

Boy Scouts of America

Achievement

Award

Opportunities





**Cyber Chip Award**

Promotes internet safety.

**Hudson Valley Council District Awards**

District Award of Merit

District Commissioner’s Award

Lifetime Achievement Award

Louis J. Friedman Award

Larrie Goetz Award

Spirit of Scouting Award

Service to Youth Award

Young Scouter of the Year Award

Eric Huss Award

Community Support Award

District Achievement Award

District Hidden Hero Award

Eagle Support Award

Charter Organization of the Year Award

Venturing Achievement Award

Boy Scout Achievement Award

Troop Committee Chair of the Year

Troop Committee Member of the Year

Cub Scout Achievement Award

Cubmaster of the Year

Assistant Cubmaster of the Year

Pack Committee Chair of the Year

Pack Committee Member of the Year

Webelos Den Leader of the Year

Bear Den Leader of the Year

Wolf Den Leader of the Year

Tiger Den Leader of the Year

Lamp Lighter Award

Unit Hidden Hero Award

Silver Beaver Award

**Interpreter Strips**

The Interpreter Strip is not an award... it is optional insignia, not temporary insignia. Its sole purpose is to serve as an immediate, visual cue to others that you are able to perform as an interpreter, when needed... not to award your ability to converse in another language.

**Recruiter Strip**

There are NO formal requirements for these strips. Each Unit establishes the procedure for awarding the strip. Usually, a Recruiter Strip is awarded to a Cub Scout or Boy Scout the first time he is successful in getting a friend, relative, classmate, or other acquaintance to join his unit.

**Religious Emblems**

To encourage members to grow stronger in their faith, religious groups have developed the following religious emblems programs. The Boy Scouts of America has approved of these programs and allows the emblems to be worn on the official uniform. The various religious groups administer the programs. Check with your local council service center or contact the religious organization directly to obtain the curriculum booklets.

**National Court of Honor**

National awards for lifesaving and meritorious acts are made only for outstanding and unusual acts that demonstrate unusual heroism, skill or bravery and reflect Scouting ideals,

**STEM/NOVA Awards**

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

STEM is part of an initiative the Boy Scouts of America has taken on to encourage the natural curiosity of youth members and their sense of wonder about these fields through existing programs. From archery to welding, Scouts can't help but enjoy the wide range of STEM-related activities. To support this initiative, the BSA developed the Nova Awards program so that youth members have fun and receive recognition for their efforts.

This is a quick reference guide to additional awards, medals and emblems a scout may earn during his scouting career.

Detailed information for each award can be found online on scouting.org or the district web site.

## What Qualifies as a Hornaday Project?

**PALA Award**

PALA stands for the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award, a program of the President’s Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition (PCFSN).

PALA is designed to motivate Scouts, Venturers, Parents, Volunteers, Council Staff, Board Members, Friends of Scouting, and BSA Alumni to be physically active on a regular basis by allowing them to participate in activities they enjoy, as well as improving their eating habits .

**Historic Trails Awards**

Love of America and devotion to our country depend upon a thorough appreciation of the ideals, principles, and traditions that have made our country strong. Historic Trails Award requirements emphasize cooperation between historic societies and Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, and Venturer units. A unit should establish a close relationship with a local society as soon as possible when planning a historic activity - most communities have such societies.

**1777 & 1779 Revolutionary Trails Program**

The American Revolutionary Trails follow the authentic routes of two military expeditions. One is the march of the British Army in 1777 from Stony Point to the attacks on Forts Clinton and Montgomery at Bear Mountain, N.Y. The other follows the American Army in 1779 from Bear Mountain to the battle of Stony Point.

The Scouts who hike either trail qualify for the Historic Trails

To qualify for the medal Scouts must hike the trail

and complete a six hour service project on the Trail.

**50 Miler Award**

The primary objective of this program is to stimulate a group of scouts interest in the ideals of the movement and to promote activity that will result in personal fitness, self-reliance, knowledge of wood lore, and a practical understanding of conservation. You can hike, bike, row or horseback ride a consecutive 50 miles and complete a 10 project along the route.

**Boardsailing, BSA**

This award has been developed to introduce Scout-age children to basic boardsailing skills, equipment, and safety precautions; to encourage the development of skills that promote fitness and safe aquatic recreation; and to lay a skill and knowledge foundation for those who will later participate in more advanced and demanding activities on the water.

**Life Guard, BSA**

To be trained as a BSA Lifeguard, you must successfully complete the course as outlined in the BSA Lifeguard Instructor Manual and demonstrate the ability to perform each item specified in the requirements guide.

**Mile Swim, BSA**

To encourage swimming skills and recognize Scouts who swim one mile or more.

**Snorkeling, BSA**

To encourage youth members to learn and become proficient in snorkeling skills and to snorkel safely.

**Kayaking , BSA**

To encourage the development of kayaking skills and water safety.

**SCUBA, BSA**

Scuba BSA introduces qualified all scouts and scouters to the special skills, equipment, and safety precautions associated with scuba diving; encourages aquatics activities that promote fitness and recreation; and provides a foundation for those who later will participate in more advanced underwater activity.

**Stand up Paddle Boarding**

The BSA Stand Up Paddle boarding award introduces Scouts to the basics of stand up

paddle boarding (SUP) on calm water, including

skills, equipment, self rescue, and safety precautions. This award also encourages Scouts

to develop paddling skills that promote fitness

and safe aquatics recreation.

**Den Chief Service Award**

To recognize youth members who serve as den chief for at least a year, understand Cub Scouting, attend den chief training, and are active.

**Who Can Earn This Award?**

Earned by Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers.

**How to Get the Award**

Complete Service Award progress record in the back of the Den Chief Handbook; have Cubmaster and den leader sign off completion of requirements, and give form to the unit leader who will order the award and set a presentation date.

**Firem’n Chit**

This certification grants a Scout the right to carry matches and build campfires. The Scout must show his Scout leader, or someone designated by his leader, that he understands his responsibility.

**Totin’ Chip**

This certification grants a Scout the right to carry and use woods tools. The Scout must show his Scout leader, or someone designated by his leader, that he understands his responsibility.

**Paul Bunyan Woodsman Award**

An award given to a Scout who demonstrates skill with an ax or a saw and to show they have wood skills.

**Hornaday Awards**

The William T. Hornaday Awards are presented for distinguished service in natural resource conversation for units, Scouts, Venturers, and Scouters. Venturers may earn the Hornaday badge or the Hornaday Bronze or Silver Medal. Venturing crews or Sea Scout ships may earn the William T. Hornaday Unit Award.

**Boy Scout World Conservation Award**

To encourage all youth members to think globally and act locally to preserve and improve our environment. Involves advancement and project work.