) Climbing
- e) National Historic Trails Award
- f) 50-Miler Award
- g) High Adventure Base
 - National
 - Council





National Outdoor Badge for Adventure

Devices:

- A **gold** device may be earned for each additional five activities.
- A **silver** device is earned for each additional 20 activities.
- The Scout may wear any combination of devices totaling his current number of activities.





CASE Study

- *Troop 1 attends the historic Northern Tier Canoe Country and spends 6 days and 5 nights canoe trekking over 84 miles by water and foot. Participants spent approximately 8 hours a day on the water.*
- *Question: What elements of the NOA award were involved?*

Camping ~ Aquatics ~ Hiking ~ Riding ~ Adventure ~ Conservation

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National Medal for Outdoor Achievement (BSA 430-041WB)

1. **Earn** the Scouts BSA First Class rank, Sea Scout Apprentice rank, or complete Venturing Ranger Award requirements 1-6 and hold the Venturing Discovery Award.
2. **Earn** the National Outdoor Badge for Camping with a silver device.
3. **Earn** any two additional National Outdoor Badges, each with two gold devices.





National Medal for Outdoor Achievement (BSA 430-041WB)

4. **Complete the requirements** for all of the following: Backpacking merit badge *or* Ranger Backpacking elective; Emergency Preparedness merit badge *or* Ranger Emergency Preparedness core; Nature merit badge; and Wilderness Survival merit badge *or* Ranger Wilderness Survival core.





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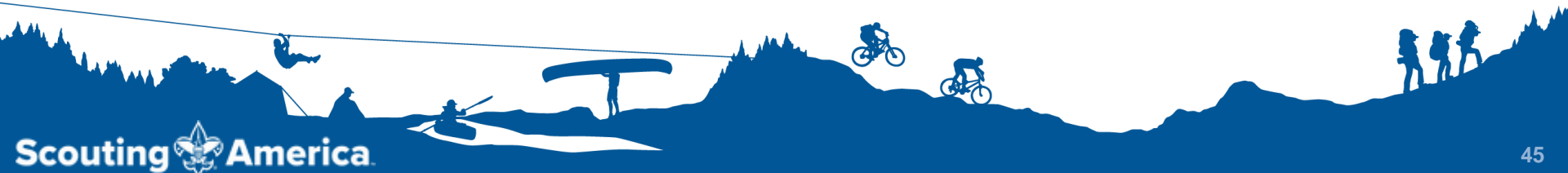
5. **Complete** a 16-hour course in **Wilderness First Aid** from the American Red Cross, Wilderness Medical Institute, or other recognized provider.





National Medal for Outdoor Achievement (BSA 430-041WB)

- **6. Become a Leave No Trace Trainer** by completing the 16-hour training course from a recognized Leave No Trace Master Educator.





National Medal for Outdoor Achievement (BSA 430-041WB)

7. Plan and lead, with the approval of your unit leader, an outing for your troop, team, ship, crew patrol, or squad in two of the following activity areas:



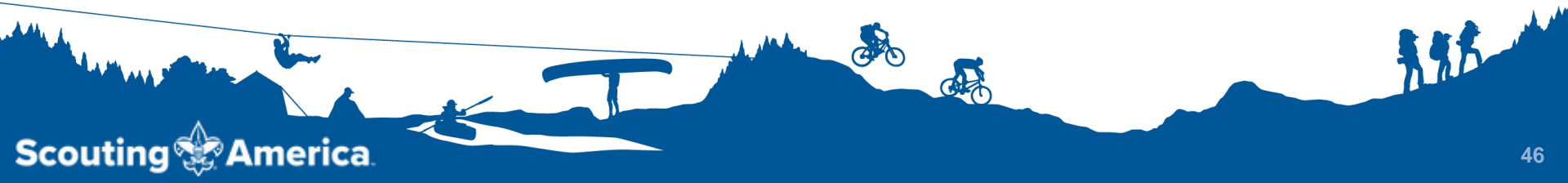
Hiking or Backpacking



Riding or Cycling



Aquatics





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8. Complete at least one of the following:

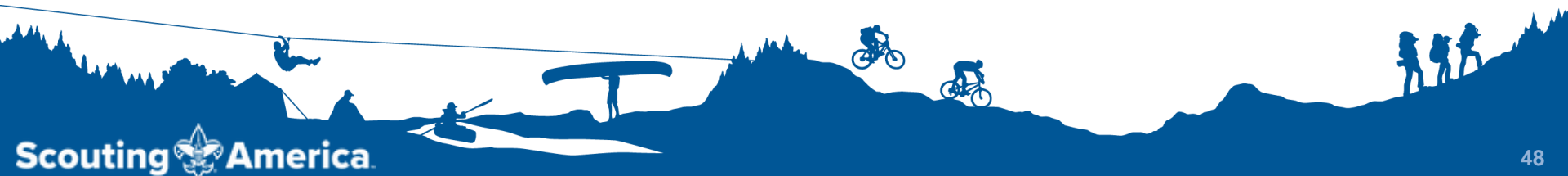
a. Plan and lead, with the approval of your unit leader, an adventure activity identified in the National Outdoor Badge for Adventure for your troop, ship, crew, or patrol.

b. **Successfully complete a season on a council summer camp staff** in an outdoor area, such as aquatics, Scoutcraft, nature/environment, climbing, or COPE





Develop a Culture of Excellence and Reward it!!!





Projected Outcomes

- **Increased**
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Questions?



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"That's all Folks!"