

Three Fires Council Reading Program

This is a year-round program to promote reading. Reading dates are from September 1 – August 31st. This is a Council wide award program to recognize Scouts and their families for spending time reading. The reader keeps a log of reading time. For every 500 minutes of reading time, they earn recognition. The reading requirements are as follows: All reading materials pertinent to the values of Scouting. This could be books, magazines or newspaper articles. The subject should be any age appropriate material that reflects the ideals of Scouting. Examples include – nature, conservation, sports, history, fiction, adventure, camping, good deeds, religious, academic, Scouting books, etc. Reading time is not limited to reading on your own. The time spent reading to or with others, i.e. parents, siblings, grandparents, anyone else, counts towards the total. There are many opportunities for various reading projects. **This program is open to everyone!**



For the first 500 minutes, the reader would earn the initial starting 3" patch for the reading program. With each additional 500 minutes they would earn a reading program segment patch to go around the big patch.

For a general reading of 500 minutes, they would earn a book segment, #72.

If a Scout subscribes to Boy's Life magazine, which also promotes reading, and spends 500 minutes reading it, they would earn the Boy's Life segment, #56.

If the reader spends 500 minutes reading with/to family, they would earn the Family segment, #199.

If the reader spends 500 minutes reading to those who are sick, disabled or shut-ins, they would earn the Good Turn segment, #201.

If the reader spends 500 minutes reading religious materials, they would earn a religious segment. (There are 2 or 3 options; this is at the discretion of the Pack) #2(church), #4(religious), #5(praying hands), #159(Christian: fish)

If the reader visits a newspaper office and learns about how the news is printed and reads a newspaper, they would earn a newspaper segment, #115.

If the reader spends 500 minutes reading nature and conservation materials, they would earn the Nature segment, #167.

If the reader spends 500 minutes reading Sports and/or Fitness materials, they would earn the Sports segment, #66 or the Physical Fitness segment, #65.

If the reader spends time writing at least 8 letters to a Pen Pal and reading the letters received from the Pen Pal, or if the reader writes Thank You notes to the people he sold and delivered popcorn, they would earn the Stamp/Envelope segment, #187.

Please copy and distribute this information to your unit.

It is the Scout's and his Family's responsibility to keep track of reading time. **Feel free to use and make copies of the Log Sheet on the reverse side of this paper.** This information is available on our website – ThreeFiresCouncil.org. The Pack may keep copies of the time log. We will not require any paperwork to be turned in at the Council Scout Shops. We trust units to keep track and be honest. We just want to promote the good habit and fun of reading!

Three Fires Council Reading Program Time Log Sheet

Reader's name _____

Place a check mark or sticker in a box for each 20 minutes of reading completed. When all boxes are filled, you have earned the recognition patch. Please indicate at the bottom of the sheet which recognition patch has been earned.

3" Starting patch for the first 500 minutes _____

500 minutes of general reading – Book segment #72 _____

Subscribed to Boy's Life magazine and 500 minutes reading it – Boy's Life segment #56 _____

500 minutes of family reading - Family segment #199 _____

500 minutes reading to sick/disabled/shut-ins - Good Turn segment #201 _____

500 minutes of reading religious materials – Religious segment #2(church)____, #4(religious)____, #5(praying hands)____, or #159(Christian: fish)_____

Visit to Newspaper office and read newspaper– Newspaper segment #115 _____

500 minutes reading about nature/conservation – Nature segment #167 _____

500 minutes reading about Sports/Fitness – Sports segment #66____, or Fitness segment #65_____

Wrote 8 Pen Pal letters or Thank You notes for popcorn sales– Stamp/Envelope segment #187 _____