

2014 COMMISSIONER CHALLENGE AWARD

Meet all the requirements below and your pack, troop, team, or crew can receive all cloth rank badges at no cost for all of 2015!

Unit: - Pack - Troop - Team - Crew # _____

District: - Coyote Creek - Loma Prieta - Pioneer - Polaris
- Quicksilver - San Benito - Santa Lucia

Yes No 1) 2014 Journey to Excellence Award: Our unit has or will meet by December 31, 2014 all 13 (Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts) or 10 (Venturing/Post/Ship) objectives in at least the bronze category of the Journey to Excellence Award program.

Date Completed: _____

Yes No 2) Scout-O-Rama: Our unit had a booth at Scout-O-Rama.

Booth theme: _____

Yes No 3) Friends of Scouting: Our unit met our 2014 Friends of Scouting goal.

Goal: \$ _____ Actual: \$ _____

Yes No 4) Popcorn and Scout-O-Rama Fundraising Goal: Our unit met our 2014 combined Popcorn and Scout-O-Rama fundraising goal.

Popcorn Goal: \$ _____ Actual: \$ _____
(\$20 of popcorn product/registered scout – as of June 30, 2014)

Scout-O-Rama: \$ _____ Actual: \$ _____
(1 coupon card(\$10)/registered scout – as of the date of Scout-o-Rama)

Goal Total: \$ _____ Actual Total: \$ _____

Yes No 5) District or Council Volunteer: At least one member of our unit provided significant leadership/service to our district or to the council during 2014.

Name of unit volunteer: _____

Service to District/Council: _____

Yes No 6) Turned in by December 1. All completed and signed recharter forms and this Commissioner Challenge form have been turned in and accepted at the scout office by December 1, 2014. Date Received: _____

Based on review of this application:

___ Yes, you have achieved the 2014 Commissioners Challenge Award.

___ No, you have not yet achieved the 2014 Commissioners Challenge Award.

Reviewed and approved on this date _____ by:

Unit Leader/
Committee Chair

Unit Commissioner/
District Representative

District Executive

Explanation of requirements and details for the Commissioner Challenge are found on the second page of this form.



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Free cloth rank badges: Packs, Troops, Teams, and Crews can receive the following badges without charge from the Scout Shop for the next recharter year (March 1, 2015 – February 28, 2016) if all the requirements are completed and this form is submitted to the council office by December 1, 2014.

- Cub Scouts – Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, Arrow of Light cloth badges, arrowhead points.
- Boy Scouts and Varsity – Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle cloth badge, Eagle recognition kit, merit badges, and Varsity letter.
- Venturing – Star, Life, and Eagle cloth badge, Eagle recognition kit, merit badges, Bronze, Gold, and Silver Award kits.

1) Journey to Excellence Award: The Journey to Excellence Award is a national recognition for units that achieve certain objectives measuring aspects of a quality program. Throughout the year, the unit works towards fulfilling the requirements and completing the objectives by the end of the year. In order for a unit to earn the Commissioner Challenge award, the unit must meet or exceed the bronze level for all 13 (Cub Scout and Boy Scout units) or 10 (Venturing crews/Exploring Posts/ Sea Scout Ships) objectives of the Journey for Excellence. A unit may submit their Journey to Excellence application with their rechartering paperwork as long as it is before December 1st.

2) Scout-O-Rama: Scout-O-Rama is held at History Park in Kelley Park in San Jose. At this event, units have booths showcasing fun, interactive, exciting games, crafts, and projects. When a unit participates in Scout-O-Rama, it gives the scouts of the unit the opportunity to show off what makes their unit special as well as exposing the scouts to the skills of other units and other levels and aspects of scouting.

3) Friends of Scouting: From January to April, families of Scouts and other friends of Scouting are asked to make a donation towards the support of the council. A dollar goal is established and agreed upon by the unit and the district Friends of Scouting leadership. Typically, a presentation is made at a pack meeting or a court of honor to the families of the unit. To satisfy this objective, a unit is asked to meet or exceed their agreed upon goal.

4) Scout-O-Rama and Popcorn Fundraising:

March through May, Scouts sell family admission tickets to Scout-O-Rama. One \$10 coupon card allows the entire family to enjoy Scout-O-Rama as well as providing a full years worth of coupons. Furthermore, 30% of each ticket sale (\$3) stays with the unit. A unit's goal is calculated to be one ticket for each scout registered in the unit at the time of Scout-O-Rama.

In September, units receive a consignment of popcorn for the Scouts to "show and sell" in front of stores and door-to-door. The Scouts also collect orders from friends, neighbors, and others and the "take order" popcorn is delivered to the Scouts for distribution in November. A unit's goal is determined to be \$20 of popcorn product for each scout registered in the unit as of June 30, 2014. Approximately 1/3 (33%) of all popcorn sales stay with the unit.

To satisfy this Scout-O-Rama and Popcorn Fundraising objective, a unit must meet the combined fundraising goal of Popcorn sales and Scout-O-Rama tickets. Units do not need to meet each goal individually; only the combined goal must be met.

5) District or Council Volunteer: A district and the council exist for the purpose of building strong units. This is accomplished through district/council volunteers serving as unit commissioners, trainers, camp promotion team members, etc. Some of the district/council opportunities for significant service are short-term while others are year-round. Your district commissioner, program chair, district chair, or district executive can identify opportunities for significant leadership service within the district or council. Even if an individual has multiple unit registrations, one volunteer may only satisfy this objective for one unit.