

SAN DIEGO – IMPERIAL COUNCIL HIGH ADVENTURE CENTENNIAL AWARD EXTENSION



The High Adventure Centennial Award offered to Boy Scouts, Venture Scouts, and their Leaders has been extended. If you completed any of the following six components between July 1, 2008 and December 31, 2011, you are still eligible to win the award.

1. Complete a long term outing (greater than five days and four nights) backpacking, canoeing, or cycling.
2. Perform six hours of actual trail construction, maintenance or repair under the direction of a Trail Foreman, Ranger or approved Trail Boss. This period of service cannot be used to qualify for any other high adventure awards. Trail and campsite clean-ups do not qualify and shall not be counted for this award.
3. Climb Mt. Baden-Powell, either from Dawson Gap or Vincent Gap, as a day hike.
4. Complete one other weekend adventure from one of the following categories:
 - a. Canoe Trip/Kayak Trip/River Raft Trip, including an overnight camp
 - b. Bike Hike, including an overnight camp
 - c. Weekend Backpack, including an overnight camp
 - d. Rock Climbing , including an overnight camp
 - e. Cross Country Skiing, including an overnight camp
 - f. Snow Shoeing, including an overnight camp
5. Discuss the History of Scouting during any one of the aforementioned outings.
6. Comply with the General Requirements for Scouts and Venturers. The General Requirements can be found in Trek Aid 100. Attach the SDIC Centennial Award Application to a High Adventure Award form. Patches are available at the SDIC Service Center, and the forms are on the San Diego Imperial Council High Adventure Website, under Awards.

Questions? Email Dan Marks at daniel.marks@att.net

Mt. Baden-Powell Information:

1. Mt. Baden-Powell is located in the Angeles National Forest, near Wrightwood, California, and is close to the Pacific Crest Trail (Vincent Gap to Islip Saddle).
2. Fall, Spring, and Summer are the best times for this moderate to difficult hike, as the two approaches to the summit are usually closed during the winter months (November to June). There is no dependable source of water at the trailhead or on the trail, so be sure to bring plenty of drinking water from home.
3. The Vincent Gap Trail is the most direct route to the Peak, and ascends 2,800 feet in a series of 41 switchbacks, 4 miles to the Peak. In several places, it is steep and dangerous, and great care needs to be taken not to leave the trail or dislodge rocks which could endanger hikers below the trail.
4. The Dawson Gap Trail adds an extra mile and a half to the hike, but provides opportunities to additionally summit Throop Peak and Burnham Peak, and is not as steep as the Vincent Gap Trail, with an average elevation gain of 700 feet per mile.
5. Periodically, part of Route 2 (Angeles Crest Highway), just west of Vincent Gap, closes due to landslides and heavy snows. Be sure to check with CALTRANS for current road conditions before you leave.
6. Trail Guides for Mt. Baden-Powell from Dawson Gap include:
Best Hikes With Dogs-Southern California by Allen Riedel (Mountaineers Books)
Trails of the Angeles-100 Hikes in the San Gabriels by John W. Robinson, (Wilderness Press)
7. Trail Guides for Mt. Baden-Powell from Vincent Gap include:
Day Hikes on the Pacific Crest Trail (California) by George and Patricia Semb, (Wilderness Press), and the U.S. Forest Service website at:
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/recreation/hike-vincent2badenpowell.shtml>

