

Pack 828 Hike Tracking Instructions

Starting in 2021, scouts will be tracking their own hikes. Each scout will receive a [tracking sheet](#) from their den leader. Instructions on how to complete the form are provided below. Scouts can bring their completed forms to the Hiking Coordinator during group hikes or at Pack Meetings to receive their patches and milestone awards.

General Recommendations:

- Use a ballpoint pen or permanent marker
- Take a photo of the completed form every 3-6 months, in case it ever gets lost (there will be no electronic tracking by the Hiking Coordinator)
- For returning scouts, patches awarded and total number of hikes is most critical, not the exact date or year a hike was completed (See example #2 for short-cut option)

Instructions for First Year Scouts

- **Scout Name:** enter scout name
- **Highlander/Trail Trekker:**
 - These are patches that are awarded 1 time, when the scout first completes a hike in the particular series.
 - The Hiking Coordinator will complete this information.
- **Scout Year/ Hike Table:**
 - Under "Scout Year", have scout find the column for their year
 - As the scout completes hikes, he/she should enter the date in the row and column for the hike and year.
 - The scout can bring the form to the hiking coordinator during group hikes or at Pack meetings to receive patches.
 - Hiking Coordinator will mark the form to indicate the scout has received the patch.
 - "Other" Hikes: these are popular non-series hikes that will vary. Add the hike name in the blank cell as hikes are announced and completed.
- **Milestone Awards:**
 - When a scout reaches 10, 20, 30, or 40 hikes*, they can bring the form to the Hiking Coordinator at a Pack Meeting to claim their milestone award.
 - The Hiking Coordinator will enter the date the prize was awarded at the bottom of the form.

Instructions for Returning Scouts

- **Scout Name:** enter scout name
- **Highlander/Trail Trekker:**

- These are patches that are awarded 1 time, when the scout first completes a hike in the particular series.
- Place a check if scout has already earned and received the patch.
- **Scout Year/ Hike Table:**
 - *Enter hikes for previous years:*
 - Hiking records can be found [HERE](#). There is a tab for each school year.
 - Place the date or a check in the appropriate column and row for scout year and hike completed.
 - Non-series hikes can be added in blank cells under “Other”.
 - Tally the total number of hikes each year at the bottom.
 - Examples of a completed form can be found [HERE](#).
 - If you find an error, please fix on your form and let the Hiking Coordinator know when you come claim patch or milestone award.
 - *New hikes:*
 - As the scout completes new hikes, he/she should enter the date in the row and column for the hike and year.
 - The scout can bring the form to the hiking coordinator during group hikes or at Pack meetings to receive patches.
 - Hiking Coordinator will mark the form to indicate the scout has received the patch.
- **Milestone Awards:**
 - When a scout reaches 10, 20, 30, or 40 hikes*, they can bring the form to the Hiking Coordinator at a Pack Meeting to claim their milestone award.
 - The Hiking Coordinator will enter the date the prize was awarded at the bottom of the form.

Questions or comments?: Please speak to the den leader or Hiking Coordinator during a den or Pack Meeting, and we will be happy to assist.

** The milestone award frequency was adjusted in 2019 to better align with the frequency of hikes. As of 2021, scouts in Bear, Webelos, or AOL earn a milestone award every 8 hikes. This will progressively phase out, with all scouts being on the same 10 hike frequency by 2024.*