

Troop _____ of _____ District

Ward _____ Stake _____
2017 Scouting's Journey to Excellence (LDS)

Item	Objective	Bronze Level	Silver Level	Gold Level	Bronze Points	Silver Points	Gold Points
Planning and Budget					Total Points: 200		
#1	Planning and budget: Have a program plan and budget that is regularly reviewed by the committee, and it follows BSA policies related to fundraising.	Have an annual program plan and budget adopted by the troop committee. Program plan to include elements of Duty to God and Come Follow Me.	Achieve Bronze, plus troop committee meets at least six times during the year to review program plans and finances.	Achieve Silver, plus troop conducts a planning meeting involving youth leaders for the following program year.	50	100	200
Membership					Total Points: 500		
#2	Building Boy Scouting: Have an increase in Boy Scout membership or maintain a larger than average troop size.	Register all Boy-Scout-age LDS youth in ward.	Achieve Bronze and have a written plan in place to actively recruit Non-Member or Inactive boys using Peer-to-Peer program	Achieve Silver and recruit at least one Non-Member or Inactive boy using Peer-to-Peer program	50	100	200
#3	Retention: Retain a significant percentage of youth members.	Register 100% of eligible youth members using the MLS reports	Earn Bronze, plus annual re-chartering is completed on time.	Earn Silver, plus the MLS reports are updated to the council quarterly.	50	100	200
#4	EYO-to-Scout transition: Have an effective plan to transition EYO Scouts into the troop.	With EYO patrol, hold two joint activities.	Achieve Bronze, plus transition all eligible EYO Scouts into the troop.	Achieve Silver, plus provide a parent Coordinator to help transition the parents of the EYO scouts to the troop.	25	50	100
Program					Total Points: 900		
#5	Advancement: Achieve a high percentage of Boy Scouts earning rank advancements. <i>(Percentage calculations should account for youth entering and leaving the Boy Scout age group during the year.)</i>	Have 40% of Boy Scouts advance one rank or have improvement over prior year. Scouts recognized within one Month of earning.	Have 50% of Boy Scouts advance one rank. Scouts are awarded within one month of earning.	Have 60% of Boy Scouts advance one rank. Scouts are awarded within one week of earning.	50	100	200
#6	Short-term camping: Conduct short-term or weekend campouts throughout the year.	Conduct four short-term overnight campouts. Plus, Duty to God youth led camp fire reflections are held.	Conduct seven short-term overnight campouts. Plus, Duty to God youth led camp fire reflections are held.	Conduct nine short-term overnight campouts. Plus, Duty to God youth led camp fire reflections are held.	50	100	200
#7	Long-term camping: Participate in a long-term camp with a majority of the troop in attendance.	The troop participates in a long-term camp. Plus, Duty to God youth led camp fire reflections are held.	60% of Scouts attend a long-term camp. Plus, Duty to God youth led camp fire reflections are held.	70% of Scouts attend a long-term camp. Plus, Duty to God youth led camp fire reflections are held.	50	100	200
#8	Service projects: Participate in service projects, with at least one benefiting the chartered organization.	Participate in four service projects and report hours.	Participate in five service projects and report hours.	Participate in six service projects (at least one Duty to Country project) and report hours.	25	50	100
#9	Patrol method: Use the patrol method to develop youth leaders. <i>(Troop leaders may also hold Deacons quorum leadership positions, but they must function as Boy Scout leaders as outlined by BSA.)</i>	The troop has patrols, and each has a patrol leader. There is an SPL, if more than one patrol. The PLC meets at least four times a year.	Achieve Bronze, plus PLC meets at least six times. The troop conducts patrol leader training.	Achieve Silver, plus PLC meets at least ten times. At least one Scout has attended an advanced training course, such as NYLT (Timberline) or Order of the Arrow Conference.	50	100	200
Volunteer Leadership					Total Points: 400		
#10	Leadership and family engagement: The troop is proactive in recruiting sufficient leaders and communicates regularly with parents.	Have a Scoutmaster, an assistant Scoutmaster, and a committee with at least three members.	Achieve Bronze, plus the troop holds two courts of honor, where troop plans are reviewed with parents.	Achieve Bronze, plus the troop holds three courts of honor, where troop plans are reviewed with parents.	50	100	200
#11	Trained leadership: Have trained and engaged leaders at all levels.	Scoutmaster and assistants have completed an orientation and youth protection training.	Achieve Bronze, plus the Scoutmaster and 60% of assistants have completed position-specific training or, if new, will complete within three months of joining.	Achieve Silver, plus two-thirds of active committee members must have completed Troop Committee Challenge and at least one person has attended advanced training of 5 days or more.	50	100	200

Bronze: Earn at least 525 points by earning points in at least 7 objectives.

Silver: Earn at least 750 points by earning points in at least 8 objectives.

Gold: Earn at least 1,000 points by earning points in at least 8 objectives.

Total points earned: _____

No. of objectives with points: _____

Our troop has completed online rechartering by the deadline in order to maintain continuity of our program. We certify that these requirements have been completed:

Scoutmaster _____ Date _____

Committee chair _____ Date _____

Commissioner _____ Date _____

Scouting's Journey to Excellence

2017 Troop Performance Recognition Program

Journey to Excellence uses a balanced approach to measure performance. Below provides specific information to help you understand the criteria and exactly what data will be used to determine the three levels of performance. In planning your strategy, use actual numbers from the previous year to guide your performance improvement goal planning. The troop may qualify by meeting a specific standard or by showing improvement.

Planning and Budget Measures	
1	The troop has a program plan that incorporates elements of Duty to God and Come Follow Me, and a budget that is reviewed at all troop committee meetings, and the troop follows BSA policies relating to fundraising and fiscal management as found on the Unit Money-Earning Application form and any other publication that the council has developed for fundraising and fiscal management. A meeting is held with youth leaders where they are involved in developing the plan for the next program year. The Troop program plan is shared with the Unit Commissioner (Stake Young Men's Presidency).
Membership Measures	
2	Bronze – All LDS boys are automatically registered. Silver – Have a written plan to recruit any non-member or inactive boys using the Peer-To-Peer program provided by the BSA Council. Gold – Recruit at least one non-member or inactive boy using Peer-to-Peer.
3	Bronze -All LDS boys are automatically registered each year. Silver - Earn Bronze plus annual re-chartering is completed on time. Gold – Earn Silver plus MLS reports are updated to the council quarterly.
4	Hold at least two activities with the EYO patrol and have a parent coordinator to help with the parent's transition to Boy Scouting.
Program Measures	
5	Total number of Boy Scouts advancing at least one rank (Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, Eagle, Palm) since your last charter renewal date. Include all boys who participated in the program during the year. Advancements are awarded as soon as possible, at least within one week to one month after earning; Courts of Honor recognize all achievements during the previous period. Advancements must be recorded using the Internet Advancement programs at https://scoutnet.scouting.org/IADV/ui/home/default.aspx .
6	Conduct short-term (at least one overnight) campouts throughout the year. Each campout should include a youth led Duty to God campfire reflection.
7	Number of Boy Scouts who attend any in-council or out-of-council long-term summer camp (of at least five nights), high-adventure experience, or jamboree, or serve on camp staff within the past year, divided by the Boy Scout membership on June 30, 2017. Youth attending long-term specialty camps such as NYLT or STEM are also counted. Should include youth led campfire reflections. Long term (3 nights or mor) activities are reported to the District (or Stake) by whatever means the District (or Stake) has provided.
8	The troop participates in service projects during the year and reports them to the District through Round Table or District web site. The projects may be completed as joint projects with other organizations. Duty to Country projects may include items such as Patrol/Troop attendance at Memorial Day Services, observe non-partisan voting events, City and State Meetings, visit the state capital and learn state history, flag retirement ceremonies, Scouting for Food, etc. Service hours must be reported to the national Service Hours web site at https://servicehours.scouting.org .
9	The troop is separated into patrols and each patrol has an elected patrol leader. If the troop has more than one patrol, there is an elected senior patrol leader. If the troop has more than one patrol, the PLC meets at least four times each year. The troop holds patrol leader training each year, and youth have the opportunity to participate in advanced training.
Volunteer Leadership Measures	
10	The troop has a Scoutmaster, an assistant, and a committee of at least three members. Ideally, the chartered organization representative should not be dual registered as one of the committee members. The troop conducts courts of honor where youth are recognized and program plans are shared with parents.
11	Scoutmaster and assistants have had an orientation and have completed youth protection training. Scoutmaster and 60% of the assistants have completed position-specific training or, if new, will complete within three months of joining. Two-thirds of active committee members have completed Troop Committee Challenge. For Gold, one leader must have completed advanced training of at least 5 days or more (Wood Badge, Summit, or Philmont) at some point in their Scouting tenure.

Scoring the troop's performance: To determine the troop's performance level, you will use the above information to determine the points earned for each of the 11 criteria and then add those individual point scores to determine a composite score. Count only the highest point total achieved in any one criterion. Bronze level requires earning at least 520 points in at least 8 criteria, Silver level requires earning points in at least 8 criteria and 750 points, and Gold level requires earning points in at least 8 criteria and 1,000 points.

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