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## Where will your Journey go?

Scouting's Journey to Excellence is the BSA's council performance recognition program designed to encourage and reward success and measure the performance of units, districts, and councils. It replaced the Centennial Quality Awards program as a means of encouraging excellence in providing a quality program at all levels of the BSA.

It provides you:

- A framework for evaluating your Pack
- Assessment of how you're doing in the key areas found in great Packs
- Guidance in areas where you might do better
- Specific guidelines and standards of what is good

performance

- Early warning of potential problem areas
- Recognition for your good performance
- Benchmarking to get ideas and tips from other good units

Each year the criteria for the award changes slightly. For 2013, training requirements are different and ScoutStrong is now in the physical fitness criterion.

Units can achieve one of three levels of the Journey to Excellence; Bronze, Silver, or Gold. What makes a "Gold" unit? A Gold unit is one where Scouts are advancing, leaders are trained and both participate in a variety of out-

door programs. But it's more than that. A gold unit is one where Scouts and their families provide meaningful community service and where Scouts are regularly recognized for their achievements. Gold units are those that plan and carryout an exciting year-round program that retains Scouts and attracts new youth.

Does this sound like your unit? Then you are probably on track to earn the Gold level of the Journey to Excellence. Way to go. Your Scouts will be able to proudly wear the Gold recognition on their uniform. If not, there is no time like the present to get on track.



JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

## Auf Wiedersehen

December culminates three years of service as Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioners for the Zeeks. We would like to thank all of the Scouters that we have met and learned from during this time. Each of you has brought something new to our program and helped us to advance the Scouting Movement.

We are leaving the Cub

Scout Roundtable in the capable hands of Tom and Elizabeth Johnston. The Johnston are long-time Cub Scouters who will bring a fresh perspective and new energy.

But, we are not leaving you totally. We are staying on in a couple of Unit and District level positions. We look forward to continuing our service to youth and working with all of you.

## Facebook Page

Ask Andy: The NetCommish

Andy has served in a number of Scouting roles and has had just about every training there is and has staffed a lot of them as well. He is an Eagle Scout and holds many awards and recognitions.

The Ask Andy columns have been read by Scouters in every Council in the USA and by Scouters in over 40 Countries.

Go ahead, ask him a question!

# ScoutBook Transfer Tip

Sooner or later you will need to transfer Scouts from one unit to another. Webelos crossover to Boy Scouts and others may move.

1. If the new unit has a Scoutbook subscription, add the new leader as a Connection to the Scout with Full Control permissions. The new leader now has enough control over the Scout's account to make any changes to his account.

2. The new leader can now log into Scoutbook and switch the unit of each Scout to the new unit. To do this just edit the profile of each Scout and select the new unit. Make sure to check the Approve checkbox when updating the new unit.

3. The new leader can then go through each Scouts' Connections and remove any old connections that no longer are active. This includes the old leader's connection to the Scout. If the Scout is connected to his parents/guardians those connections should remain in tact.

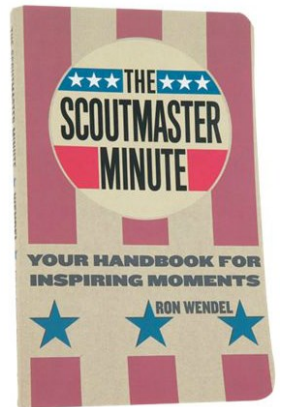
**OTHER NOTES:**

- If the new unit is not using Scoutbook make sure you have at least one parent connected with Full Control to the Scouts account.
- NEVER delete a Scout record because you simply want to transfer him out of your subscription! Doing so will delete all advancement data and notes on the Scout's account.

# Book of the Month

## The Scoutmaster Minute

Scouters can use this excellent book as a resource for the close of meeting lessons! This pocket-sized paperback book is a collection of inspirational stories, lessons, and quotations organized around the points of the Scout law. 128 pages. Not an official BSA® publication.



# The Ethan Giving Tree

The Cumberland Scout Shop is providing an opportunity for the scouting community to help local scout members who may be in need of uniforms and uniform items.

This help will be done through The Ethan Giving Tree program starting November 14 through December 19, 2015. The Ethan Giving Tree program works on a donation basis. An Ethan tree (similar to an Angel tree) will be set up at the Scout Shop with Ethan cards on it. Each card will have the first name of the Scout along with the uniform items that they need. There will also be a space for other items they may want such as books, crafts, camp-

ing items, etc. Customers and Scout supporters can purchase the item(s) in their local Scout Shop and give them to the store staff to collect for each child.

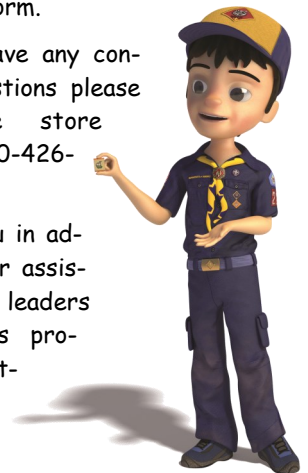
We will keep the name of the individual(s) confidential. Only the store staff will have access to the Scout's name and your contact information. A code will be issued that will match a card in the safe that will have your contact information, so as the donations are collected store staff will contact you so arrangements for pickup can be made.

We need your assistance to make this project a success. Please fill out the information on the request form and return to the store by as soon as

possible for every scout who would benefit from donations from the scouting community to complete their full uniform.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact the store staff at 910-426-5684.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. With leaders like you, this program will greatly benefit our scouting community.



## Upcoming Training Opportunities

**Wood Badge**  
S7-421-16-1  
April 8-10, 2016  
April 29 - May 1, 2016

Visit the training page on [highlanderdistrict.org](http://highlanderdistrict.org)  
For more information

**Wood Badge**  
S7-421-16-2  
Sep 9-11, 2016  
Sep 30 - Oct 2, 2016

## Upcoming Events

- Fayetteville Christmas Parade**  
December 12th
- Get out the Scout**  
December 17th
- District Awards Dinner**  
January 9
- Get out the Scout**  
February 7th