



**Scheme Overview
and Guide for Commissioners**

Get Out! in NSW

AIM: The aim of **Get Out! in NSW** is to promote outdoor activities in the Scout program.

OBJECTIVE: The objective of **Get Out! in NSW** is to provide a means to recognise and reward youth participation in key and core elements of the Scout outdoor program. It does this through the following awards which can be worn on the uniform:

- Camper Award – in recognition of nights spent camping as a Scout under Scout conditions.
- Walkabout Scout Award – in recognition of kilometres hiked as a Scout under Scouting conditions.
- Region Activity Award – in recognition of participation in a Region's annual major outdoor activity (camping or hiking activity)
- Cross region Badge – in recognition of a Scouts exploration of Region other than their own.
- Jam-Packed Award – in recognition of achievement in preparing for a Jamboree through participation in various outdoor activities
- Jamboree Participation Award – in recognition of participation in a Jamboree.

BACKGROUND: The concept of awarding badges for participation (as distinct from demonstrating a particular level of skill or competence) has been a feature of Scouting for many years. Awards for all the above activities have not generally been available in NSW and where available have not had a place on the uniform.

A decision by the NSW State Mindari to introduce the above Awards and determine a position for them to be placed on the uniform. The NSW State Patrol Leaders Council has endorsed the initiative (November 2005).

The concept of these Awards is drawn on the initiatives originally introduced by the Western Australian Branch and then by the Victorian Branch. However the Award contents are slightly different, but the concept is the same.

It is possible that additional Awards could be included in the future as interests and need require.

All Awards are small cloth badges which can be worn above the flap of the left pocket of the uniform.

Only the highest award earned in the Camper Award, Regional Activity and Walkabout Award is to be worn. If a Scout is one of the few lucky to attend two Jamborees then both Jamboree Awards may be worn. As these Awards are NSW Scout Section Awards, they will need to be removed after progression to Venturers or when moving Interstate.

QUALIFYING EVENTS:

Each event can only qualify for one Award. For example, participating in an overnight hike can only qualify for either Camper Award or Walkabout Scout Award, not both.

Region activities attended, nights camped and kilometres hiked for the Jam-Packed award can also count towards your Region Activity, Camper and Walkabout Scout awards as appropriate.

However, participating in or leading an Adventurer Level Campcraft Journey can qualify for either Camper Award or Walkabout Scout Award as well.

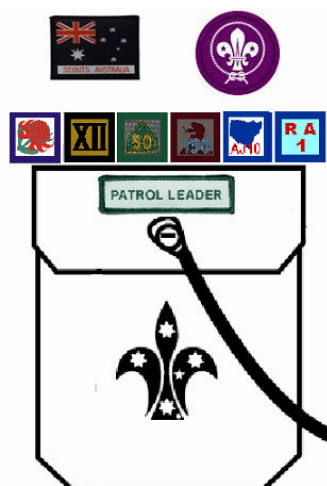
All State policies, including activity notification forms must be complied with at all times.

APPROVAL OF AWARDS:

The Scout Leader and Troop Council in general can approve the Awards. All Awards are available from the South Coast & Tablelands Scout Shop, Ground Floor of Region Headquarters, 85-87 Wentworth St, Port Kembla. Telephone 02 4274 1193.

PLACEMENT OF AWARDS:

- All Awards in the scheme are placed above the left pocket, along with the annual service awards in the order they are awarded:

**IMPLEMENTATION AND PROMOTION OF THE SCHEME:**

The awards in the scheme have been introduced during 2006 and 2007. The main launch of the scheme was in September 2007 when explanatory materials were made available. The scheme was reviewed in February 2010 when an additional badge and support materials were prepared. The support materials now available include:

- This guide – designed for use by commissioners implementing the scheme across the State.
- Scout Leader's Guide – designed for use by Scout Leaders and Troop Councils to introduce the scheme to their Troop
- Record Book Inserts – designed to be added to the green pocket Record Book to keep a record of progress through the scheme
- Scout flyer – to promote the scheme direct to Scouts.

Camper Award



The award is earned according to the number of nights a Scout camps. "Camping" includes all nights spent on Scout activities under canvas or under the stars – but does not include 'indoor' camps. Family or school camps do not qualify.

There are five awards in the series. Each replaces the previous award earned and only the highest award qualified for is worn.

- 10 nights
- 25 nights
- 50 nights
- 75 nights
- 100 nights

Each badge is identical in design. The number of nights is changed showing the number of nights recognised by the Award.

Nights camped over 100 are recognised in 25 kilometre increments with additional awards to indicate the total nights camped.

How to achieve this Award:

A register of nights camped is provided on the following page. If additional pages are required copy this page and attach it to the first page. Enter the date and location of the camp, the type of camp, and the number of nights camped.

When the number of nights camped reaches an Award level, the Award is then presented and recorded on the form.

Walkabout Scout Award



The award is earned according to the number of kilometres a Scout hikes. “Hiking” includes all walking as a Scout on Scout activities – including day and overnight trips.

The minimum distance per hike for the first award is 3 Kilometres. The minimum distance for all other hikes is 10 kilometres. Canoe and bike hikes can also qualify but the distance travelled is doubled – i.e. a 20 kilometre bike hike counts as 10 kilometres.

There are five awards in the series. Each replaces the previous award earned and only the highest award qualified for is worn.

- 10 kilometres
- 50 kilometres
- 100 kilometres
- 150 kilometres
- 200 kilometres

Each badge is identical in design. The number of kilometres is changed showing the number of kilometres recognised by the Award.

Distances travelled over 200 kilometres are recognised in 50 kilometre increments with additional awards to indicate the total kilometres travelled.

How to achieve this Award:

A register of hike trips is provided on the following page. If additional pages are required copy this page and attach it to the first page. Enter the date and location of the trip, the type of trip, and the qualifying distance.

When the number of kilometres travelled reaches an Award level, the Award is then presented and recorded on the form.

Regional Activity Award



The award is earned each time a Scout participates in a Regional major annual outdoor activity. The most recent award earned can be worn on the uniform.

Only one Regional Activity Award can be gained in any single calendar year. There are up to four Region Activity Badges to earn. Only the highest level gained is worn on the uniform.

Date Awards Presented:

1 st Event	2 nd Event	3 rd Event	4 th Event	5 th Event

(Record the Event Name and Date Presented)

Cross Region Badge



The objective of this badge is to encourage scouts to explore a Scout Region other than their own.

How to achieve this Award:

1. Visit a Scout Region other than your own.
2. Travel as a Patrol or Troop Activity, not alone.
3. Camp overnight at a Scout campsite within the Region you are visiting.
4. Participants must be invested Scouts.
5. Visit a local tourist attraction.
6. Provide a report (containing photos) on your visit to your Troop Council.

There is no limit to the number of visits that can be undertaken, however only 1 badge can be worn on the uniform.

Date Awards Presented:

1 st Visit	2 nd Visit	3 rd Visit	4 th Visit	5 th Visit

Jamboree Participation Award



Participants of a Jamboree may wear the 'Jamboree miniature' award after attending an Australian Jamboree as a Scout. This award is different from the larger Jamboree Badge which is only worn on the uniform for up to 3 months following the Jamboree.

How to achieve this Award:

This award is earned by participating in an Australian Jamboree. Wearing the award is not conditional on achieving the Jamboree Award.

Most Scouts will only have one opportunity attend an Australian Jamboree. A relatively small number of Scouts will get the opportunity to attend 2 Australian Jamborees because of their age. If 2 Jamboree Participation Award are earned, both awards may be worn at the same time on the Uniform.

Jamboree	Date	Location	Troop Number
1			
2			

Jam-Packed Award



This Award is designed to promote the versatility of Camping and Hiking in the Scout Section and to assist Scouts attain sufficient nights under canvas to attend their Jamboree.

How to achieve this Award:

To earn this award a Scout must have recorded 12 nights under canvas in a Calendar year and needs to separately include:

- 2 hikes of at least 1 night each
- 1 hike of at least 1 night that is themed in some way
- At least 1 Group/District/Region/Branch Camp or Hike
- At least 1 Patrol Camp or Hike
- At least 1 Camp or Hike involving an Adventurous Activity
- At least 1 Camp of at least 3 nights under canvas

Camps or Hike can not be consecutive ie Friday/Saturday then Saturday/Sunday in the same weekend, and any one Camp or Hike can not be counted towards more than one requirement. Region activities attended, nights camped and kilometres hiked for the Jam-Packed award can also count towards your Region Activity, Camper and Walkabout Scout awards as appropriate.

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At least one Patrol Camp or Hike		
At least one adventurous Activity Camp or Hike		
At least one Camp of at least three nights under canvas		
Date Award Presented		