

**Centennial Promotions Team Notes – April 2010**  
**Ways to Earn the Centennial Participation Patch Segments for Scout Fair and Camping**

Many questions have come up about how Scouts and Scouters can earn the Scout Fair and Camping participation segments, which are part of the council's Centennial Participation Patch. The guidelines below are the result of the combined input of volunteer leaders working with Scout Fair, Camping, Day Camp, the Council Centennial Promotions Team, and related staff advisors.

The guiding principle with all five of the centennial patch segments is participation in the named event. These patches were designed to be a fun way of showing a Scout or Scouter participated in one or more of the five major council centennial events during 2010. In the simplest terms, the basic question for earning each segment is "Did you actively support and/or participate in the event?"

We ask that each individual claim only one participation patch per event, even if the individual helped in many areas and would qualify multiple times. We want to be sure there are plenty to go around to all who participate...Scouts, parents, family members, and leaders. And, yes, little brothers and sisters can collect these, too!

With all these thoughts in mind, plus a hearty dose of centennial spirit, we offer the guidelines below for Scout Fair and Camping!

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**Different Ways to Earn the Scout Fair Participation Segment**

1. Participate at a unit booth and sign in on the unit's participation roster, the traditional way of earning each year's Scout Fair participation patch. Participation is usually on the day of the event, but other support is always needed. Things like booth set up on Friday night, booth tear down on Saturday afternoon, and the assembly of the booth structure or contents...all are ways to participate and support the event, even if someone has a conflict on the day of the event.
2. If you are not part of a unit that has a booth at Scout Fair, you can attend Scout Fair, visit your district booth, and sign in on the district's participation roster. While you're there, ask the district commissioner or other district volunteers if you can help with something, as there are always many opportunities for service. There are flyers to be handed out, messages to be delivered, booths to be set up and torn down, little participation patch segments to be counted out for each unit, etc. Many hands make light work, so seek out a way to do a good turn while you're at Scout Fair!
3. If your district booth has all the volunteers it needs when you're there, then come on by the Centennial Promotions Team booth or the Council Commissioner Team booth and sign in there. Again, there are always ways to be of help at a big event like Scout Fair...what a great "teachable moment" for our youth to realize that every Scout can help in some way.
4. If you absolutely cannot attend the day of the event, then participation in the selling of Scout Fair value pack coupon books will count. Parents who actively helped a Scout with selling can also get a segment.
5. Remember that Scout Fair participation patches are handed out in the afternoon, after volunteers have finished counting them out for every unit and district booth at Scout Fair. You will receive your segment from the same place you earned it...unit booth, district booth, etc. Segments not picked up the day of Scout Fair will be distributed at the unit level or at district Roundtables.

## Different Ways to Earn the Camping Participation Segment

1. Attend a 2010 council summer or winter camp session – as a youth participant, youth staff member, adult leader, or adult staff member – at any of the following council camp opportunities:
  - a. Summer camp at El Rancho Cima (\*See related note #2 below)
  - b. Resident camp for Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, and parents at Bovay
  - c. Venturing Summit at Bovay
  - d. Winter Camp at Strake
2. A new option to 2010 summer camp at El Rancho Cima! If your unit already has out-of-council summer camping plans for 2010, and you make your Cima reservation now for 2011, your unit's 2011 summer campers will be eligible for the 2010 camping participation segment. Reservations can be made beginning at Scout Fair on April 24, 2010, at the Council Camping booth; deposit of \$250.00 due by December 1, 2010.
3. Attend a 2010 council training course – as a participant or staff member – held at a council camp, including:
  - a. NYLT
  - b. Powder Horn
  - c. Wood Badge
4. Attend a 2010 district day camp or twilight camp as a youth participant, youth staff, adult leader, or adult staff member. In addition to this basic guideline of attending or staffing a full session of day or twilight camp, other options have been identified as a way of supporting successful day camp and twilight camp programs throughout the council. **Please note that the following options are allowed at the discretion of each district's Day Camp or Twilight Camp Director, so arrangements and approvals need to be obtained in advance.**
  - a. Some districts do want and need one-day staffers, but these volunteers still have to be approved, trained, and have a background check done. Not all districts are allowing this, so individuals need to check in advance with the district Day/Twilight Camp Director. Please note that unregistered, all-day "visitors" are NOT allowed at any day/twilight camp for safety reasons.
  - b. Districts depend each year on the support of volunteers, both youth and adults, who help prior to camp by putting together craft kits, making or assembling camp materials, etc. These are significant, dependable, quality efforts that contribute to the success of the program...as well as being potentially renewable resources for day camp next year...under the direction of the Day Camp Director or Program Chair.
  - c. Districts need help with pre-camp set up and post-camp tear down. This is a good place for Boy Scouts and Venturers to help.
  - d. Junior Camp Staff (13+) are also needed. These youth have to sign up and register in advance.
5. Please remember that you do not have to attend or help with camp in your own district! If you are out of town that week, look for another camp nearby where you can help. Some of our council's smaller and/or newer districts often struggle to find enough help to put on a quality day camp program. Reach out and help your neighbors, if your district's schedule doesn't fit with your own.