

Basic Scouter Training Awards



Scouter's Key

Eligible: All scouters in key positions.
 Requirements: Varies, use 2012 editions; 3 years tenure (4 for skippers).
 Insignia: Medal, square knot, certificate.
 Approval Level: District
 Details: The key may be earned many times, but only once per discipline. Skipper's Key recipients may wear the alternate medal.



Scouter's Training Award

Eligible: All scouters.
 Requirements: Varies, use 2012 editions; 2 years tenure.
 Insignia: Medal, square knot, certificate.
 Approval Level: District
 Details: The award may be earned many times, but only once per discipline.



Den Leader's Training Award

Eligible: All den leaders.
 Requirements: Varies, use 2012 editions, 1 year tenure.
 Insignia: Medal, square knot, certificate.
 Approval Level: District
 Details: The award may be earned many times, but only once per discipline.

**Small gold pins called devices may be worn on the ribbon or square knot to indicate which key(s) were earned. Those currently available are:*

- Cubmaster's Key
- Scoutmaster's Key
- Varsity Coach's Key
- Venturing Advisor's Key
- Skipper's Key
- Commissioner's Key
- District Committee's Key

- Cub Scout Leader's Training Award
- Scout Leader's Training Award
- Varsity Leader's Training Award
- Venturing Leader's Training Award
- Sea Scout Leader's Training Award
- Roundtable Staff's Training Award

- Tiger Den Leader Training Award
- Den Leader Training Award
- Webelos Den Leader Training Award

Devices greatly enlarged to show detail.



Tigers Cub Scouts Webelos Boy Scouts Varsity Venturing Sea Scouts Commissioner District Committee



If you ever see a scouter wearing this knot as his **Skipper's Key, snap a picture. It was only available from October 1947 thru December 1948 and was earned by very few skippers. It is the rarest square knot in BSA history.*

Advanced Scouter Training Awards



Wood Badge (Graduate)

Eligible: All scouters
Requirements: Attend Wood Badge and complete your ticket within 18 months
Insignia: Certificate, 2 beads, tan neckerchief & leather woggle.
Approval Level: Council (via National)
Details: The course was initiated in 1919 in the UK, 1936 in the USA, with our own BSA-operated courses beginning in 1948.



Wood Badge (Assistant Course Director)

Eligible: All Wood Badge graduates
Requirements: Staff one or more Wood Badge courses after completing your ticket.
Insignia: Certificate, 3 beads.
Approval Level: Council (via National)
Details: Only about 50,000 3-beaders exist in the world of scouting, compared to over 100,000 Wood Badge graduates.



Wood Badge (Course Director)

Eligible: Elite Wood Badge staffers
Requirements: Course Direct a Wood Badge course under the auspices of the National Council.
Insignia: Certificate, 4 beads.
Approval Level: Area (via Gilwell)
Details: A scouter may only perform this service once in a lifetime, worldwide.



PTC Master Track Award

Eligible: All scouters
Requirements: Attend Philmost twice, recruit others to attend.
Insignia: Certificate, square knot.
Approval Level: National
Details: Knot device available for additional coursework.



Seabadge

Eligible: Adult Sea Scouters.
Requirements: Attend Area/Regional Seabadge training conference.
Insignia: Silver trident badge, square knot.
Approval Level: Area
Details: One time only award, the square knot was reportedly discontinued in 2013 but may still be worn until stock is gone.



Doctorate of Commissioner Science Award

Eligible: All commissioners.
Requirements: Complete the College of Commissioner Science.
Insignia: Certificate, square knot.
Approval Level: Council
Details: One time only award, requires at least 5 years service and study.

BSA Square Knot Devices



Honor Medal
Denotes a higher award



Eagle Scout & NES Life Eagle Scout



Eagle Palms devices
Denotes additional merit badges



NOESA device
Denotes a higher award



DESA device
Denotes a higher award



PTC Master Track Award
PTC device
Denotes completion of Track 3



James E. West Fellowship
1910 Society & Founder's Circle devices
Denotes higher level of fellowship



Community Organization Award
Approved non-BSA Masonic device
Denotes Dan Beard Award



Den Leader Award
Denotes den served



Tiger



Wolf/Bear



Webelos



Professional Scouter Award BSA Device
All professional trainings done



Commissioner Award for Excellence in Unit Service Commissioner Device
One each for 2nd and 3rd award



William D. Boyce Award
Denotes unit organized for award



Pack



Troop



Team



Crew



Ship



Youth Religious Award
Denotes program age(s) in which award is earned



Cub



Webelos



Boy Scouts



Venturer



Scouter Award of Merit
Denotes what unit the leader received the award



Scoutmaster



Coach



Advisor



Explorer



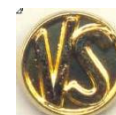
Unit Leader Award of Merit
Denotes what unit the leader headed to receive the award



Cubmaster



Scoutmaster



Coach



Advisor



Scouter's Key
Denotes what specific key was earned



Scoutmaster



Coach



Advisor



Skipper



(Old)

Commissioner



District Committee



Cubmaster



This knot is the Skipper's Key from 1946-47

The below may be worn on the Scouter's Key and Scouter's Training Award knots if earned during the now-defunct Explorer Program



Scouter's Training Award
Denotes what specific training award was earned



Scouter



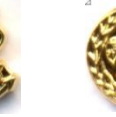
Varsity



Venture



Sea Scouter



Roundtable Staff



Cub Scouter



Cub Scouter



C. A. W.
1957-58



Air Explorers
1959-66



Circle V
1958-69



Explorer
1971-98

BSA Training Award Medals & Medallions Evolution



Current Scouter Award Medals

Skipper's Key	Scouter's Key	STA	DLTA
1942-P	1940-P	1956-P	2013-P



Former Scouter and Cub Scouter Award Medals (1939-1988)

Skipper's Key	Scouter's Key	STA	STA	DLCTA	DLTA
1939-41	1928-39	1932-48	1948-55	1956-88	1956-88



Former Cub Scouter Award Medallions (1989-2013)

Cubmaster TA	Den Leader Coach TA	Cub Scouter TA	Webelos Den Leader TA	Den Leader TA	Tiger Den Leader TA
1989-2013	1989-2008	1989-2013	1989-2012	1989-2012	1992-2012