

VENTURING

RANGER AWARD PROGRAM



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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 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 an elite outdoorsman who is 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:

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

And four of eighteen challenging electives:

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| 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 |
| Lifesaving | Winter Sports |

Note: Venturers, who have received the Outdoor Bronze Award, need only complete four of the core requirements and two electives to qualify for the Ranger Award, since they already have completed four Core requirements and two electives.

Procedure

Ranger candidates may work on their own or with other Venturers. A crew may also work together. Candidates may work with outside consultants such as scuba diving instructors. Advisors and consultants must sign a Ranger candidate's record sheet found in the *Venturer/Ranger Handbook*. No crew review is required.

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 featuring a powder horn superimposed over a compass dial. The medal is worn suspended from a green and white ribbon attached to a silver Ranger bar. A silver Ranger bar is also available for wear on the field uniform. A certificate is available, too.

Supply Information

Councils (only) may order the Ranger Award from the BSA National Distribution Center:

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

