



AWARD WORKSHEET

50-Miler Award

Scouts BSA

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The 50-Miler Award celebrates a big group adventure: traveling at least 50 miles under your own power over five or more days, and giving back along the way. It takes real planning and teamwork, and the memories last a lifetime.

Requirements

Every official requirement, in plain language. Check the official wording when you sign off (scouting.org/awards/awards-central/50-miler/). Tips and examples are ideas, not extra requirements.

- ☐ **1** Make full, satisfactory plans for the trip, including chances for advancement, conservation, leadership, and service

Tip: Plan the route, meals, gear, and service work with your group. Think about how to fit in advancement and conservation along the way.

Example: A planning sheet might cover the route and daily distance (about 10 miles a day), campsites and permits, menus and resupply, gear lists, who leads each day, which advancement you'll work on (like Backpacking or Canoeing), and when the service project happens.

- ☐ **2** Travel a route of at least 50 consecutive miles over at least 5 consecutive days without motors (pack animals are allowed in some areas; motor use for things like leaving port or safety doesn't count toward the 50 miles)

Tip: You can hike, paddle, or bike as long as no motors are used. Train ahead with shorter trips so everyone is ready, and make sure trained adults are along.

Example: Three ways to do it: hike five days on a long-distance trail, paddle a river from campsite to campsite, or bike a long trail over five or six days. Whichever you choose, no motors.

- ☐ **3** While on the trail or waterway, do at least 10 hours of group work to improve the trail, campsite, springs, portage, or surrounding area (if that isn't possible, a similar project near home; no unauthorized cutting of brush or timber)

Tip: Contact the land manager early to find a trail, campsite, or area project that needs help. Bring the right tools and gloves.

Example: Ten hours of group work could be clearing brush from the trail corridor, rebuilding a fire ring, picking up litter around a busy campsite, or helping a trail crew clear a fallen tree. The land manager tells you what's needed most.

- ☐ **4** The unit or tour leader sends the completed application to the local council office

Tip: Keep good records of miles, days, and service hours so your unit leader can complete the application easily.

Example: Help your leader by keeping a trip log each night: miles covered, where you camped, and service hours worked. A photo of the finished trail work helps tell the story.