

Scouter Awards

Scouter awards can be used to honor registered Adult Leaders. Scouter award 'knots' are *representative* of pin-on medals, around-the-neck awards, or award certificates, and are designed for the convenience of the wearer. The knots are worn centered on the left side of the uniform, above the left pocket and in rows of three with the bottom edge of the knot emblem(s) touching the top edge of the pocket flap. Subsequent rows of knots are placed above the initial set, in rows of three and again, at the discretion of the wearer.

If medals are worn instead, only five medals may be worn at a time pinned in a single row immediately above the seam of the left pocket. In the case of the District Award of Merit and Professional Training Award, the knot is the only wearable insignia.

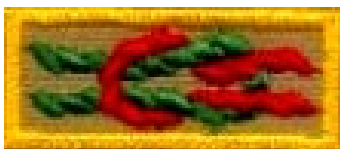
The order of wearing of medals and knots is at the discretion of the wearer. It is suggested that the medal or knot deemed most important by the wearer be worn on his or her own right.

The loop of the embroidered square knot that comes in front of the standing part is always to the wearer's right. Knots are worn with the distinguishing color (not white) toward the wearer's right.

Sea Scout leaders are to wear no more than six Scouter Award knots and only for Sea Scouting awards. There is no limit to the number of Scouter Award knots that adult leaders in other programs may wear. Some Wood Badge trained scouters feel that only three or six knots should be worn but there is no official policy limiting the number of awards which may be worn.

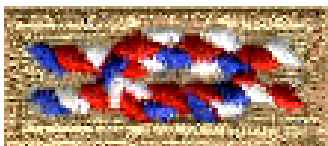
Youth Awards

Adult leaders may wear these adult leader knots to represent the following youth awards. Adult leaders may **not** wear youth insignia.

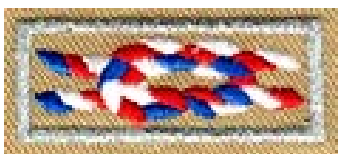


Arrow of Light, red and green knot, green to right, No. 05018, for use by adult leaders only. This knot is given in recognition of attaining Cub Scouting's highest rank, the Arrow of Light. If you earned the Arrow of Light when you were a Cub Scout, you are entitled to wear this knot.

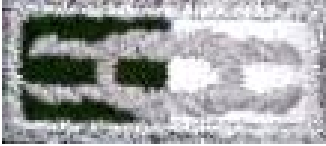
Note: prior to 1967, the rank following Bear was Lion, and the Webelos Award was the "getting ready for Boy Scouts" award...similar to the current Arrow of Light. If you earned your Webelos Award prior to 1967, you are also entitled to wear this knot. This is not a restricted knot, and can simply be picked up from the Scout Shop.



Eagle Scout, cloth, red, white, and blue knot on tan, No. 05011, Scouter, above left pocket. The Eagle Scout Rank is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America.



Eagle Scout NESALife Member, This knot is awarded to an Eagle Scouts who further enrolls as a Life Member with NESALife (National Eagle Scout Association). You may only wear one Eagle Scout knot. This knot is worn instead of, not in addition to the standard Eagle Scout knot.



Venturing Silver Award, cloth, silver knot on green and white, green background to the wearer's right, No. 05027. The Venturing Silver Award is the highest award in the Venturing advancement program.



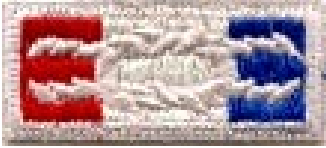
Quartermaster Award, cloth, navy blue knot on white, No. 05009, Sea Scout. The Quartermaster Award is the highest rank in Sea Scouts.



Youth Religious award, cloth, silver knot on purple, No. 05007, may be worn by youth or adult members who earned the knot as a youth member, above left pocket. Each faith has its own requirements for earning its emblem. A knot device may be used to indicate during which level of Scouting the award was earned.



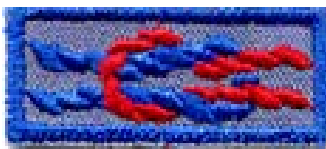
James E West Fellowship Award, cloth, green and gold knot on tan, green to the wearer's right, No. 05026, may be awarded to and worn by youth or adult members. Recognizes individuals who contribute \$1,000 or more in cash or securities to their local council endowment trust fund.



Silver or G.O.L.D. (Explorers) - *retired program*, cloth, silver knot, red, white, blue embroidery, red to the wearer's right, No. 05526. This was awarded through the Exploring Division prior to August 1998. These knots were given in recognition of attaining Exploring's highest rank, the Silver, which later transformed into the G.O.L.D. Award. If you earned your Explorer Silver Award or G.O.L.D. Award when you were an Explorer, you are entitled to wear this knot. The Explorer program has evolved into the present-day Venturing program.



Ranger (Explorers) - *retired program*, cloth, green and gold knot, green background, green to the wearer's right. This knot is given in recognition of attaining Exploring's high adventure award, the Ranger Award. If you earned your Ranger Award when you were an Explorer, you are entitled to wear this knot. The Explorer program has evolved into the present-day Venturing program.



Ace (Air Scouts) - *retired program*, cloth, blue and red knot, blue background, blue to the wearer's right. This knot is given in recognition of attaining Air Scout's highest rank, the Ace Award. If you earned your Ace Award when you were an Air Scout, you are entitled to wear this knot. The Air Scout, similar to the Sea Scout program, was a branch of the Explorers. However, the Air Scouts program was disbanded back in the late 1950s.

Cub Scout Leader Awards

Cub Scout Leader Recognition awards are available to Cub Scout leaders who complete training, tenure, and performance requirements. These awards are presented by the local council. All of the awards require the completion of Fast Start Training, Basic Leader Training for the position, Youth Protection training, and participation in roundtables or a pow wow or University of Scouting. Some require additional supplemental training. One or two years of registered service in the appropriate position is a requirement for each award, and tenure used for one award may not be used for another.

Note that Cub Scout Leader Awards may be worn by Boy Scout, Varsity, and Venturing leaders. Also Cub Scouts Leaders may qualify for a number of other award knots: Youth Awards, Leadership Awards, Honor Awards, Religious Awards, James E. West, Lifesaving - Meritorious Awards.



Tiger Cub Den Leader Award, cloth, orange and black knot on gold, orange is worn to the wearer's right, No. 17688.

Recognizes Tiger Cub Den Leaders for at least one year of service, training, and meeting quality program objectives.



Cub Scout Den Leader Award, cloth, gold knot on blue, No.

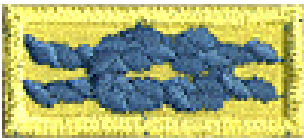
05016. Recognizes Wolf and Bear Cub Den Leaders for at least one year of service, training, and meeting quality program objectives.



Webelos Den Leader Award, cloth, gold knot on yellow, No. 05064. Recognizes Webelos Den Leaders for at least one year of service, training, and meeting quality program objectives.



Unit Leader Award of Merit, cloth, gold knot on blue, No. 610091 Recognizes Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Varsity Coaches and Venturing Crew Advisors for at least 18 months of service, training and meeting quality program objectives. Award can be earned multiple times and is represented with the appropriate device.



Cubmaster Award, cloth, blue knot on yellow, No. 05022. Recognizes Cubmasters for at least two years of service, training, and meeting quality program objectives.



Cub Scouter Award, cloth, blue and gold knot on dark blue, No. 05017. The Cub Scouter Award recognizes an adult leader registered in a Cub Scout pack for at least two years, who meets specific training, and meeting quality program objectives.



Den Leader Coach Training Award – *retired*, Denotes two year served as a Cub Scout Den Leader Coach in a quality Pack. This knot may no longer be earned. Scouters who have previously earned this knot may continue to wear this knot.



Pack Trainer Award, cloth, royal blue and bright yellow on yellow background. The Pack Trainer Award is for a registered Cub Scout pack trainer who meets specific service, training, and quality program objectives.

Leadership Awards

Leadership Awards are available to Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, Sea Scout, Commissioners, and local council leaders to recognize their length of service, training, and quality of leadership.



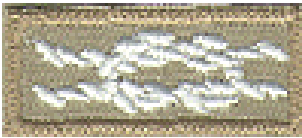
Unit Leader Award of Merit, cloth, gold knot on blue, No. 610091 Recognizes Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Varsity Coaches and Venturing Crew Advisors for at least 18 months of service, training and meeting quality program objectives. Award can be earned multiple times. Replaces Scoutmaster Award of Merit, Varsity Coach Award of Merit and Venturing Advisor Award of Merit. Applicants are nominated by their Unit. Self-nomination automatically disqualifies a candidate.



Scouter's Training Award, cloth, green knot on tan, No. 05008, Scouter, above left pocket. Denotes two years served in any position as a registered leader in various Scouting units and positions of responsibility. Requirements vary, depending on position, but all requirements basically amount to creation and/or maintenance of a quality scouting program. This award can be earned for multiple positions within scouting, such as; Boy Scout Leader, Varsity Scout Leader, Venturing Leader, or Roundtable Staff Training Award. When you complete the card with all necessary signatures, turn it in to your District Training Chair at the next Roundtable meeting.



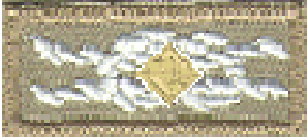
Scouter's Key, cloth, green and white knot on tan, green to right, No. 05006, Scouter, above left pocket. Denotes three year served in the top adult leadership position in a given unit or job. Requirements vary, depending on position, but all requirements basically amount to creation and/or maintenance of a quality scouting program. This award can be earned for multiple positions within scouting, such as; Scoutmaster's Key, Varsity Scout Coach's Key, Venturing Advisor's Key, Skipper's Key, Roundtable Commissioner's Key District/Assistant District Commissioner's Key, Unit Commissioner's Key and District Committee's Key. When you complete the card with all necessary signatures, turn it in to your District Training Chair at the next Roundtable meeting.



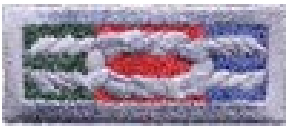
Scoutmaster Award of Merit – *retired*, cloth, white knot on tan, No. 05001. Recognizes Scoutmasters and Coaches for their tenure, training, and quality crew program. Replaced by Unit Leader Award of Merit. Scouters who have previously earned this knot may continue to wear this knot.



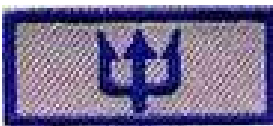
Varsity Coach Award of Merit – *retired*, cloth, white knot on tan, No. 05001. Recognizes Team Coaches for their tenure, training, and quality crew program. Replaced by Unit Leader Award of Merit. Scouters who have previously earned this knot may continue to wear this knot.



Venturing Advisor Award of Merit, cloth knot, white on tan, No. 05001, with Venturing device, No 00940. The Venturing Advisor Award of Merit recognizes Venturing Crew Advisors for tenure, training, and quality crew program. Replaced by Unit Leader Award of Merit. Venturers who have previously earned this knot may continue to wear this knot.



Venturing Leadership Award, cloth knot, silver on green red and blue background, green to wearer's right. The Venturing Leadership Award is presented by councils, areas, regions, and the National Council to Venturers and adults who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Venturing Code. Self-nomination automatically disqualifies a candidate.



Sea Badge Training Award, cloth, blue Neptune's trident on silver, No. 05527, Sea Scouting leader, above left pocket. Sea Badge is similar in scope to Wood Badge but focuses on Sea Scout skills and ideals. This award is presented to registered Sea Scout adults that attend and complete the Seabadge Conference advanced training course. Additionally, at this time, in the Southern Region only, participants must also complete their Rudders (similar to the Woodbadge Tickets) to earn the right to wear this knot. There are no additional requirements or signatures necessary. Completion of this course entitles you to wear this knot.



International Scouter's Award, cloth, white and purple square knot, purple worn to the right, restricted. The International Scouter's Award encourages Scouters to broaden their involvement in Scouting through participation in world Scouting activities and recognizes Scouters for their contributions to world Scouting. When you complete the card with all necessary signatures, turn it in to your District Training Chair at the next Roundtable meeting.



Doctorate of Commissioner Science Award, red cloth, silver square knot, yellow border, No. 18093, Commissioners, above left pocket. The Doctorate Commissioner Science Award is award to a Commissioner upon completion of a standardized program leading to the completion of a thesis or project and the award of the Doctorate of Commissioner Science from a College of Commissioner Science. The College of Commissioner Science program is designed to have a commissioner learn, through a series of training classes, followed by work experiences to ensure a quality program throughout Scouting. This training will take a number of years to complete. The commissioner finalizes his/her training with an approved thesis or project for the benefit of the Scouting program. This assists both new commissioners as they learn, and seasoned commissioners as they train others.



BSA Speaker Bank, brown cloth, tan square knot, brown border, worn above the left pocket. In order to spread the message of Scouting, the BSA is maintaining a list of officially registered speakers to get the word out about Scouting. After a registered speaker conducts a minimum of 20 speeches and provides feedback, the speaker will receive a knot. Knot recipients will receive recognition at the National Annual Meeting. There is nothing else to do. If you are a registered BSA Speaker, and you give 20 speeches and then fill out the feedback, you will automatically be awarded this knot.



The Professional Training Award, gray cloth, black square knot, black border, worn above left pocket. May be earned by: Associate District Executives, District Executives, Senior District Executives, Exploring Executives, Senior Exploring Executives, District Directors, and Field Directors with supervisory responsibilities. To earn the award, Professional staff Scouters must: complete or participate in five of eight training or coaching programs (including Wood Badge, Exploring Advanced Seminar, and National Camping School), successfully attend all three sessions of the Professional Executive Institute (PEI), and meet all critical achievements in his or her District/Division/Council for two of the three years.



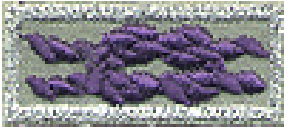
Philmont Training Center Masters, yellow cloth, red square knot, yellow border, worn above left pocket. To earn this knot, you must first attend a training course at the Philmont Training Center. Then you must go back to the Philmont Training Center to take an additional course AND recruit 3 other scouts to go with you AND you must go back home and TEACH a BSA course (usually the course you took at Philmont). The course can be taught at the District, Council, Area or Regional level. If you go back to the Philmont Training Center for a third time, and meet other requirements, you can earn a device to be worn on the knot.



Arrowhead Honor, silver arrowhead, Commissioners, left sleeve.

Honor Awards

These awards are not earned but instead awarded to recognize leaders for outstanding service. Self-nomination automatically disqualifies a candidate.



Adult Religious Award, cloth, purple knot on silver, No. 05014, may be worn by adult members presented with the recognition, above left pocket. Adults may wear both knots if they satisfy qualifying criteria. Presented for faithful service while an adult leader.



Distinguished Commissioner Service Award, cloth, silver knot on red, No. 05019, Scouter, above left pocket. Recognizes the active service of Unit Commissioners, District Commissions, and commissioners for at least 5 years and in meeting other quality and training criteria.



District Award of Merit, cloth, silver overhand knot on dark blue, ends down, No. 05013. A council award for noteworthy service at the district level.



Silver Beaver Award, cloth, blue and white knot on tan, blue to right, No. 05003. Established in 1931, the Silver Beaver Award is presented for distinguished service to young people within a BSA local council.



Silver Antelope Award, cloth, gold and white knot on tan, gold to right, No. 05012A. The Silver Antelope Award, created in 1942, is granted for outstanding service to youth within the territory of a BSA region.



Silver Buffalo Award, cloth, red and white knot on tan, red to right, No. 05004. The Silver Buffalo Award, created in 1925, is bestowed upon those who give truly noteworthy and extraordinary service to youth at the national level.



Silver World Award, cloth, red and white stripes, world, two stars are worn to the wearer's right, No. 05019. The Silver World Award, conceived in 1971, is presented by the BSA to world citizens who give outstanding service to their nation's youth or to young people in other countries.



Order of the Arrow Distinguished Service Award, cloth, white knot on red, No. 05528, Scout or Scouter, restricted. The Distinguished Service Award was created in 1940 to honor those who rendered service to the Order of the Arrow beyond the lodge level.



Hornaday Award, cloth, blue, green, and white knot on tan. The William T. Hornaday Award recognizes Scouts, Venturers and Scouters for their unusual and distinguished service in natural resource conservation and environmental improvement at the regional, national, or international level. To earn the Hornaday Award as an individual, youth members must earn a series of merit badges followed by a concentrated series of conservation and/or environmental education projects to be conducted in the member's community or nearby, under the advisement of a trained conservation, naturalist, or environmental engineering expert. The present adult Gold Award is nominative in nature, and extends over at least a ten-year span of working in or with conservation or environmental education/reclamation efforts in the community, state or nation. When you complete the card with all necessary signatures, turn it in to your District Training Chair at the next Roundtable meeting.

Lifesaving or Meritorious Action Knots

These knots are for scouts who have done something noteworthy. Bravery Awards can be awarded to a youth or adult member and are some of the few knots that can be worn by a youth. Self-nomination automatically disqualifies a candidate.



Medal of Merit, cloth, gold and blue on tan, blue to right, No. 05025. The Medal of Merit may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has performed **some outstanding act of service of a rare or exceptional character** that reflects an uncommon degree of concern for the well-being of others. Key in the difference between this award and the heroism awards is that the action need not involve saving life, but must employ some aspect of Scouting learning or skills in the execution.



Heroism Award, cloth, red on white twill, No. 05020. The Heroism Award may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has demonstrated **heroism and skill in saving or attempting to save life at minimum risk to self.**



Honor Medal, cloth, red knot on tan, No. 05010. The Honor Medal may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has demonstrated **unusual heroism and skill in saving or attempting to save life at considerable risk to self.** In cases of exceptional skill or resourcefulness and extreme risk of life, the medal is awarded with crossed palms.

Support of Scouting and Scoutreach Service Awards

These knots are given for support of Scouting and for outstanding service to Scoutreach service.



William D. Boyce New-Unit Organizer Award, cloth, gray knot, gold, green, and red embroidery, No. 14269, Scouter, above left pocket with yellow to the wearer's right. The William D. Boyce New-Unit Organizer Award is presented to recognize volunteers who organize one or more traditional Scouting units. The award may be worn on the adult uniform. The award is a square knot placed over the three colors representing the three phases of our program—Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and Venturing. A volunteer can earn the knot by organizing one traditional unit, and a program device can be earned for up to three additional units organized. If you feel you know of someone deserving, then fill out the form and turn it in to the District Committee Chair. You may nominate yourself for this award by simply downloading the form, filling it out, and turning it in to your District Committee Chair.



Whitney Young, Jr. Service Award, cloth, black and white square knot, tan background and orange border, wear above left pocket with black to the wearers right. The purpose of the Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award is to recognize outstanding services by an adult individual or an organization for demonstrated involvement in the development and implementation of Scouting opportunities for youth from rural or low-income urban backgrounds—this is in fulfillment of Dr. Young's dream of justice and equality for all. If you feel you know

of someone deserving, then submit a nomination form. Self-nomination automatically disqualifies a candidate.



¡Scouting ... Vale la pena! Service Award, cloth, brown and yellow square knot, red background and red border, wear above left pocket with brown to the wearers right. Recognizes outstanding services by an adult individual or an organization for demonstrated involvement in the development and implementation of Scouting opportunities for Hispanic American/Latino youth. If you feel you know of someone deserving, then submit the nomination form. Self-nomination automatically disqualifies a candidate.



Asian American Spirit of Scouting Service Award, cloth, black and white square knot, purple background and purple border, wear above left pocket with black to the wearers right. The purpose of the Asian American Spirit of Scouting Service Award is to recognize outstanding services by an adult individual or an organization for demonstrated involvement in the development and implementation of Scouting opportunities for Asian American youth. If you feel you know of someone deserving, then submit the nomination form. Self-nomination automatically disqualifies a candidate.



William H. Spurgeon III Award, cloth, gold square knot, with either a black or dark green background and gold border, wear above left pocket. The William H. Spurgeon III Award is the highest recognition for individuals and organizations contributing significant leadership to the Exploring program. Although the award may be awarded to an organization, only the direct-contact adult is entitled to wear the knot. Candidates for this

award must be nominated. Self-nomination disqualifies the candidate.



Community Organization Award, cloth, gold square knot, with either a navy blue background and gold border, wear above left pocket. This square knot is worn by those whom have received an award from an external community organization, specifically recognized by the BSA's Relationships Division, while serving as an adult member of the BSA. This award is **NOT** a BSA award; it represents an award presented by some other community service, fraternal, corporate or governmental organization to one of its members for making significant contributions toward the education, service and/or devotion to youth through scouting. In recognition of being a recipient of one of these awards, BSA then allows you to sew this knot on your uniform.

There are currently twelve awards which fall into this classification. Eleven of them wear the Community Organization Award knot:

- **The Marvin M. Lewis Award** of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE)
- **Daniel Carter Beard Award** of the Loyal Order of Masons Scouter Award
- **Veterans of Foreign Wars Scouter's Achievement Award**
- **American Legion Scouting Square Knot Award**
- **Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal of the US Military Department of Defense**
- **Herbert G. Horton Alpha Phi Omega Youth Service Award**
- **Raymond A. Finley, Jr. Sea Scout Service Award** of the United States Power Squadrons
- **Cliff Dochterman Award** of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians

- **Ruritan Scout Leader Community Service Award** of Ruritan National Service Clubs
- **Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award** of The Sons of the American Revolution
- **The Lions Clubs Scouting Service Award**



The twelfth, is a cloth, blue square knot, with red and white embroidery, red and white border, wear above left pocket with red to the wearer's right. **The George Meany Award**, of the American Federation of Labor & Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) is also part of this category, but retains the use of the original square knot designed for the Meany Award. Occasionally, a recipient of the Meany Award, at their discretion, they may choose to wear the more generic Community Organization Award knot instead of the specific Meany knot, but they may NOT wear both (unless, of course, they happen to be a recipient of BOTH the Meany, and one of the other eleven recognized community organization awards). The Meany Award is presented to Scouters and to union organizations at both the national and local Council level for service and support given to the Scouting program at either the local Council or national levels. Self-nomination automatically disqualifies a candidate.