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50 miler award: Presented to any youth or adult who meet the criteria.

Asian American Spirit of Scouting Service Award: 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 youths.

Alumni Award: A recognition program to encourage participation and work in council alumni relations programs, including NESAs activities; areas of work include alumni identification/promotion, alumni engagement, personal participation, and education. Presented to Scouting alumni who promote continued engagement with the Boy Scouts of America.

Commissioner Arrowhead Honor: To encourage commissioner training, unit visitation, participation, and unit service. Earned by unit, area, and regional commissioners; approved by higher-level commissioner.

Community Organization Award: This award acknowledges that a adult volunteer has been recognized by another organization for service to Scouting; 14 non-Scouting organizations have recognition programs approved for this award. Presented to adult volunteers by the BSA upon documentation submitted by an approved organization for Scout service for this award.

Conservation Good Turn Award: To encourage packs, troops, teams, and crews to join with conservation or environmental organization (federal, state, local, or private) to carry out a Conservation Good Turn in their home communities. Earned by youth and adult members.

Den Leader Training Award: To recognize den leaders who have completed training, tenure, and performance requirements. Available for Tiger Cub den leaders, Cub Scout den leaders, and Webelos den leaders.

Distinguished Commissioners Service Award: For commissioners who have earned the Arrowhead Honor and Commissioners Key, served five years of continuous service, and completed a project for their council; this award also emphasizes unit service. Earned by all commissioners.

Doctorate of Commissioner Science Award: To recognize completion of a standardized program leading to the completion of a thesis or project and the award of the Doctorate of Commissioner Service from a College of Commissioner Science. Earned by all commissioner levels.

Emergency Preparedness Award: Encourages youth to be prepared, productive, self-reliant adults active in their communities; involves earning emergency preparedness-related advancement, personal development, preparing an emergency kit, and presentations. New for 2014: Units, districts, and councils can earn bronze, silver, and gold level awards. Earned by registered youth and adults.

Founders Bar: Worn by all youths and adults whose names are on a new-unit charter or who join the new unit before it recharter for the first time; members of veteran units still in operation who were on the original charter may also wear the bar.

Frank L. Weil Memorial Quality Jewish Committee Award: To recognize local Jewish communities on Scouting that meet standard objectives in the support of the local council; named after Frank L. Weil, a

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founding member of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting and its chairman from 1935–1957. Presented to members of the local council committee on Scouting.

George Meany Award: To recognize union members who have made a significant contribution to the youth of their communities by volunteering in the programs of the BSA. Earned by Union members

Historic Trails Award: To bring appreciation to the ideals, principles, and traditions that have made our country strong; requirements emphasize cooperation between historic societies and Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout units, which should establish a close relationship with a local society as soon as possible when planning a historic activity—most communities have such societies. Presented to youth and adult members who meet the criteria

International Scouter's Award: To recognize adult volunteers who promote international Scouting on all levels who in turn help broaden the perspectives of Scouting. Earned by adult volunteers.

Interpreter strip: To signify that a youth or adult member speaks a foreign language (one other than English). Any member who speaks a specific foreign language; demonstrate knowledge by carrying on a five-minute conversation in this language, translating a two-minute speech or address, and writing a letter in the language (does not apply for sign language); or, translating 200 words from the written word.

James E. West Fellowship: To recognize gifts to local council endowment funds. Presented to anyone who donates at a particular level.

Lifesaving and Meritorious Action Award: To recognize registered youth and adults who have performed an attempt to save a life or to recognize notable acts of service that need not involve attempts of rescue or risk to self, but put into practice Scouting skills and/or ideals. Presented to National Court of Honor–approved youth and adults; not qualifying are individuals who do lifesaving as part of their job, such as an EMT, lifeguard, or doctor

Memorial Gold Star Award: A program for units to add a memorial gold star to their unit flag if a previous or present member of the unit has given their life for their country. Awarded at the unit level to those who meet the criteria.

Messengers of Peace: To recognize individuals who participate in a Messengers of Peace project (service project). A global service project program carried out by Scouts throughout the world. Youth and adults

Mile Swim BSA: To encourage swimming skills and recognize Scouts who swim one mile or more. Earned by Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts, and Explorers, and adult leaders in these programs

National Den Award: To encourage dens to or that have a quality, year-round program; to qualify, dens do service and conservation projects, Cub Scout Academics and Sports activities, field trips, character building, and camping; dens earn the award as a team, not as individual den members. Earned by dens

NESA Life Membership Award: To recognize life members of NESA for their commitment to support Eagle Scouts through a NESA life membership. For those who have purchased a NESA life membership.

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North Star Award:High-level award presented by councils on the behalf of the National Court of Honor for nonregistered volunteers who have made a significant contribution to Scouting; on same level as the Silver Beaver Award, which is for registered volunteers. Presented to nonregistered Scouting supporters; may be presented at the council, area, region, and national levels.

Order of the Arrow—Distinguished Service award:Recognizes Arrowmen who have rendered outstanding service to the Order on a sectional, regional, or national level. Presented; all Arrowmen are eligible.

Order of the Arrow –Founders Award:To recognize Arrowmen at the lodge level who have given outstanding service. Presented to Arrowmen active at the lodge level.

Order of the Arrow – Reed Arrow Award:Recognizes individuals who are not members of the OA for outstanding service to the OA. Presented to non-OA members.

Order of the Arrow – Vigil Honor:To recognize youth and adult Arrowmen who have distinguished themselves in their lodge and council through exceptional service and personal effort. Presented to distinguished Arrowmen.

Outdoor Ethics Awards:Guided by the Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace, millions of Scouts have enhanced their awareness of the natural world around them, minimizing impact to the land. For Scouts who have a deep interest in the outdoors, nature, and the environment, Scouting’s outdoor ethics will give you an ever-deeper appreciation of the richness of the land and how we fit into it. If you are prepared to venture down the path of really becoming aware of your surroundings, of building the skills that will allow you to leave no trace on the land, then the Outdoor Ethics Awareness and Action Awards are for you.

- a. Cub Scout and Scouter
- b. Boy Scout and Scouter
- c. Varsity Scout and Scouter
- d. Venturer and Scouter

Philmont Training Center Masters Track Award:To promote educational opportunities by returning to Philmont Training Center over a number of years, growing through advanced-level training, and then taking knowledge back to units, districts, councils, council clusters, and national and international venues. Earned by all adult volunteers.

Religious Emblems: To encourage members to grow stonger in their faith, religious groups have developed religious emblem programs.

- a. The Good Shepherd Emblem: Baptist
- b. The St. George: Roman Catholic
- c. Shabbat Emblem: Jewish
- d. The Shofar Award: Jewish

Vale la Pena! Service Award: To recognize outstanding service by an adult or an organization for demonstrated involvement in the development and implementation of Scouting opportunities for Hispanic/Latino youth. Presented to adults and organizations that meet the criteria.

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Scouter's Key: To encourage training, performance, and tenure. Earned by Scoutmasters, Varsity Scout Coaches, Venturing Crew Advisors, district and assistant district commissioners, district committee members.

Couter's Training Award: To encourage training, tenure in a position, participation, and performance of adult leaders. Earned by roundtable commissioner staff, Cub Scout leaders, Webelos Scout leaders, Boy Scout leaders, Varsity Scout leaders, Venturing leaders, Sea Scout leaders, commissioners, and district committee members.

Seabadge Underway: Comprehensive Sea Scout skills/boating course for adult Sea Scout leaders; and any other adult who supports the Sea Scout program; the three-day course teaches procedures for operating a vessel safely and teaches the Sea Scout way. Earned by adult Sea Scout leaders and any other adult 21 or older who supports the Sea Scout program.

Service stars: To recognize members for their tenure in Scouting. Any youth or adult member who have at least one year of tenure in Scouting.

Silver Antelope Award: To recognize registered Scouters of exceptional character who have provided distinguished service within a region. Presented by the National Court of Honor on behalf of regions.

Silver Beaver Award: The Silver Beaver Award is the council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service.

Silver Buffalo Award: The Silver buffalo Award, 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 BSA.

Snorkeling BSA: To encourage youth members to learn and become proficient in snorkeling skills and to snorkel safely. Earned by Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts, and Explorers, and adult leaders in these programs.

Torch of Gold Award: To recognize individuals who have provided outstanding service in the area of Scouts with special needs Presented to youth and adult members.

Trained Strip: To recognize those adults and youth who have completed training required for their position. Presented to Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturing youth, and adults upon completion of training; also may be worn by den chiefs who have completed den chief training

Unit Leader Award of Merit: To encourage units to be strong and viable by attaining certain benchmarks characteristic of strong units; seven requirements must be met with nomination by the top youth leader if for a troop, team, or crew; nomination is certified by the unit commissioner Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Varsity Team Coaches, and Venturing Crew Advisors.

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Scouter's Training Award: Earned by roundtable commissioner staff, Cub Scout Leaders, Webelos Scout leaders, Boy Scout Leaders, Venture leaders, Sea Scout leaders, commissioners, and district committee members.

Veteran Award: To recognize BSA individual members for tenure in Scouting Earned by all registered members

W. P. Society Award: To recognize individuals who have contributed more than \$25 million to the BS. Presented to individuals who contribute more than \$25 million to the BSA.

Whitney M Young Award: Recognizes outstanding service by an adult individual or by an organization for demonstrated involvement in the development and implementation of Scouting opportunities for youth from rural or low-income urban backgrounds. Presented to adults and organizations by the national office.

Willaim T Hornaday Gold Medal: The goal of this awards program is to encourage and recognize outstanding efforts in natural resource conservation and environmental protection.

William D. Boyce New-Unit Organizer Award: To recognize volunteers who have organized a new unit Presented to volunteers who organize a new, traditional unit.

Willaim T Hornaday Gold Medal: To recognize adult volunteers by a council for influence the nominee has had on youth and educational programs, with an emphasis on sound stewardship of natural resources and environmental improvement during a period of at least three years. Presented to adult volunteers.

William T. Hornaday Unit Award: To encourage all units to participate in projects that improve the environment and/or conserved natural resources in the community. Earned by members of all units if 60 percent of membership has participated in the project.

Woods Service Award: A national-level recognition for volunteer adults who provide outstanding service to Scouts with special needs Be currently registered as a member of the Boy Scouts of America and have three or more years of service in any Scouting capacity related to Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and/or Venturers with disabilities.

