

## HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORDS CHANGES

The Annual Health and Medical Record was released in December 2008, and its use became mandatory on January 1, 2010. The latest update to the record consolidates all records from the National Council and the three national high-adventure base forms, enabling a single medical form to be used across all BSA activities. The new form, bin No. 680-001, supersedes the previous, catalog No. 34605; this new item should be phased in immediately as it renders the old forms obsolete.

The Annual Health and Medical Record is required for participation in all Scouting events, including day and resident camps and high-adventure bases. It should be updated no less than annually.

Highlights/changes with the 2011 update:

- ✍ The record now lives on an interactive web page on Scouting Safely. Scouts, Scouters, parents and staff can download, fill in, and print it on standard paper, and can save an electronic copy for their personal files. The link is now live at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx> and should be substituted for any outdated links you may have hosting the record.
- ✍ Parts A and B-the health history and release statement-will be utilized the most.
- ✍ Part C is the physical exam.
- ✍ Part D is a review piece for participants attending any of the national high-adventure bases.
- ✍ The record 680-001 supersedes and is the equivalent for meeting day and resident camp standard requirements that for 2011 still reference No. 34605.

The new health form must be used to attend all camping events and must be presented at registration. EVERYONE must have one. If a parent is attending, they too must have the health form. Anyone staying more than 72 hours must have the doctor's statement (section B) completed. To swim, hike, climb, etc. section B is required. Please see the council's website for details and access to this form (stlbsa.org)