

## Old Dominion District & Guide for a Scout or Venturer Earning a Hornaday Badge

## William T. Hornaday Awards

William T Hornaday established a set of natural resource conservation awards for accomplishment by Boy Scouts and Venturers that were originally called the Wildlife Protection Medal and later named after him.

**Assumptions:**

To earn a Hornaday award, the Scout or Venturer must:

- Have a desire to address a natural resource conservation issue
- Accomplish a natural resource conservation project
- Complete a number of merit badges (Scouts), or a report & other electives (Venturers)
- Read the NCAC Guide, use the Hornaday Workbook, identify a Hornaday advisor, complete a report and submit an application

This Hornaday procedures paper focuses on the Hornaday Badge. Subsequent procedures papers will provide information on achieving the Hornaday Bronze and Silver Medals – and how units can achieve the Hornaday Unit Award.

## Guide Posts:

Scouts interested in earning the Hornaday Badge, or the Hornaday Bronze and Silver Medals must have:

- The desire to identify, address and solve a natural resource conservation challenge.
- The time to invest in accomplishing a project, based on the scientific method that provides a lasting impact to the ecology and the environment.
- The ability to manage a project from start to finish.

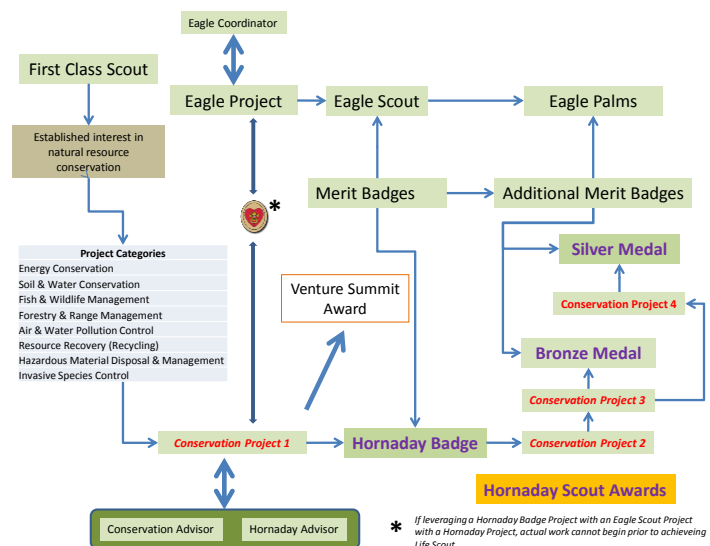
### Success means:

To be successful, Scouts and Venturers should have:

- A land area or facility available with an owner willing to provide a platform for the project.
- A Conservation Advisor to assist them in identifying the problem to be solved and discuss with them the various alternative solutions as well as advise them as they implement their projects.
- A Hornaday Advisor to help guide them through the process

### Leverage Projects:

- Virtually every Hornaday Project can also be a project for an Eagle or Summit Award, but the converse is not necessarily true. Concentrate on the Hornaday project first.
- For Scouts, merit badges are required for both awards, so the Scout can focus on accomplishing those that fulfill the requirements for both awards.
- The chart to the right shows a Scout how this relationship can work.





## Resources

There are many resources available Scouts and Venturers to help them prepare for accomplishment of a Hornaday project.

- The most immediate resource is on the Old Dominion District website – <http://www.ncacbsa.org/old-dominion/>.
- The next most immediate resource is the NCAC Hornaday Web page at <http://www.ncacbsa.org/advancement/awards-and-recognition/hornaday/> On the page you can find a description of the Hornaday Award, find the Hornaday Guide, download the obtain the Hornaday Workbook, and also make contact with the current roster of NCAC Hornaday Advisors.
- The BSA Hornaday home page is at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/HornadayAwards.aspx> Here you can find more information on what the Hornaday Award is all about – and the background on how to successfully achieve the Hornaday Badge and Hornaday Medal.
- A project report is required to document your project and provide the Hornaday Review Committee the basis to understand your project. While the Committee strongly urges use of the Hornaday Workbook, [http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/Hornaday\\_Award\\_Conservation\\_Project\\_Workbook.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/Hornaday_Award_Conservation_Project_Workbook.pdf) , it will accept other formats when candidates can show a need for one beforehand.

## Process to accomplish the initial actions required to gain Project approval.

Your **first step** is to identify a natural resource conservation issue –related to one of the following eight categories:

<b><i>Energy Conservation</i></b>	<b><i>Soil &amp; Water Conservation</i></b>
<b><i>Fish &amp; Wildlife Conservation</i></b>	<b><i>Forestry &amp; Range Management</i></b>
<b><i>Air &amp; Water Pollution Control</i></b>	<b><i>Resource Recovery (Recycling)</i></b>
<b><i>Hazardous Material Disposal &amp; Management</i></b>	<b><i>Invasive Species Control</i></b>

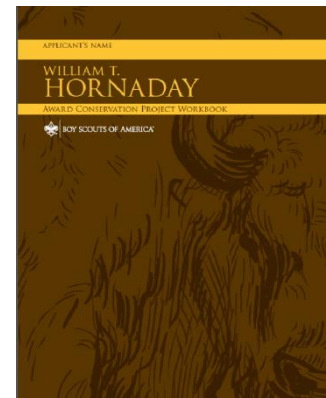
The **second step** is to develop your project delivery team – the members are shown below:

- You – as the leader to develop, control and deliver the project
- Your Hornaday Advisor – to help guide you thru the award process
- Your land owner/managing agency representative – your customer who is receiving the immediate benefit of your project
- Your Conservation Advisor – to help you with the selection, research, planning and accomplishment of your project. This person may or may not work for the benefitting organization and may also serve as the managing agency representative.

Your **third step** is to begin working with the Hornaday Project Workbook.

Your **fourth step** should be to present your Hornaday Project proposal to the NCAC Hornaday Award Committee for their review and comment. Contacting the Committee early in the process will save your time and better focus your project to a successful conclusion.

Once you have agreement on your proposal, you can proceed with your project using the NCAC Hornaday Guide.



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