

Vitz-Norris Troop Award

The Vitz-Norris Challenge Award has been developed to recognize units who are delivering a high quality program to the youth they serve. Recipients of this award are those who have gone over and above the minimum requirements of the Quality Unit Award. Qualifying units are eligible to receive a 5% discount for their summer camp fees at any Crossroads of America Council summer camp. In order to qualify for the Vitz-Norris Challenge Award each unit must earn 10 points including each of the *d (mandatory) requirements. Each of the 10 requirements is worth 1 point. If you miss on requirements #9 or #10, you can still earn the Vitz-Norris Challenge by earning enough points in the bonus area to get your unit's score to 10.

<u>CRITERIA</u>		<u>COMPLETED</u> (Enter 1 or 0)
#1*	<u>Quality Program:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earn the Quality Unit Award and • The Troop National Camping Award and • Earn the F.O. Belzer Award 	
#2*	<u>Advancement:</u> Total rank advancements for the year equals or exceeds the total number of youth registered at the beginning of the charter year (excluding current Eagle Scouts). Qualifying ranks include: Tenderfoot, 2 nd Class, 1 st Class, Star, Life and Eagle.	
#3*	<u>Camping:</u> 75% of Boy Scouts participate in a Crossroads of America Council summer camp program (Based on unit's membership on 6/30)	
#4*	<u>Program Planning:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An annual program planning conference is held where the year round plan and budget are developed. These are communicated in writing to all parents by October 31and • Hold a fall unit program kick-off for youth and parents within 30 days of your School Night or Open House and before October 31. 	
#5*	<u>Adult Leadership:</u> The committee meets at least nine times per year and has at least six members in addition to the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters. Troops have an active Unit Trainer as one of the committee members.	
#6*	<u>Training:</u> Unit leaders have completed basic training for their position. Troops have one trained Assistant Scoutmaster for every 8 registered youth.	
#7*	<u>Membership:</u> The unit recharter with an equal or increased membership over last year's recharter.	
#8*	<u>Financial Stewardship (must do both)</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participate in the annual popcorn sale including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending district kick-off/training • Participate in Take Order sale and either or both of Show and Deliver and/or Show and Sell • Based on your unit's annual budget, each Scout has a product sales goal • Achieve sales of at least an average \$150 per registered youth member 2. Schedule and conduct a Friends of Scouting Family FOS presentation/campaign that raises more than last year or an average of \$75 or more per family. 	
#9	<u>Activities:</u> Every patrol participates with at least 50% of its members in 12 outings or activities during the year (in addition to "normal" Troop meetings).	
#10	<u>Youth Leadership:</u> Troops – The Patrol Leaders Council meets at least nine times per year. The Troop Leadership conducted a Junior Leader Training conference for youth leaders.	
	<u>Bonus Points can be earned for</u> Camping – Troops can earn 1 bonus point if 85% of their Scouts participate in a CAC summer camp program. Membership – Troops can earn 1 bonus point for having a 10% increase in membership when they recharter as compared to registered membership at the beginning of the charter year.	

****THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR RECHARTER PACKET OR NO LATER THAN MARCH 31ST****

We certify that Troop _____ of _____ District has qualified for the Vitz-Norris Troop Award:

Scoutmaster
Committee Chair
Unit Commissioner