

# BSA Knots of Recognition

## All Programs



### ✓ Religious Emblem (Youth)

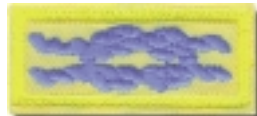
Earned by completing requirements of an individual's faith. A miniature device indicates the level of emblem(s) earned (Tiger or Cub Scout, Webelo, Boy Scout, Venturing or Varsity)  
May be worn by youth and adults who earned it as a youth.



### ✓ Religious Emblem (Adult)

Earned by mentoring a youth in the requirements of an individual's faith. Youth and adult knots may both be worn. This knot is worn only by adults.

## Cub Scouting



### ✓ Cubmaster

Complete a set of requirements dealing with training, performance, and tenure. For Cubmasters and Assistant Cubmasters. This knot is worn by adult leaders.



### ✓ Tiger Den Leader

Complete a set of requirements dealing with training, performance, and tenure. Tiger Cubs are first grade boys. This award replaces the Tiger Coach Award, no longer available, but may still be worn. This knot is worn by adult leaders.



### ✓ Den Leader

Complete a set of requirements dealing with training, performance, and tenure. Wolf and Cub Scouts are second and third grade boys. This knot is worn by adult leaders.



### ✓ Cub Scouter

Complete a set of requirements dealing with training, performance, and tenure. For pack, district or council Cub Scouting positions. This knot is worn by adult leaders.



### ✓ Webelos Den Leader

Complete a set of requirements dealing with training, performance, and tenure. Webelos are fourth and fifth grade boys. This knot is worn by adult leaders.



### ✓ Den Leader Coach

Complete a set of requirements dealing with training, performance, and tenure. This knot has been discontinued, but may still be worn on the uniform. This knot is worn by adult leaders.

## Venturing



### ✓ Silver Award

The highest award a Venturer can earn. Venturing skills include Leadership, Emergency Preparedness, and Ethics in Action. This knot is worn by youth and adults.



### ✓\* Venturing Advisor of Merit

To recognize adult crew advisors for tenure, training and quality crew program. This knot is worn by adult leaders.

## Scouter



### ✓ Arrow of Light

This knot signifies that the wearer earned the Arrow of Light Award as a Webelo, the highest rank of Cub Scouting. Youth wear the Arrow of Light rank emblem. This knot is worn by adults.



### ✓ Eagle Scout

This knot shows that the wearer earned the highest award of Boy Scouting: Eagle Scout. Boy Scouts wear the embroidered rank patch of Eagle Scout. This knot is worn on the Venturer uniform and by adults.



### ✓ Scouter's Key

This award can be earned and worn by Scoutmasters, Commissioners (Roundtable, District and Assistants, and Unit), Varsity Coaches, District Committee Members, and Venture Advisors. In each position earned the leader wears the small metal device for that position on the knot.



### ✓ Scouter Training Award

Complete a set of requirements dealing with training, performance, and tenure. The Training Award can be earned by Boy Scout Leaders as well as leaders of Varsity Teams and Venture Crews plus Roundtable or Huddle staff. This knot is worn by adults.



### ✓\* Scoutmaster Award of Merit

Complete a set of requirements dealing with training, unit performance, and tenure (18 months) and be nominated by the troop. This knot is worn by adults.



### \* Order of the Arrow Distinguished Service Award

Presented for outstanding work in the Order of the Arrow. This knot is worn by youth or adults.



### \* District Award of Merit

A council level award presented by a district for service and work by Scouters. This knot is worn by adults.



### \* Silver Beaver

A national award presented by the local council for service and work by Scouters. This knot is worn by adults.



### \* Silver Antelope

A regional award for service to youth within the Region, or for outstanding longtime service to youth by a registered Scouter residing within that Region. From the Regional Executive Board. This knot is worn by adults.



### \* Silver Buffalo

Awarded to volunteer Scouters and other individuals for outstanding service to youth on a national basis or over a significant period of national service to a youth agency or in actions affecting youth. From the National Executive Board of the BSA. This knot is worn by adults.

## Sea Scout



### ✓ Sea Badge

Recognition of completion within 2-years of Sea Badge Course, which is the advanced training course for Sea Exploring leaders at various levels. This knot is worn by adults.



### ✓ Quartermaster Award

A Sea Scout may earn this award which is a rough equivalent to the Eagle Award. This knot is worn by youth or adults.

## Varsity



### ✓\* Varsity Team Coach

Award of Merit  
This award is the Varsity Coach's equivalent of the Scoutmaster's Award of Merit. This knot is worn by adults.

## Explorer



### \* Explorer Achievement Award

A national level award presented by the council for outstanding work in Exploring. This knot is worn by adults.

## Commissioner



### \* Distinguished Commissioner Award

Presented to commissioners who have gone beyond the call of duty in their respective areas of commissioner work. This knot is worn by adults.

## Professional



### ✓ Professional Training

Professional Scouters complete requirements dealing with training, tenure, performance, and a research paper over a 4-year period. This knot is worn by adults.

## Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturer, Scouter



### ✓\* Hornaday Award

For environmental education and service. There are five different levels of the Hornaday award that can be earned as a youth or adult member of a unit. This knot is worn by youth or adults.

## Special Awards



### \* Heroism

To a scout or adult leader who demonstrates heroism and skill in saving or attempting to save life at minimum risk to self. This knot is worn by youth or adults.



### \* Honor Medal

To a scout or adult leader who demonstrates unusual heroism and skill in saving or attempting to save life at considerable risk to self. This knot is worn by youth or adults.



### \* Medal of Merit

To a scout or adult leader who performs some outstanding act or service of a rare or exceptional character that reflects an uncommon degree of concern for the well-being of others. This knot is worn by youth or adults.



### \* Silver World

Presented by the BSA to world citizens who are not members of BSA but give outstanding service to their nation's youth, to young people in other countries, or to the Scouting program of their nation through their participation or support.



### \* George Meany

This award is presented by local unions of the AFL-CIO to union members who have faithfully served Scouting. This knot is worn by adults.



### ✓\* James E. West

Presented to youth or adult scouters based on a contribution from scouter or friends to the local Council's West Fellowship Fund. The contribution may be made in honor or memory of another. This knot is worn by youth or adults.



### \* Whitney Young

A national award presented to Scouters who have been instrumental in providing Scouting to youth in an urban environment. This knot is worn by adults.



### \* William H. Spurgeon III

A national level award presented by the council to individuals who have done outstanding work in the area of Career Awareness Exploring. This knot is worn by adults.



## Boy Scouts of America Square Knot Insignia

- ✓ Earned by completing tenure and/or requirements
- \* Honor award. Candidates are nominated and selected by a committee. Self nomination disqualifies a person.
- ✓\* Presented by a combination of nomination and completion of requirements

Knots are worn three in a row over the left pocket of the uniform. See the Insignia Guide, Training Committee Guidebook, or [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) for more information.

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