



Frequently Asked Questions

A Year of Celebration, A Century of Making a Difference

For the Participant

Can I purchase the patch without the ribbons?

Yes. There are no restrictions on the patch. Feel free to purchase the *Year of Celebration* patch at your local council Scout Shop. However for the ribbons, you must complete the requirements and enter this information into the [online data form](#) on the [Year of Celebration Web page](#) before purchasing.

Once earned, in what order do we put the ribbons on the patch?

Any way you like.

How can I get the patch and ribbons?

Visit or call your local Scout Shop to see if the *Year of Celebration* patch and ribbons are in stock.

Do I have to complete the online form?

Yes. The online form must be completed prior to ordering any ribbons. Keep in mind that achievements for multiple individuals may be simultaneously entered. The online form is a simple way for the local and national BSA councils to have an idea about what's being done to earn the *Year of Celebration* awards. You will **not** have to enter your name, address, or any personal information beyond your council, city, county, and unit number. Then all you have to enter is the total requirements completed. You may also enter for several people at once. Hit "submit" and you may print the form to take to your Scout Shop.

I want to purchase the ribbons from a Scout Shop. What do I do?

Once you complete the form, click the link "Print an order form for the Scout Shop." Take this form to your local Scout shop when you buy the ribbons.

I want to purchase the ribbons online. What do I do?

Online ordering for ribbons is unavailable. If you wish to mail order your ribbons, please contact your local Scout Shop to place an order.

Can a Cub Scout carry over completed requirements to a Boy Scout troop?

Yes. Before the Cub transitions from their den to their troop, their completed requirements must be entered. Go to the online form to enter the completed requirements, and indicate that no ribbons were completed. You may print a record of this by clicking on the "Print an order form" link. Then, it is the responsibility of the Cub's parent or guardian to notify the

troop's Scoutmaster that he is coming in with completed requirements which do count toward a *Year of Celebration* ribbon.

I used to be involved in Scouting. Can I earn these awards?

Yes, the *Year of Celebration* awards have requirements specifically for Scouting alumni.

I'm an adult volunteer. Can I earn these awards?

Yes, you certainly may as both alumni and an adult leader. You may earn the awards twice, but must complete all requirements for both.

I need ideas for a service project. What can I do?

Check out the service links on the *Year of Celebration* page. Here you'll find toolkits and activities for Scouts and adults for projects that benefit our nation and world.

How many requirements do I have to complete?

You must complete three per ribbon, but may complete more. Be sure to indicate which requirements you completed when you fill out the online form.

What if I complete all five?

Simply indicate that you completed all five on the online form.

I'm a unit leader. Is it possible to fill out the online form for my entire unit at once?

Yes. Enter the total of each requirement completed and the total ribbons earned.

My unit did an activity this summer. Can it count toward my awards?

Yes, service projects and activities finished after May 2009 count toward *Year of Celebration* ribbons.

Someone in my unit does not have Internet access. Do they need to fill out the online data collection form?

Yes. Filling out the online form is the most efficient way to collect data on the good work being done. Participants are encouraged to find someone in your unit to help out other *Year of Celebration* participants who do not have Internet access.

For Local Councils**As a local council, where do I go to retrieve the data about what our Scouts are doing?**

Data will be accessible from MyBSA late Fall 2009.