



THE OUTDOOR/SUPER ACTIVITY METRIC (Second article in a series on unit metrics.)

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In April, *The Flame* included an article on the new unit metric system and the Adult Leader Training metric. This article discusses a second unit metric: the Outdoor/Super Activity metric.

The status of a unit's metrics appears on its dashboard in My.Scouting. If a unit has achieved a metric, a Scouting fleur-de-lis appears in the unit's dashboard beside the metric caption concerned. If not, a null sign is present. Unit metrics are intended to provide an objective view of a unit's health.

The Outdoor/Super Activity metric is designed to report on the more rigorous activities that we undertake in Scouting. These are the most challenging activities that youth especially enjoy and distinguish the Scouting program. Achievement of the metric depends upon the type of unit concerned:

- Pack: any outdoor activity (e.g., short-term campout, hike, etc.)
- Troop: long-term camp (i.e., four days or more, such as summer camp)
- Crew: Tier 3 activity (i.e., four days or more and requiring extensive planning, preparation, and prior skill development by Venturers)
- Ships: Super Activity (i.e., five days or more and comprised of a major trip, activity, or project requiring planning and promotion by Scouts)
- Posts: Super Activity (i.e., a larger-than-normal activity requiring advanced planning by Explorers and focusing on learning, leadership, and experience)

To be recognized as having completed an activity that achieves the Outdoor/Super Activity metric, a member of the unit's Key 3 must enter the (final) day of the activity in My.Scouting (select "Organization Manager" and then "Unit Metric Data Entry"). **The Outdoor/Super Activity metric achievement is only effective for 12 months.** After 12 months, a more recent date must be entered for the metric to remain achieved.

Achievement of the Outdoor/Super Activity metric is a reflection of a vibrant program. Unit leaders should enter the date of their most recent Outdoor/Super Activity to communicate to district and council leaders that the unit's youth are well served.

If you have questions about the new unit metric system, contact your Unit Commissioner or District Commissioner.

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