

1998 NATIONAL QUALITY UNIT AWARD



- REPORT OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR PAST CHARTER YEAR—(A)
- COMMITMENT FOR THE COMING CHARTER YEAR—(B)

Unit must achieve six of ten to qualify as a National Quality Troop.
(Four starred [*] items are required, plus two additional items = six total.)

Troop no. _____ Chartered organization _____

City _____ State _____ Recharter month _____

District _____ Council _____

	(A)	(B)
	Past	Coming
	Year	Year

Mark yes (Y) or no (N) in the box for each item.

* 1.

Training. The Scoutmaster will complete Boy Scout Leader Fast Start Training and Scoutmastership Fundamentals.

* 2.

Two-Deep Leadership. We will have one or more assistant Scoutmasters registered, trained, and active. One registered adult is assigned responsibility for Youth Protection training.

3.

Planned program. Our troop will conduct an annual program planning conference, publish an annual troop program calendar, and present it to parents at a family activity.

4.

Service Project. Our troop will conduct a service project annually, preferably for the chartered organization or the community.

_____ Number of hours of community service performed by our youth members last year.

5.

Advancement. Sixty percent or more of our Boy Scouts will advance a rank, or we will have a 10 percent increase in total rank advancement over a year ago. Approved rank advancements for this recognition include Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle.

_____ Number of Boy Scouts at the beginning of the current troop charter year.

_____ Number of these Boy Scouts who will advance a rank during the troop charter year.

_____ Percentage of these Boy Scouts who will advance a rank during the troop charter year,
or

_____ Percentage of rank increase over a year ago.

6.

Boys' Life. Fifty percent or more of our Boy Scout members will subscribe to *Boys' Life* magazine or we will have a 10 percent increase over a year ago.

_____ Number of Boy Scouts subscribing at the beginning of the current troop charter year.

_____ Number of Boy Scouts who will subscribe at the beginning of the next troop charter year.

_____ Percentage increase in subscriptions over a year ago, or

_____ Percentage of Boy Scouts who will subscribe at the beginning of the next charter year.

* 7.

Outdoor Activities. The troop will conduct six highlight activities (such as hikes, campouts, trips, tours, etc.) and attend a Boy Scouts of America long-term camp.

8.

Membership. We will renew our charter with an equal or greater number of youth registered over a year ago.

_____ Number of youth registered at the beginning of the current charter year.

_____ Number of youth who will register at the beginning of the next charter year.

9.

Patrol Method. We will conduct Troop Junior Leader Training as outlined in the *Scoutmaster Handbook* and hold monthly patrol leaders' council meetings.

*10.

On-Time Charter Renewal. The troop will complete its charter renewal before its current charter expires.

Achieved National Quality Unit Award past charter year (A) • Yes • No

_____ Date

_____ Commissioner

_____ Scoutmaster

Instructions. Use ballpoint pen.

Top Sheet. Council copy. Attach to Quality Unit Recognition Form, No. 14-238M, and submit to the council service center.

Bottom Sheet. Unit copy. Back contains interpretation for Quality Troop Award.

Major Features

- Recognitions and commitment goals are established on the troop charter year.
- Each troop signs up at the beginning of its charter year and qualifies for the award at the close of its charter year.
- During the month after the charter renewal, a review is conducted by a council representative, usually a commissioner, to determine if the troop qualifies as a Quality Unit for the past year and to make commitments for the coming year.

Recognition

For troops: Pennant streamer for flagpole or room display (no charge), and plaques for selected adults.

For individuals: All Boy Scouts and adults of a troop qualifying for the National Quality Unit Award are eligible to wear a recognition emblem on their uniform and a quality pin on civilian clothing. (Emblems, pins, plaques, and streamers can be ordered from the local council service center.)

INTERPRETATION OF COMMITMENTS FOR THE QUALITY TROOP AWARD

Aim to achieve a "yes" on all ten commitments. You need six to qualify for the Quality Troop Award. This includes all of the four starred (*) items plus a minimum of any two additional items.

- * 1. **Training.** Trained leaders are an essential part of quality troop operation. The new Scoutmaster must complete Boy Scout Leader Fast Start Training within 90 days of selection and registration. The Scoutmaster must have completed the Scoutmastership Fundamentals course. If the unit had a trained Scoutmaster during most of the charter year, but a new Scoutmaster was selected too late to complete Scoutmastership Fundamentals before charter renewal, the council may still approve this item.
- * 2. **Two-Deep Leadership.** The troop must have two-deep leadership. At least one assistant Scoutmaster must be active, registered, and trained as indicated in (1) above. A registered adult in the troop must be assigned responsibility to promote Youth Protection training and coordinate appropriate awareness for parents and youth members.
3. **Planned Program.** The patrol leaders' council conducts the annual program planning conference. After the Scoutmaster obtains the troop committee's commitment of support for the program, copies are shared with everyone related to the troop, including parents.
4. **Service Project.** Consider your chartered organization as your first preference. A community service program is another choice. Or, if you would like to help Scouting in other countries, funds can be transmitted to your local council for the World Friendship Fund. Also, fill in the total number of hours devoted to community service efforts and projects by all youth members of your unit during the past twelve months.
5. **Advancement.** Set objectives for advancement using the spaces on your commitment sheet. Additional Boy Scouts enrolled during the year are not figured in the percentage. Only those Boy Scouts listed on the charter application at the beginning of the charter year are counted at the end of the charter year.

Examples:

<u>30</u>	Boy Scouts registered at the beginning of the troop charter year.
<u>18</u>	of these Boy Scouts advanced a rank during the year.
<u>60</u>	percent of these Boy Scouts advanced a rank (commitment is met).

OR

<u>25</u>	percent advanced a rank last charter year.
<u>40</u>	percent advanced a rank this charter year.
<u>15</u>	percent increase in number of boys advancing over a year ago (commitment is met).

(Note: Those Scouts who are already Eagle Scouts may be counted as achieving a rank advancement.)

6. **Boys' Life.** Set objectives for *Boys' Life* magazine on this commitment sheet. It is recommended that 100 percent of your troop families subscribe. Part of the troop's annual budget should include *Boy's Life* magazine.
- * 7. **Outdoor Activities.** A quality troop must attend a long-term camp approved by the local council. Troops are encouraged to have an outdoor activity every month. At least six highlight activities are required, in addition to long-term camp.
8. **Membership.** Conduct a membership inventory and personally invite Boy Scouts who are missing meetings. Plan a program to invite new boys and Cub Scouts as they reach Boy Scout age. Use the spaces on the commitment sheet to set objectives for the troop charter year.
9. **Patrol Method.** The purpose of the patrol leaders' council is to plan and run troop activities and to train the patrol leaders. In a Quality Troop, the Scoutmaster places a top priority on both training and monthly meetings of the patrol leaders' council. Use the *Scoutmaster Handbook* (1991 printing or later) and the *Scoutmaster's Junior Leader Training Kit*, No. 3422.
- *10. **On-Time Charter Renewal.** See that the charter renewal application and fees reach the council service center before midnight of the last day of the troop's charter year. Most units will want to submit their renewal at least fifteen days before charter expiration to allow adequate time for processing and any unforeseen delays.

Steps

1. Attach the council copies of both the achievement and commitment forms to the Quality Unit Recognition Order Form, No. 14-238M, and submit to the local council service center.
2. Include National Quality Unit Award program on your troop committee agenda each month to check progress.