

# **Scouting's Journey to Excellence**

## **2016 Troop Planning, Performance, and Recognition**

Journey to Excellence uses a balanced approach to measure performance. It guides program planning before the year begins, monitors activities for continuous improvement during the year, and recognizes performance at the end of the year. In planning your strategy, use actual numbers from the previous year to guide your performance improvement goal planning. The period for measuring performance will be the calendar year.

Planning and Budget Measures	
1	The troop has a program plan and 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.
Membership Measures	
2	The troop has a growth plan, and conducts a formal recruiting event. On December 31, 2016, the troop has an increase in the number of youth members as compared to the number registered on December 31, 2015. A membership growth plan template can be found at <a href="http://www.scouting.org/membership">www.scouting.org/membership</a> .
3	Number of youth members on the most recent charter renewal (A) divided by the number of youth registered at the end of the prior charter year (B) minus any age-outs (C). Total = (A) / (B-C). Age-outs are youth who are too old to reregister as Boy Scouts.
4	Hold at least two activities with a pack or Webelos den, and recruit new Webelos Scouts into the troop. Den chiefs are provided to one or more Cub Scout dens.
Program Measures	
5	Total number of Boy Scouts advancing at least one rank ( Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, Eagle) during the calendar year (A), divided by the number of boys registered at the end of the year (B). Advancement = (A) / (B).
6	Conduct short-term (at least one overnight) campouts throughout the year.
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, 2016. Youth attending long-term specialty camps such as NYLT or STEM are also counted.
8	The troop participates in service projects during the year and enters them on the Journey to Excellence website. The projects may be completed as joint projects with other organizations. At least one project must benefit the chartered organization.
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	All leaders have completed youth protection training. Scoutmaster and 60% of the assistants (paid or multiple registration) 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 attended an advanced training course, such as Wood Badge, 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 525 points in at least 7 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.

**For more resources: [www.Scouting.org/jte](http://www.Scouting.org/jte)**



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