

Revised 9/08 2008 Centennial Quality Commitment and Achievement Form for Council Award

“To improve the QUALITY of program in every unit in America!”

Council _____ Area _____ Region _____

As leaders of our council, we are dedicated to achieving the following criteria for the 2008 Centennial Quality Award:

Criteria for Award	2007 Actual	2008 Goal	2008 Actual	Yes/No Achieved
1. We will have at least 60 percent of our traditional units earn the Centennial Quality Award for this year.	Yes /No	Yes /No	Yes /No	Yes /No
2. We will organize _____ new units in 2008.				Yes /No
3. We will achieve _____ percent growth in traditional membership OR a _____ percent gain in traditional density.				Yes /No
4. We will increase the district’s retention of youth from _____ percent last year to _____ percent.				Yes /No
5. We will achieve a balanced 2008 operating budget with income of \$_____ over expenses.				Yes /No
6. Through our district commissioner staffs, we will work to retain _____ percent of the units in our council.				Yes /No
7. We will recruit and train an additional _____ unit commissioners, increase commissioner unit visits per unit by commissioners to _____ per year, and improve the commissioner-to-unit ratio.	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	Yes /No Yes/ No Yes/ No
8. We will recruit and train _____ additional district committee members and increase the average number of members per district over last year.				Yes / No Yes / No
9. We will add _____ youth-serving executives or maintain the approved staff size.				Yes / No
10. Have an active endowment committee, and secure _____ new endowment gifts this year.	Yes / No _____	Yes / No _____	Yes / No _____	Yes / No Yes / No

Reviewed and approved on this date _____ by:

_____ Council president _____ Council commissioner _____ Scout executive
 _____ Area president _____ Area director

Based on our evaluation of the criteria (Complete after the year ends December 31):

____ Yes, we have achieved the 2008 Centennial Quality Council Award.

____ No, we did not achieve the award for 2008, but have developed an action plan to accomplish it for next year. The action plan includes:

Reviewed and approved on this date _____ by:

_____ Council president _____ Council commissioner _____ Scout executive
 _____ Area president _____ Area director

2008 Centennial Quality Commitment and Achievement for Council Award Interpretation of Criteria

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Use this information to guide your understanding of the criteria. The Centennial tab on MyBSA under the Program section helps monitor your progress towards achievement. Use actual numbers from the previous year to guide your improvement as you establish your goals. (If any of the criteria are at an agreed-upon number, then the goal might be to maintain them for this year.) Additional details and other resources in support of the Centennial Quality Awards program can be viewed by going to www.scouting.org Web site.

After you have completed the form, submit it to the area for recording and filing. The first page is the council copy; the second page is the area copy.

1. **Centennial Quality Units.** At least 60 percent of the traditional units in the council qualified as national Centennial Quality Units this year. Note: New units organized during the year can also qualify for the award.
2. **New Units organized.** Establish a number of new units to be organized. Use the district new-unit charts and determine how many new units are needed to serve the youth population in the council.
3. **Membership or density growth.** Record membership growth of traditional members or an agreed-upon gain in traditional density.
4. **Youth retention.** Using the retention figures from MyBSA, increase the total retention of youth members by the percentage your council and area leadership agreed upon.
5. **Finance.** Achieve a balanced 2008 operating budget. (Your 2008 operating budget should include a net result of excess of revenues over expenses by a specified amount.) The budget should be approved by the council and area leadership.
6. **Unit retention.** Establish a percentage of units to retain based on last year's retention rate. Work with all district commissioner staffs and establish a rechartering goal for the council.
7. **Commissioner service.** Add an agreed-upon number of new unit commissioners, increase unit visits per unit by commissioners to a specified number per year, and improve the ratio of commissioners-to-units.
8. **District committee.** Recruit an agreed-upon number of new district committee members to increase the average number of members per district over last year.
9. **Youth-serving executives.** Add a specified number of youth-serving executives based on your strategic plan, or maintain the approved staff size.
10. **Endowment.** Have an active endowment committee. Secure a specified number of new endowment gifts this year.

Additional goals. When the area leadership meets with the council as a part of the **annual local council charter review meeting**, they will review other important items. These may include, but are not limited to: the council's long-range strategic plan, functioning Key 3s in every district, balanced growth, active risk-management committees, annual conferences with chartered organization leaders, and other important priorities.

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