

VENTURING RECOGNITIONS

(In Addition to those in the Venturing Awards Star)

Boardsailing, BSA – This award was developed to introduce Scouts 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. *scouting.org*

BSA Aquatics Instructor – A five-year certification awarded to an adult who satisfactorily completes the Aquatics section at a BSA National Camping School. *scouting.org*

BSA Lifeguard – A three-year certification awarded to Boy Scouts, Venturers, and adults who meet prescribed requirements in aquatics skills, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, first aid, and emergency action. *scouting.org*

Conservation Good Turn Award – The conservation Good Turn is an opportunity for Venturing crews to join with conservation or environmental organizations (federal, state, local or private) to carry out conservation Turn in their home communities (Application #21-386) *Venturer Handbook*

50-Miler Award – A recognition given to members of a crew who make a wilderness hike, canoe, or rowboat trip of not less than 50 consecutive miles in no less than five days and complete a service project on the way. *Venturer Handbook*

Heroism Award – A lifesaving award presented by the BSA National Court of Honor to a registered Venturer or leader who has saved a life at some risk to his or her own. *Venturer Handbook*

High Adventure Base Emblems – Available for program participation at Florida National High Adventure Sea Base, Northern Tier National High Adventure Programs and Philmont Scout Ranch. If a Venturer makes it to all three, he/she can apply for the Triple Crown.

Historic Trials Award – Available to Venturing crews planning and conducting historic service projects or activities in cooperation with a local historic society. *Venturer Handbook*

Honor Medal – A lifesaving award presented by the BSA National Court of Honor to a registered Venturer or leader who has demonstrated unusual heroism in saving or attempting to save a life at extreme personal risk. *Venturer Handbook*

Hornaday Award – This award is presented for distinguished service in conservation. The award is given in one of six forms: The local council may give the William T. Hornaday certificate for a unique conservation project by a pack, troop, team, or crew. The council may also award the William T. Hornaday badge to individual Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers for outstanding service in conservation. All other Hornaday Awards are conferred by the National Council; Scouts and Venturers may

apply for the bronze and silver medals, and local councils may nominate Scouters for the gold medal and individuals and organizations for the gold certificate. (Application #21-107) *Venturer Handbook, _scouting.org*

Interpreter Strip – A badge available to all scouts and scouters who can write, translate, and speak a foreign language or can carry on a conversation in sign language.

scouting.org Strips available include:

- Cantonese
- Chinese
- Dutch
- French
- German
- Greek
- Italian
- Japanese
- Mandarin (Simplified & Traditional)
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Signing for Deaf
- Spanish
- Vietnamese

Jamboree Emblem – A jamboree emblem may be worn by any member who is registered to attend a jamboree or who has attended a jamboree as a registered participant or staff member. Only one jamboree emblem (world or national) may be worn. *scouting.org*

Kayaking BSA

Leadership Award – available to youth and adult volunteers registered and involved in Venturing. The Venturing Leadership Award is presented by councils, areas/regions, and the BSA National Council to Venturers and adult volunteers who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Venturing Code and Oath. *Venturer Handbook* The Leadership Award Emblem Square Knot represents all levels.

- Council: Blue and White Ribbon with Pendant
- Regional: Green and White Ribbon with Pendant
- National: Red and White Ribbon with Pendant

Long Cruise Arc – A red Long Cruise arc worn over the Long Cruise badge represents an additional two-week cruise. When five have been completed, the red arcs are replaced by one white arc. *scouting.org*

Long Cruise Badge – An award given to Sea Scouts of Ordinary rank who have completed a two-week cruise. *scouting.org*

Medal of Merit – Awarded by the National Court of Honor to a registered Venturer or leader for meritorious action of an exceptional character, not necessarily involving risk to life. *Venturer Handbook*

Mile Swim, BSA – A recognition available for Venturers who follow a program of preliminary conditioning and swim a continuous mile under the supervision of a qualified swim coach or instructor. *Venturer Handbook*

National Certificate of Merit – This award may be presented by the National Court of Honor to a registered BSA member, youth or adult, who has performed a significant act of service that is deserving of special national recognition. Such action need not involve attempts of rescue or risk to self, but puts into practice Scouting skills or ideals. See "Heroism Award," "Honor Medal," "Local Council Certificate of Merit," and "Medal of Merit." *scouting.org*

Paul Bunyan Woodsman – A recognition given to a Boy Scout or a Venturer who safely demonstrates skill with a long-handle ax. *scouting.org*

Philmont Scout Ranch – The Philmont Scout Ranch arrowhead is a prized patch, available for members of crews who participate in a trek, members of Rayado, ROCS, Cavalcades, OA Treks, Ranch Hands, Philmont Training Center Faculty, and other programs/volunteers at Philmont.

Quality Unit – Presented annually by councils to crews or ships for achievement in membership growth, quality program and leader training. *Venturer Handbook*

Religious Emblems Programs – The religious emblem square knot is worn to indicate earning of the following:

- Ararat
 - Armenian Church of America
- Alpha Omega
 - Eastern Orthodox
- Compassionate Father
 - Meher Baba
- Dharma
 - Hindu
- Etz Chaim
 - Jewish
- Exploring Community Together
 - Community of Christ
- God and Country
 - Church of Christ, Scientist
 - Moravian
 - Polish National Catholic Church
- God and Life
 - African Methodist Episcopal Church
 - African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
 - Baptist
 - Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
 - Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
 - Episcopal
 - Lutheran

Presbyterian Church in America
 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
 Protestant and Independent Christian Churches
 The Salvation Army
 United Church of Christ
 United Methodist
 United Pentecostal Church International
 Good Life
 Zoroastrian
 Good Servant
 Churches of Christ
 In the Name of God
 Islamic
 Karma
 Hindu
 On My Honor
 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
 Open Word Award
 General Church of the New Jerusalem
 Pope Pius XII
 Catholic, Eastern
 Catholic, Roman
 Saint Mesrob
 Armenian Apostolic Church of America (Western Prelacy)
 Sangha
 Buddhist
 Spirit of Truth
 Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
 Unity of Mankind
 Baha'i

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Shooting Sports Outstanding Achievement Award – While working on the Ranger Shooting Sports elective, Venturers are required to complete one of the following disciplines: air pistol, air rifle, archery, muzzle-loading rifle, shotgun, pistol or small bore rifle. However, Venturers who go beyond the basic requirement and complete five of the seven disciplines will earn the Venturing Shooting Sports Outstanding Achievement Award. This beautiful medal and certificate are sponsored by many companies and organizations in the shooting sports industry to recognize outstanding achievement in shooting sports. *scouting.org*

Snorkeling, BSA – A recognition available for Venturers who follow a program using masks and fins and snorkel under the supervision of a qualified instructor (Application #19-176) *Venturer Handbook*

TRAIL Boss – TRAIL (**T**eaching **R**esources **A**nd **I**ndividual **L**eadership) Bosses are Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers who have learned how to lead volunteers completing environmental work on public lands. Upon completion of the requirements, candidates may receive the TRAIL Boss patch and certificate.

World Conservation Award – This award provides an opportunity for Venturers to "think globally" and "act locally" to preserve and improve our environment. The program is designed to make youth members aware that all nations are closely related through natural resources and that we are interdependent with our world environment. The requirements include those from the Ranger Ecology elective. If you are interested in ecology, you can get credit for both the Ranger Award and the Venturing World Conservation Award.

World Crest – This emblem may be worn by all members as an expression of world brotherhood. *scouting.org*

Young American Awards – These awards are available at both the local and national levels, recognizing young adults between 15 and 25 who have achieved excellence in the fields of art, athletics, business, community service, education, government, humanities, literature, music, religion or science. The national Young American Awards include five unrestricted grants of \$5,000. *Venturer Handbook*