

GREEN MOUNTAIN COUNCIL QUALITY UNIT AWARD FOR TROOPS

Quality Unit Award Information

- Units establish annual goals at the beginning of each charter year and qualify for recognition based on performance at the close of that year.
- Units submit scoring results through an online form by January 31. Quality unit status is reviewed by a council representative, usually a commissioner or district executive, to determine if the unit has qualified.

Recognition

- **For units:** Pennant streamer for flagpole or room display (*no charge*).
- **For individuals:** Registered members of a unit qualifying for the GMC Quality Unit Award are eligible to wear recognition patches on their uniforms. A council representative will confirm quantities and payment details.

INTERPRETATION OF COMMITMENTS FOR THE QUALITY TROOP AWARD

Aim to achieve a "yes" on all 8 commitments. You need 6(six) to qualify for the Quality Troop Award.

1. **Training.** The Scoutmaster, Committee Chair, and at least 50 percent of Assistant Scoutmasters must complete Position-Specific Training. Although not required for this award, the troop should strive to have 100 percent trained leaders. If the unit had trained leaders during most of the charter year, but a new leader was selected too late to complete training before charter renewal, the council may still approve this item.
2. **Outdoor Activities.** Encourage all Scouts to participate in at least six experiences. To qualify, the troop must also take part in a long-term resident camp (summer camp, High Adventure trek, etc.)
3. **On-Time Charter Renewal.** See that the charter renewal is posted in my.scouting.org before midnight of the last day of the unit's charter year. Visit <https://www.scouting.org/renewal> for information and how-to videos.
4. **Membership.** Conduct a membership inventory and personally invite Scouts who have been missing meetings. (Retaining Scouts year-to-year is a mark of a good program.) Plan a program(s) to invite new youth as they reach Scout age to a dedicated Community Scout Night join event.
5. **Troop Meetings.** Good troop meetings and summertime activities should be preceded by meetings of the youth leadership (PLC) and adult leaders and the troop committee.
6. **Finance.** Create an annual unit budget plan to ensure a fun-filled, successful program year. Visit www.scoutingvermont.org/partner to Schedule your unit's Character Co-op Rally (Friends of Scouting presentation). Participate in a council-sponsored no-risk fundraiser such as Popcorn, Mt. Norris Maple Syrup, or Adventure Cards.
7. **Service.** Scouting organizes state-wide Good Turns to impact important causes while elevating Scouting's profile in the community. Green Up Day takes place on the first Saturday of May and the Scouting Salute to Veterans Parade is held on the first Saturday of November. Recording service hours in Scoutbook helps Scouting America, the Green Mountain Council, and your unit, easily calculate and communicate the total impact Scouts have had on their communities.
Example calculation: 5 Scouts participated for 1 hour (5) plus 3 Scouts for 1.5 hours (4.5) = 9.5 hours credit for this project. (www.advancements.scouting.org). Eagle Service Projects do not qualify.
8. **Advancement.** Set objectives for advancement. Additional Scouts enrolled during the year are not figured in the percentage. Only those Scouts listed on the roster at the beginning of the charter year are counted at the end of the charter year.

STEPS

- Include Green Mountain Council Quality Unit Award program on your troop committee agenda each month to review progress.
- Visit www.scoutingvermont.org/qualityunitaward to log your results before January 31 for the previous year. A council representative will contact you to confirm payment and fulfillment arrangements for recognition items.



Info & Submission Form
www.scoutingvermont.org/qualityunitaward