



Star Crew Awards Guidelines 2015

The "**Star Awards**" is an evaluation system used to recognise Rover Crews who are meeting the Aims of the Association. The "**Star Awards**" also serve as an essential tool for Scouters, Commissioners, Regional and National Staff to identify weak areas so that appropriate corrective action can be taken or support given. The Star Awards evaluate the activities completed between **1 January and 31 December** every year. For the 2015 evaluation activities from 1 October 2014 to 31 December 2015 will be assessed.

Additional Information:

- 1) Every Rover Crew must be evaluated and the relevant forms completed. SSA has indicated that this evaluation is vital for the monitoring and ongoing development of the Rover Programme and has recommended that should there be any reluctance from a Crew to be inspected, the reason for this should be investigated by the DC and RTC: Rover Programme.
- 2) The D.C. or Rover Programme Support Team Member should carry out the two evaluations as part of their biannual Crew visits. It is recommended that the same evaluator carries out both evaluations.
- 3) The Rover Scouter or Crew Chairperson may not carry out an evaluation of his/her own Crew.
- 4) The evaluation form should be used as a guide for ongoing discussion between the Rovers, Rover Scouters, Group Scouter, the District and the RTC: Rover Programme.
- 5) Details of events (name, date, type of service, participants and hours of community service) should be made available for the assessor, and attached to the Star Award form.
- 6) At the assessors discretion, the attendance and Service requirements may be relaxed for individual Rovers, who either join the Crew late in the year, or who are recognized as Country Rovers by the Crew, and spend 6 months or more away per year. Note of these members must be attached to the assessment form

GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING THE ASSESSMENT FORM:

1. **Outdoors:** - an outdoor adventure is an exciting, challenging experience, which is characterised by uncertainty of outcome and perceived risk. List the under comments. Examples could be a hike, camp, large pioneering project or a wide game. These activities are for any purpose other than to experience the 'open air' for the benefit of the Crew - not for Cubs, Scouts or other Groups. At least 50% of the Crew should attend an event.
2. **Area Participation:** - these include the provincial Rover competitions and training workshops as well as events organised by the RAC. One of these events may be a Crew-organised inter-Crew event.
3. **Group/District:** - These are events where the Crew has joined the Group or District as participants in an activity. This activity does not count as Scouting Service for requirement 5. If the Group/District does not offer an event where Rovers can participate besides Cubs and Scouts, the Crew is encouraged to take the initiative and organize it.
4. **Service to Self:** - Rover Awards, Advancements, Rover Network Badges, Challenge Awards, Scouting Training (eg. Warrant or Woodbadge), colours in a sport and certified external training (eg. first aid) are all recognized. A list of awards earned and copies of certificates (if available) should be attached.
5. **Service to Scouting:** - Any service done that benefits Scouts SA and its members. Service must be done as a Rover. Assessor will note that every Crew member needs to have 2 Services, so including participation details on the attachment is imperative. Service done as a Scouter is not counted.
6. **Service to Community:** - 75% of your Crew members must have done at least 8 hours of community service. Records should be kept of Service, attendance and hours. Community Service should have a specific goal and should be recognized by the body that is aided (eg. the municipality, NPO, church, etc.).
7. **Social:** - Crew social events are ones where all members of your Crew are invited, and that are organized ahead of time (try to avoid using impromptu gatherings of friends).
8. **Retention:** - Include a list of Rovers, noting members who left and joined. Crews are not penalized for Rovers booted due to age restrictions, who transfer to another Crew or who move out of the Crews area (evidence needed for assessor).
9. **Recruitment:** - This new Rover needs to be invested and registered.
10. **Number of Rovers:** - Attach list from requirement 8.
11. **Records - Year at a glance:** - If the Crew has a designated den, this may be a physical wall calendar. Online calendars, that are shared to all members are acceptable. If this is integrated into a Group calendar that is acceptable too. Assessors will ensure the calendar is kept up-to-date.
12. **Records - Log:** - The Crew should have a physical logbook of all their Service. The logbook should serve the purpose of detailed records and a recruiting aid for future members to review the Crews activities. Details should include an event name, venue, date, list of attendees and a short description. A combination of physical copies, digital records, active Facebook pages and websites will be acceptable at the assessors discretion