

Jim Spencer Conservation

This award honors the accomplishments of long-time Los Angeles Area Council-High Adventure Team member, Jim Spencer. Jim has, for over 30 years, worked closely with representatives of the U.S. Forest Service to develop and implement an innovative collaboration between volunteer groups, initially the Boy Scouts but now embracing kindred organizations, in forest and trail conservation. This includes the widely acclaimed "Trail Boss" program for training adults to supervise conservation projects, which is now a model for a nation-wide program within the federal land management agencies. He is also responsible for the unique LAAC award programs, TrailSaver and ForestSaver, to recognize individual participation on conservation projects. Jim's efforts have been rewarded with BSA and USFS awards. A Unit may be justifiably proud of earning these awards and displaying them on its flag.

- ◆ This award is earned by the Unit that satisfies the following requirements:
 1. Its members perform 1000, 2000, and 5000 cumulative hours of on-site work on LAAC-HAT, or other Southern California Councils, approved conservation projects on public lands.
 2. It has a registered leader who is a Trail Boss.
- ◆ All qualifying hours apply, regardless of the awards or advancements earned by the individual participants on the projects.
- ◆ All hours performed on approved conservation projects since 1980 may be used to qualify for them.
- ◆ This award is a ribbon, to be displayed on the Unit's flag pole and a Certificate of Recognition. A different color recognizes each level, 1000, 2000, and 5000 hours, of conservation work.
- ◆ The special form, Jim Spencer Award Application (copy on reverse side) is to be used to obtain the awards. They may be purchased in the Camping Department at the LAAC-Service Center.

Size:
1 1/2' x 23"

Trail Boss training is offered regularly by the LAAC-HAT, as a joint program with the USDA-Forest Service, Angeles National Forest-Los Angeles River Ranger District. A schedule of dates is to be found in the LAAC annual calendar, Scouter's News, and The Trail Head; or, contact a member of the LAAC-HAT.

Hike Aid 7, Forest and Trail Conservation, discusses this program in detail, with coverage of getting involved, basic techniques, and awards. It contains a sample of the form, Conservation Project Reservation, to be used to apply for a project.

A complete discussion of the outdoor awards program of the LAAC is contained in Hike Aid 6, "High Adventure Awards Program". Each award is listed, along with the requirements for earning it.

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JIM SPENCER CONSERVATION AWARD APPLICATION

PURPOSE

To recognize Units for continued participation in the conservation programs that are sponsored by the Los Angeles Area Council-High Adventure Team, and by other Southern California Councils.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Members of the Unit have performed a total of 1,000, 2,000, or 5,000 cumulative hours of on-site work on High Adventure Team approved conservation projects.
2. Unit has a registered leader who is Trail Boss trained.
3. Hours performed on all approved projects since 1980 qualify for awards.

AWARD SOUGHT

1,000 Hour 2,000 Hour 5,000 Hour



<u>AWARD APPLICATION</u>				
Unit _____		District _____		Council _____
Conservation Project	Date(s)	Tour Permit No.	HAT Coordinator	Hours
Total Hours (any excess to 1,000 may be applied to next award; use back of page, if more space is needed to list all projects).				
Adult Trail Boss Trained:				
Name _____		Date Completed _____		
Unit Certification: I certify that this Unit has satisfied the requirements for this award.				
Signature _____		Position _____		Date _____

HIGH ADVENTURE TEAM APPROVAL

Signature _____ Position _____ Date _____