2016 MTC University of Scouting

Welcome to....

Adult Awards
Yes, Adults can and should earn recognition too!

How do you earn them?

1. Complete your trainings!
   a. Leader Specific Training

2. Participate in JTE

3. Attend Roundtable

4. Plan ahead and have a plan!
   a. Troops and Crews… Promote and guide your PLC’s

5. Attend as many supplemental trainings as you can

6. Confer with your fellow Scouters
Most Adult Leader Awards are in the form of Square Knot patches, some of which have additional devices. We’re going to cover the more common ones you might see here today.
Were you in Scouts as a youth?

You are authorized to wear the following knots as an adult for awards you earned as a youth:

- Arrow of Light
- Explorer Gold Award
- Eagle Scout
- Venturing Silver or Summit Award
- NESA Eagle Scout
- Quartermaster Award
- Youth Religious Emblem
How do you wear them?

one knot

two knots

three knots

four knots

five knots

six knots

seven knots

eight knots

nine knots

ten knots
Den Leader Training Award

Tenure - Complete one year as a registered den leader in the position selected. (Tiger Cub den leader’s tenure can be the program year as long as it is greater than eight months.)

Training - Complete the basic training for the selected den leader position and This Is Scouting training. Attend a pow wow or University of Scouting (or equivalent), or attend at least four roundtables (or equivalent) during the tenure used for this award.

Performance - Do five of the following during the tenure used for this award:

1. Have an assistant den leader who meets regularly with your den.
2. Have a den chief who meets regularly with your den.
3. Graduate at least 70 percent of your den to the next level.
4. Take leadership in planning and conducting a den service project.
5. Have a published den meeting/activity schedule for the den’s parents.
6. Participate with your den in a Cub Scout day camp or resident camp.
7. Complete Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO).
9. Participate with your den in at least one family camp; if your den is a Webelos den, participate with your den in at least two overnight camps.
10. Take leadership in planning two den outdoor activities.
11. Hold monthly den meeting and den activity planning sessions with your assistant den leaders.
Unit Leader Award of Merit

Award Requirements:
- Be a currently registered Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Coach, or Advisor who has served in that position at least 18 continuous months.
- Meet the training requirements for the registered position.
- Distribute a printed or electronic annual unit program plan and calendar to each family in the unit.
- Have a leader succession plan in place.
- Effectively use the advancement method so that at least 60% of the unit’s youth have advanced at least once during the last 12 months.
- Cultivate a positive relationship with the chartered organization.
- Project a positive image of Scouting in the community.
Scouters Training Award

**Tenure**: Complete at least two years of tenure as a registered adult leader in a Scouting Unit.

**Training**: Complete basic training for your position and This Is Scouting training. Attend a university of Scouting (or equivalent), or attend at least four roundtables (or equivalent) during each year of the tenure used for this award.

**Performance**: Participate in an annual pack/troop/crew planning meeting in each year. Serve as an adult leader in a troop that achieves at least the Bronze level of Journey to Excellence in each year. The Quality Unit Award is acceptable if the tenure used is prior to 2011. Give primary leadership in meeting at least one pack/troop/crew Journey to Excellence objective in each year. Participate in at least one additional supplemental or advanced training event at the council, area, region, or national level during the two years.
Scouters Key Award

**Tenure:** Complete at least three years of tenure as a registered Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Coach or Advisor.

**Training:** Complete basic training for your position and This Is Scouting training. Attend a university of Scouting (or equivalent), Pow-wow counts for the Cubmaster’s Key, or attend at least four roundtables (or equivalent) during each year of the tenure used for this award.

**Performance:** Achieve at least the Silver level of Journey to Excellence for at least two of the three years. Conduct an annual pack/troop/crew planning session and have a published meeting/activity schedule for the parents in each year. Participate in at least one additional supplemental or advanced training event at the council, area, region, or national level.

*Cubs only:* Earn the National Summertime Pack Award at least once.

*Scouts only:* Earn the National Outdoor Challenge Award at least once.
Outdoor Awards Resources

• National Outdoor Challenge Award

• National Summertime Pack Award
Commissioners can earn them too!

Each Commissioner position has its own specific set of requirements to include tenure, projects, coaching assignments and recruiting.

Please see the following website for details on each position:
http://www.scouting.org/scoutsOURCE/Scouting/Training/Adult.aspx
BSA Alumni Award

• All requirements must have been completed after June 1, 2009.
• Applicants must be currently registered adult Scouters of the Boy Scouts of America.
• All applicants must receive the approval of their local council’s alumni relations committee chairperson and their council Scout executive.

Requirements in the following four categories must be completed:
• Alumni Identification/Promotion,
• Alumni Engagement,
• Personal Participation
• Personal Education.

This award is a recognition program to encourage participation and work in council alumni relations programs.
To apply for the Alumni Award, complete the Application for the Alumni Knot Award and submit the application to the National Alumni Task Force for approval.
The Long Rifle Award
also known as The District Award of Merit

• **Requirements:**
  • A nominee must be a registered Scouter.
  • A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside of Scouting, or both.

*Note: The nature and value of “noteworthy service to youth” may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time.*

• Consideration must be given to the nominee’s Scouting position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectations of that Scouting position.

• The nominee’s attitude toward and cooperation with the district, division, and/or council is to be taken into consideration.

*Candidates for this award must be peer-nominated.*
The “Silvers”

• **Silver Beaver**
  - Introduced in 1931 and is a council-level distinguished service award of the BSA of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council.

• **Silver Antelope**
  - Created in 1942, is the regional-level distinguished award of the Boy Scouts of America, acting through the National Court of Honor. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters of exceptional character in their region to recognize their distinguished service to youth.

• **Silver Buffalo**
  - Created in 1925, is bestowed upon those who give truly noteworthy and extraordinary service to youth. This award, Scouting’s highest commendation, recognizes the invaluable contributions that outstanding American men and women render to youth. The service must be national in character and may or may not be directly connected with the BSA.
The William D. Boyce New-Unit Organizer Award is presented to recognize volunteers who organize one or more traditional Scouting units. The award is a square knot worn on the adult uniform 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 after March 1, 2005.

The award is administered by the Alumni Relationships Division and is presented by the local council.
Adult Religious Emblem Program

In some denominations, adults can work on and earn alongside their scouts the emblem of their chosen religion. Once earned, you may wear the square knot over your left pocket. The knot is the same for all denominations. The emblem itself is typically worn in ceremonial or special occasions.

Each district has (should!) a religious emblem coordinator on the District Committee that can assist with the process. Each denomination that offers an adult emblem will have a list of their requirements to earn the award.

See your District Committee or a denomination representative for assistance.
ADULT RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS
(PARTIAL SET)

GOD & SERVICE NOMINATION

ON MY HONOR

SHOFAR NOMINATION

ST. GEORGE NOMINATION
WOOD BADGE

• Prerequisites –
  — Leader/Position Specific Training
  — OLS or BALOO
  — Commitment!
Other Awards We Didn’t Cover...

- **Sea Badge** (Sea Scouts)
- **Hornaday Award** (All branches, for conservation mentoring)
- **Venturing Leadership Award** (Venturing, nominated)
- **Community Organization Award**
  - (VFW, SAR, Lions Club, American Legion, ETC)
- **OA Distinguished Service Award**

- Plus others that recognize service to specific groups and international service to scouting.
There are also some fakes and unauthorized ones out there...
...but those are different from the ones that are just discontinued but still authorized for wear.
This presentation is not a complete list of adult awards from the BSA. For more information, please visit scouting.org or see the BSA's Guide to Advancement.
Most important aspect giving out ANY awards...

• Prepare your remarks ahead and know your recipient.
• Make it a big deal, especially in front of the boys and their families.
• Also make it a big deal to the award recipient and to his/her family.
• Make it public and make it positive!
• Use social media and don’t underestimate a good ole’ fashioned newspaper article.
Most important aspect of receiving ANY award...

- Accept it gracefully…it’s not as easy as you think.
- Use the TOUT method if a speech is required:
  - Thank the person giving you the award.
  - Others… Mention who helped you earn it.
  - Use… How are you going to use this award?
  - Thank the audience, the person giving the award and those who helped you earn it… again!
Napoleon Said...

“Give me a mile of ribbon and I’ll give you an army of heroes.”
Final Thoughts...

- Get trained! Scouts DESERVE a trained leader!
  - Leader Specific, OLS, OWL, BALOO, Wood Badge, Online trainings - YPT, This is Scouting, Committee Challenge...
  - Supplemental trainings - UoS, College of Commissioner Science, Roundtables.

- Use JTE as your program guide.

- Don’t be shy about getting recognition!

- As your boys see you advance and be recognized, they will also strive to advance and be recognized. Lead by example!
SCOUTERS

WHAT MY SPOUSE THINKS I DO
WHAT MY COWORKERS THINK I DO
WHAT MY BOSS THINKS I DO
WHAT MY SCOUTS THINK I DO
WHAT I THINK I DO
WHAT I REALLY DO

Scouting Magazine
Questions or Comments?
“Success in training the boy depends largely on the Scoutmaster’s own example.”

– Baden-Powell