

TAHQUITZ TRAILS – BROKEN ARROW AWARDS**Description**

The Tahquitz Trails and Broken Arrow Awards are special hiking and camping awards offered by Camp Tahquitz, Long Beach Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. The Tahquitz Trails award consists of an embroidered patch, while the Broken Arrow Award is a medal. Both are offered to Scouts, Scouters, and Venturers who satisfactorily complete certain minimum hiking and camping requirements.

The philosophy of the Tahquitz Trails Award is that of training and learning experiences for Scouts in the backcountry. There are no requirements relating to age or Scouting rank. No previous hiking or camping experience is necessary as a prerequisite for the award. The philosophy of the Broken Arrow Medal is that of a more advanced training and learning experience for Scouts in the backcountry. The only prerequisite needed is that of earning the Tahquitz Trails Award (If you don't qualify for the others). A qualified member of the Tribe of Tahquitz will accompany all units working for the Tahquitz Trails Award for the duration of their hike. As there is no established itinerary for either hike, it is hoped that the Scouts in the unit will work with the advising tribe member to plan the route they wish to take.

Requirements**Tahquitz Trails Award**

To be eligible for the Tahquitz Trails Award the Scouts, Scouters, and/or Venturers in a unit must do the following:

1. Secure the necessary U.S. Forest Service Wilderness Permit (in person or by mail – either at the Mill Creek Station or Barton Flats Station).
2. Own and be familiar with the San Gorgonio Wilderness Topographic Map.
3. Be accompanied by a qualified member of the Tribe of Tahquitz or Camp Tahquitz Staff.
4. The leader and unit must present themselves for inspection, by a qualified staff or tribe member, before beginning the hike.
5. Spend the night in a trail camp of your choice by leaving from any of the nearby trailheads: South Fork, Forsee Creek, Fish Creek, Aspen Grove, Camp Angelus, or Vivian Creek.
6. After having spent a night in the backcountry, return the enclosed application to the Camp Office or Long Beach Area Council's office.

Broken Arrow Medal

To be eligible for the Broken Arrow Medal, Scouts, Scouters, and/or Venturers in a unit must do the following:

1. Have acquired the Tahquitz Trails Award or be guided by a Tribe of Tahquitz Member during the Camp Tahquitz Backcountry Program or the Tribe of Tahquitz Annual Induction.
2. Complete requirements 1 & 2 of the Tahquitz Trails Award.
3. Spend a minimum of four (4) days three (3) nights in the San Gorgonio Wilderness Area, in either approved trail camps or explorer sites (does not have to be consecutive days and nights in the same site).
4. Climb Mt. San Gorgonio, 11, 499' and four additional peaks from the following list:

East San Bernardino	10,691	Jepson	11,205
San Bernardino	10,649	East Dobbs	10,510
Anderson	10,684	West Dobbs	10,459
Shields	10,701	Zanhiser	10,056
Alto Diablo	10,430	Lake	10,161
Big Charlton	10,806	South	10,997
Little Charlton	10,696	Bighorn	10,866
Grinnell	10,284	Tribe Of Tahquitz	10,094

5. Cover a distance of not less than twenty (20) miles while in the backcountry area.
6. Submit the enclosed application to the Long Beach Area Council office.

Equipment Checklist

For units that are attempting to complete these awards while attending summer camp at Camp Tahquitz, food will be provided to you with prior notice to the Camp and Commissary Director. Additional fees may be added depending on your choice of meals. The camp does not provide individual and group equipment, so arrange to bring your own. The Tribe of Tahquitz suggests the following for backcountry travel:

Ten Essentials

Extra Clothing
Extra Food & Water
Map & Compass
Signal Mirror
Flashlight
Matches and Fire starters
Rain Gear
First Aid Kit
Pocketknife
Sun Protection

Personal Equipment

Boots (Broken In)
Backpack (W/Comfortable Waist Belt)
Sleeping Bag
Ensolite (Sleeping) Pad
Ground Cloth
Tent (Depending on Weather)
Heavy Jacket
Wind Breaker
Sierra Cup
Spoon & Fork
Hat
Short & Long Pants
Gloves or Mittens
2 – 1 Liter Water Bottles
Nylon Cord
Survival Kit
Toilet Paper

Group Equipment

Food
Cooking Gear
Shovel or Trowel
Group First Aid Kit
Stove
Extra Fuel
Toilet Paper
Rope for Bear Bag
Bear Bag
Trash Bags

The San Gorgonio Wilderness

The San Gorgonio Wilderness is one of the outstanding primitive areas of the Southern California Mountains. Located in the San Bernardino National Forest, just 90 miles by road from downtown Los Angeles. Within the wilderness area, there are over ten peaks with an elevation of over 10,000', including Mt. San Gorgonio, which is the highest point in Southern California, at 11,499'; two natural alpine lakes; and several streams and meadows. Six main trails and several secondary ones give adequate access to over 20 designated primitive-type campsites. Some of its natural features include: the only significant sample of the Arctic Alpine life zone within 200 miles of Los Angeles, the only evidence of glaciating south of the Sierra Nevada, disappearing species of bear and bighorn sheep which do best away from civilized developments, and a land that abounds with innumerable varieties of vegetation and many species of animal life including deer, mountain lion, birds, and squirrels. The San Gorgonio Wilderness is an important place to see and study Southern California's Mountains as they were.

Camp Tahquitz

Camp Tahquitz is the summer camp of Long Beach Area Council, BSA. Originally started in 1926 in Idyllwild with 2 acres, the camp had to move to the Barton Flats area in 1959 because of a lack of space. The camp enlarged from a final size of 90 acres at Idyllwild to 640 acres in Barton Flats. Since its inception, the camp has always been the home to avid backpackers, due to an ideal location so close to the San Gorgonio Wilderness. The program during the summer consists of swimming, boating, shooting sports, climbing, crafts, nature, and one of the few camps to still offer troops a Jamboree Style cooking experience.

The Tribe of Tahquitz

The Tribe of Tahquitz is the Honor Scouting organization of the Long Beach Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. Formed in December of 1925, the Tribe has provided a volunteer staff for Long Beach Area Council's summer camp Tahquitz since 1926. Drawing its members from the ranks of Scouts attending the Camp Tahquitz each summer, the Tribe's existence has always revolved around the camp. Besides summer camp staff, the Tribe also provides service to the Council and community. Throughout the other three seasons of the year, the Tribe puts on Indian lore ceremonies for Cub packs, Scout troops, and community groups. They also conduct awards presentations, and provide staff for camp-o-rees and other Council activities.