



COMPLIMENTARY SCOUTING RESOURCES - SCOUTING ADVANCEMENT/DUTY TO GOD AWARD

VARSIITY SCOUT - TEACHER

These Scouting resources are not intended as a comprehensive list of all resources available. Please use other resource information as needed.

The top award in the Varsity Scout program is the Denali Award (Denali Awd). The Varsity Scout Letter (VS Ltr) is a step to the Denali Award. Information about these awards are found in the Varsity Scout Guidebook. Both of these awards can help a young man earn his Eagle Scout Award.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Duty to God Requirement	Varsity Scouting Resources
1 In the Book of Mormon, read Alma through Moroni, and discuss with your family what Alma, Helaman, and Moroni foretold about Christ. Also discuss the brother of Jared and the strength of his faith.	Reading Merit Badge VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Spiritual Activity, Personal Development
2 Study <i>For the Strength of Youth</i> . Discuss each topic with your parents, and explain why each is important to young men and women.	VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Spiritual Activity, Personal Development
3 Discuss with your parents the purpose of a patriarchal blessing. When you feel you are ready; talk to your parents about obtaining your patriarchal blessing.	VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Spiritual Activity, Personal Development
4 Under the direction of your parents, organize and teach at least 4 family home evening lessons each year.	VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Spiritual Activity, Personal Development
5 Read about the following topics in <i>Gospel Principles</i> or <i>Principles of the Gospel</i> , and teach 2 of them to your family: faith, the gift of the Holy Ghost, the Holy Ghost, obedience, the plan of salvation, prayer, priesthood, repentance, revelation, the sacrament, and temple and family history work.	VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Spiritual Activity, Personal Development
6 Memorize the words and learn to conduct at least 3 hymns each year, 1 hymn in 2/4 time, 1 in 3/4 time, and 1 in 4/4 time.	Music Merit Badge VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Personal Development
7 Learn to prepare and use a simple budget. Keep a budget for at least 2 months.	Personal Management Merit Badge VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Personal Development
8 Study and briefly describe to your parents your country's constitution and the events that led to its creation.	First Class Rank Advancement Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Personal Development
9 Plan an activity in which you and your family serve a neighbor or relative. Carry out the activity together.	Star Rank Advancement Life Rank Advancement. VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Service Activity

QUORUM ACTIVITIES

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1 Read Doctrine & Covenants 20: 53-57 and the <i>Teaching Guidebook</i> . Discuss with a priesthood leader how you can be a good home teacher.	VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Spiritual Activity, Personal Development
2 As assigned by a priesthood leader, give at least 4-5 minute talk each year in priesthood or sacrament meeting.	Communications Merit Badge Public Speaking Merit Badge VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Spiritual Activity, Personal Development
3 Under the direction of a priesthood leader, teach or help teach, 1 or more lessons in the teachers quorum meeting.	VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Spiritual Activity, Personal Development
4 With our quorum, discuss how to prepare for and serve a full-time mission and ways to assist the full-time missionaries in your area.	VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Spiritual Activity, Personal Development
5 Invite and bring to church meetings a friend, a less-active member, or a new member your age.	VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Spiritual Activity, Personal Development
6 Participate in baptisms for the dead, if possible. If not, talk with a priesthood leader about the temple and what it means to Latter-Day Saints.	VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Spiritual Activity, Personal Development
7 Under the direction of a priesthood leader, participate in at least 1 teachers quorum service project each year.	Star Rank Advancement Life Rank Advancement VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Service Project

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

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1 Study the purposes of the Aaronic Priesthood found on page 7. Discuss what it means to "become converted to the gospel of Jesus Christ."	VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Spiritual Activity, Personal Development
2 Discuss with your parents or a priesthood leader what it means to keep the Sabbath day holy. Practice appropriate Sabbath observance.	VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Spiritual Activity, Personal Development.
3 Prepare and present at least 2 home teaching lessons.	VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Spiritual Activity, Personal Development
4 Recite from memory the Articles of Faith and Doctrine & Covenants 13.	VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Spiritual Activity, Personal Development
5 Read and discuss a general conference address that teaches about the evils of immorality and pornography.	Scout Oath and Law VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Spiritual Activity, Personal Development
6 Complete a family group record for each of your grandparents where they are listed as children.	Genealogy Merit Badge VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Spiritual Activity, Personal Development
7 Write regularly in a personal journal for at least 3 months.	VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Spiritual Activity, Personal Development
8 Regularly add to your mission fund in preparation for and anticipation of receiving a call to serve a full-time mission.	Personal Management Merit Badge VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Spiritual Activity, Personal Development
9 Collect recipes for a dozen meals that a missionary can prepare quickly. Prepare at least 4 of these meals.	Cooking Merit Badge
10 Write 3 letters of appreciation to your family or ward members during the year. Thank them for their kindness and support.	
11 Develop a list of 10 qualities that you admire in your father or another adult and discuss them.	
12 Read at least 2 stories from a Church magazine. Share them with your family in family home evening or with a priesthood leader.	VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Spiritual Activity, Personal Development

Scouting Publications and Resources

- Varsity Scout Guidebook (34827a)
- Varsity Team Program Features Volume 1 (34837)
- Varsity Team Program Features Volume 2 (34838)
- Varsity Team Program Features Volume 3 (34839)
- Boy Scout Requirements 2002 (33215e)
- Boy Scout Handbook (33105)
- Scoutmaster Handbook (33009)
- Guide to Safe Scouting (34416c)
- Health and Safety Guide (34415b)
- Leave No Trace (21105)
- Various Merit Badge Pamphlets

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

	Duty to God Requirement	Varsity Scouting Resources
1	Run 5 kilometers or 3 miles in 30 minutes or less	Personal Fitness Merit Badge VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Physical Activity, Personal Development District or Camp Event
2	Swim 75 meters using 2 different strokes.	First Class Rank Advancement VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Physical Activity, Personal Development District or Camp Event
3	Demonstrate lifesaving skills in the water.	Life Saving Merit Badge VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Physical Activity, Personal Development District or Camp Event
4	Hike 15 kilometers or 9 miles with a 5-kilogram or 12-pound pack in 1 day.	Hiking Merit Badge VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Physical Activity, Personal Development District or Camp Event
5	Participate in a group cultural arts performance such as a road show, play, folk dance, or other activity in a church, school, or community function.	Theater Merit Badge Music Merit Badge VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Social or Cultural Activity, Personal Development District or Camp Event
6	Teach a younger brother or sister or ward member how to play an indoor game or sport.	VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Physical Activity, Personal Development
7	Participate on a sports team in the quorum, ward, school, or community.	Sports Merit Badge VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Physical Activity, Personal Development District or Camp Event
8	Learn to play or officiate a sport of your choice.	Sports Merit Badge Athletics Merit Badge VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Physical Activity, Personal Development Roundtable
9	If local conditions permit, participate in a 3-day quorum camping trip under the supervision of your leaders or other qualified adults.	Camping Merit Badge Varsity Big Event VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: High Adventure/Sports Activity District or Summer Camp Option
10	Explain to your parents of priesthood leader how to survive for 48 hours if lost in the wilderness in both warm and cold seasons. Identify edible plants and animals, and explain how you would ensure the safety of drinking water.	Wilderness Survival Merit Badge VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Special Programs and Events Roundtable, Summer Camp
11	Learn and demonstrate the most important distress signals to use during a crisis or when you are lost.	Wilderness Survival Merit Badge VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Special Programs and Events Roundtable, Summer Camp
12	Teach first aid skills to our family or quorum members.	First Aid Merit Badge VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Special Programs and Events

EDUCATIONAL, PERSONAL, & CAREER DEVELOPMENT

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1	Continue your education, and develop additional skills in reading, writing, and mathematics.	
2	Improve your reading skills by reading at least 6 issues of a Church magazine.	VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Personal Development
3	Choose 3 careers that interest you. Think of several questions you have about each career and discuss them with your parents, a priesthood leader, or others who can help you learn about these careers. Emphasize the positive aspects of each career as they relate to your personal characteristics and life goals.	Merit Badges: Forestry, Geology, Animal Science, Architecture, Art, Astronomy, Aviation, Chemistry, Cinematography, Communications, Dentistry, engineering, Environmental, Science, Journalism, Law, Photography, Plant Science, Space Exploration, Truck Transportation, Woodworking VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Personal Development Roundtable
4	Visit at least 3 places where people perform work you might enjoy. Find out what they like and dislike about their work and how they prepared themselves to do it. Describe to your parents or a priesthood leader how you would feel about working at such a job.	Merit Badges: Forestry, Geology, Animal Science, Architecture, Art, Astronomy, Aviation, Chemistry, Cinematography, Communications, Dentistry, engineering, Environmental, Science, Journalism, Law, Photography, Plant Science, Space Exploration, Truck Transportation, Woodworking VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Special Programs and Events Roundtable
5	If a vocational interest test is available take it and discuss the results with your parents. If classes are offered at our school that could help you prepare for a potential career, discuss with your parents or a priesthood how they could help you do this.	VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Personal Development Roundtable provide Vocational Test
6	Discuss how your chosen career would allow you to maintain the moral standards of the Church.	VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Personal Development
7	Learn and explain the entrance requirements for a technical school, college, or university; describe to your parents or a priesthood leader at least 5 classes that interest you.	VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Special Programs and Events Roundtable Topic on College Prep
8	Learn to play a musical instrument.	VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Personal Development Music Merit Badge
9	Attend a "career night" where a guest speaker describes the steps a person should take to apply for a job and what characteristic employers look for in new employees.	VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Personal Development District Event
10	Collect 3 different job applications and fill them out as practice.	VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Personal Development
11	In a language other than your own, learn to bear your testimony, and memorize the first 6 articles of faith.	VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Personal Development Interpreter Strip
12	Use a computer to prepare a Church talk, a school assignment, or another similar task.	Computer Merit Badge Communications Merit Badge VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Personal Development

CITIZENSHIP & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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1	Learn and practice proper personal hygiene and grooming, and explain to your parents or a priesthood leader why these skills are important to your success and well-being.	VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Physical Activity, Personal Development
2	Under the direction of a priesthood leader, plan and participate in at least 1 combined activity with your quorum members and the Young Women in the ward.	VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Social or Cultural Activity, Personal Development
3	Volunteer for 4 or more afternoons or evenings at a hospital, home for the aged, center for the disabled, welfare center, or homeless shelter.	Star Rank Advancement Life Rank Advancement Disability Awareness Merit Badge VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Service Project, Roundtable provide list of places to volunteer.
4	Invite your grandparents or other senior citizens to share their childhood memories with you. Take notes of the major highlights in their lives.	Genealogy Merit Badge VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Social or Cultural Activity, Personal Development
5	Attend a village, community or city council meeting and share your impressions of the experience with your parents or a priesthood leader.	Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Citizenship Activity, Personal Development Roundtable provide information or can be a district event.
6	Visit a legal court and share our impressions of the experience with your quorum or family.	Law Merit Badge VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Citizenship Activity, Personal Development Roundtable provide information or can be a district event.
7	Learn and sing, alone or with a group, your national anthem; explain its origin to your parents or a priesthood leader.	VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Social or Cultural Activity, Personal Development
8	Discuss with your parents or a priesthood leader way to help prevent crime in your area.	Crime Prevention Merit Badge VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Citizenship Activity, Personal Development Roundtable provide information about community watch.
9	Develop a list of music, movies, television programs, and printed materials that are in harmony with gospel standards.	VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Personal Development
10	With your quorum members, plan and participate in an "etiquette dinner." The guests of honor could be quorum members' parents.	VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Social or Cultural Activity, Personal Development
11	As assigned by a priesthood leader, give at least 1 talk in sacrament meeting, or give a speech at school or in the community.	Communications Merit Badge Public Speaking Merit Badge VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Personal Development
12	With approval of neighborhood or community leaders, organize a project to clean and repair a public park or gathering place. Help maintain the ground for 2 months.	Star Rank Advancement Life Rank Advancement VS Ltr/ Denali Awd: Social or Cultural Activity, Personal Development