

## SECTION 7

### ROVER SCOUTS

#### ADMISSION TO THE ROVER CREW

- Rule 688 Before a recruit may be invested as a Rover Scout he/she must fulfil the following conditions to the satisfaction of the RSL (or Crew Council) and the Crew:
- Rule 688.1 Have an elementary knowledge of the aims, principles, and methods of the Scout Movement, as set out in the pamphlet 'What is Roving?'
- Rule 688.2 Have studied, and have understood, the Scout Law and Promise from an adult point of view, and be prepared to apply them.
- Rule 688.3 Be prepared to commit himself/herself to some form of service to the Scout Movement and/or to the community, provided that he/she may be temporarily excused from such service by his/her Crew Council on the grounds that he/she is studying or for similar valid reasons.
- Rule 689.1 A recruit who has been a Scout wears uniform as in Rule 708 and Badges as in Rules 801 to 808 (where appropriate).
- Rule 689.2 A recruit who has not been a Scout and who wishes to wear uniform and badges as in Rule 689.1 during his probation must take the Scout Promise.

#### INVESTITURE

- Rule 104 On investiture, Scouts and Rover Scouts make, or where appropriate, reaffirm, the Scout Promise.
- Rule 808 An invested Rover Scout wears green shoulder straps (epaulettes) superimposed on the shoulder straps of the shirt.

#### ROVER AWARDS

There are seven Proficiency Awards for Rover Scouts, any four of which qualify for the BP Award.

- (a) The Scoutcraft Award
- (b) The Rambler's Award
- (c) The Project Award
- (d) The Scouter Training Award
- (e) The Civics Award
- (f) The Careers Award
- (g) The Community Service Award

These awards indicate the lines on which a Rover Scout Leader is expected to encourage his Rovers in their own self-development. They give material for lines of study and programme activities which, however, need not be restricted to the subject matter of the Awards.

## **WEARING OF ROVER AWARDS**

1. No Rover Scout or Recruit to the Rover Crew may wear Scout or Cub Interest Badges, either general or special, except as provided in Paragraph 2 below.
2. A Rover Scout who has gained the Bushman's Thong may continue to wear it on his Rover Scout uniform (except as in Paragraph 3 and 4 below).

A Rover Scout who has gained the 'Top' Scout Award may wear it between the shoulder and the elbow of the left arm (except as in paragraph 4 below).

3. Rover Scouts who are also Scouters may not wear the Bushman's Thong.
4. On gaining the BP Award, a Rover Scout will remove all other Interest Badges or Awards that he holds.
5. The Proficiency Awards are granted by the LA on the recommendation of the RSL and Crew Council, and are described and worn as follows:
  - a. THE SCOUTCRAFT AWARD is worn on the left epaulette in the upper third. Design: Bronze Arrow Head
  - b. THE RAMBLER'S AWARD is worn on the left epaulette in the middle third. Design: Rambler Rose surmounting a Scout badge.
  - c. THE PROJECT AWARD is worn on the right epaulette in the upper third. Design: Oakleaf and Acorn surmounting a Scout badge.
  - d. THE SCOUTER TRAINING AWARD is worn on the right epaulette in the middle third. Design: Bronze Star.
  - e. THE CIVICS AWARD is worn on the right epaulette on the outer third. Design: Protea.
  - f. THE CAREERS AWARD is worn on the left epaulette on the outer third. Design: Ladder and Scout Arrowhead.
  - g. THE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD: Design Silver Star. This award is worn in any vacant position on either epaulette.

### **THE B-P AWARD**

The B-P Award is worn on the left epaulette. The B-P Award is granted by the Local Association on the recommendation of the District Commissioner and Rover Scout Leader on the prescribed form.

It is accompanied by a certificate signed by the Chief Scout, South Africa. Before being awarded the B-P Award, a Rover Scout must:

- (1) hold four of the seven Rover Scout Proficiency Awards;
- (2) be recommended by the Group Scouter, the Rover Scout Leader and the Crew Council as a Rover who is setting a personal example of the Scout way of life and who is carrying out the Rover motto of "Service".

### **ROVER PROFICIENCY AWARDS**

The requirements for the Awards are as follows:

#### **The Scoutcraft Award**

- (a) Produce a personal camp logbook showing that you have camped on at least fifteen separate occasions (for at least one night each) on three or more different campsites and demonstrate that you are accustomed to camping in strict compliance with "Camping Standards".
- (b) Demonstrate that you are proficient in camp catering and cooking and in the use and care of camp equipment.

- (c) Demonstrate that you are competent to instruct or examine in any two of the following Scout Interest Badges: Air Navigator, Backwoodsman, Campfire Leader, Astronomer, Woodcraftsman, Cook, Veldcraft, Firefighter, Pioneer and Public Health. (You need not be required to act as Examiner or Instructor in the Badges selected.)

### **The Rambler's Award**

- (a) Demonstrate that you are competent to instruct or examine in one of the following Scout Interest Badges: Veldcraft, Mapping, Cook, Guide or Hiker. (You need not be required to act as an instructor or examiner).
- (b) (i) Plan a series of hikes of not less than 25km each with an aggregate of 125km and involving not less than three nights camping. Submit your plan to the Rover Scout Leader and Crew for approval.

The hikes, which must avoid made roads and to a large extent be cross-country, must be of a standard to test endurance, self-reliance, initiative, and determination.

(Where actual mountaineering or particularly difficult country is to be covered, the aggregate distance may be proportionately reduced at the discretion of the District Commissioner).

- (ii) Carry out the planned hikes and submit a log which shall give dates, places, and distances, and such other information as will not only interest other hikers but enable them to follow the route taken. Notes on nature development, etc should be included. No detailed map of the route is required, but sketch maps must be included to cover all difficult and interesting points on the route.

### **The Project Award**

- (a) Choose, plan and devote at least three months to a project. Keep a record of your activities. At least twice during the period report progress to the Rover Scout Leader and Crew; produce records supported by any charts, models, maps or exhibits which may be needed to elucidate the project. On these occasions you may seek advice or assistance from the Crew if you feel this is necessary.

**NOTE:** a project may be defined as a self-imposed task demanding skill, application, and care. You may choose your own subject with the following limitations:

- (b)
- (i) The subject may not be connected with practical Scoutcraft and must differ materially from the subject chosen for the Civics Award. The subject should be chosen from such fields as art, literature, music, drama, science, world affairs, hobbies, handicrafts, cultural traditions, journalism, ecology, wildlife, etc.
- (ii) The subject chosen should have no bearing on your career.
- (iii) The subject chosen must be formally approved by the Rover Scout Leader and the Crew as suitable and worthwhile.
- (c) When you are yourself satisfied that you have completed your selected project, you must demonstrate the result of your work to the Rover Scout Leader and Crew. The Rover Scout Leader and Crew, after seeking any necessary expert advice, will then decide if you have reached a satisfactory standard of attainment. If necessary, before being passed, you may be asked to do further work on any aspects which do not qualify.

### **The Scouter Training Award**

You are required to demonstrate knowledge of the principles of Scouting or Cubbing. The content and standard required is that of a Basic Skills course and a Preliminary Wood Badge course in the Branch (Cub Pack or Scout Troop) in which you will seek a Warrant.

## **The Civics Award**

Show by means of a talk, or by taking part in a discussion before an audience consisting of the members of your Crew, that you have made a close study of some social or civic question of current interest.

You should show that in preparing your paper you have made use of newspapers and literature of varying shades of opinion and have visited places related to your subject, eg. town councils, parliament, Courts of Law, farms, eroded and re-established areas, etc.

The following list suggests some of the subjects that you might choose: soil conservation, agricultural reform, road safety, problems of urbanised communities, the African community, the 'coloured' community, the Indian Community, the White community, penal reform, the power/freedom of the press, the responsibilities of marriage, the upbringing and education of children, health services, career selection, employer/employee relationships, establishing a home, drug abuse, etc. The talk should be illustrated by photographs, newspaper cuttings etc.

The standard will be assessed by the work put into preparation, and not your debating ability.

## **The Careers Award**

1. You must be engaged in a recognised system of post-school training leading to professional or technical qualifications for your career.
2. You must produce evidence that your progress in your studies and training has been above average in any one year.
3. You must, at least three times during the year, report progress to the RSI. and Crew producing evidence (models, essays, notebooks, etc) in support of your claim.
4. When you are yourself satisfied that you have a claim to the Award, you must submit evidence to the Rover Scout Leader and Crew who, after seeking any necessary expert advice, will decide if you have reached a satisfactory standard of attainment. If necessary, before being passed, you may be asked to do further work on any aspect in which you have not qualified.

## **Community Service Award**

For this Award you are required to:

1. Prepare and give a talk to a group of Scouts or other young people on the subject of service to the community.
2. Participate in a local community project of your own choice for a period of six months (or longer if desired).

**NOTE:** You can select from a myriad of projects, such as:

extra lessons for school children; repair and/or maintenance of school buildings, clinics etc; conservation work such as reclaiming dongas, repairing fences, planting trees; construction of civil improvements in the village such as water drains, latrines, etc; acting as a secretary/treasurer/committee member of a local community project/students' society/club/Students' Christian Association etc; helping in an adult literacy/numeracy project; helping to run a youth group; working with handicapped people; helping the local church or religious group; assisting at a tuberculosis settlement; assisting the blood transfusion service; voluntary first aid work; Fire Brigade duties; etc, etc.