



5-STAR UNIT RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Effective October 31, 2026, the Three Fires Council will implement a program to recognize council units that achieve all five unit metrics. These units will be deemed to be “5-Star Units.” 5-Star Units will be considered the council’s highest functioning units insofar that they have achieved all five unit metrics:

1. Adult Leader Training
2. Outdoor Activities
3. Youth Rank Advancement
4. Unit Size
5. Unit Growth

The assessment of the metrics will be on October 31 of each year beginning in 2026.

Units achieving five-star status will receive the following recognition:

1. Certificate. The certificate will be presented by a senior Scouting official, typically a commissioner.
2. Distinctive graphic for unit social media.
3. Feature article in *The Flame* discussing the practices of the unit leading to the unit’s success. The spirit of the article will be to share best practices in unit administration and operations.
4. Distinctive council shoulder patch. The patch will be available for purchase from the Norris Scout Shop with the submission of a completed unit order form and payment. The patch may be displayed by youth and adult leaders in the unit as long as the unit maintains five-star status on successive annual assessment dates.

Units need not apply for five-star recognition. The council will identify 5-Star Units and notify them of their achievement. However, a unit can monitor its unit metric status on its dashboard in My.Scouting.

Questions concerning the 5-Star Unit Recognition Program should be directed to your District Commissioner or Council Commissioner Brian Caputo at caputobw@gmail.com or (630) 675-0624.

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