NEWS BRIEFS

Short items about what's new on the Scouting scene

In Memoriam—Lady Baden-Powell

Lady Baden-Powell, Chief Guide of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts and widow of the founder of the Scouting movement, died on June 26. She was 88 years old.

After a private cremation, Lady Baden-Powell's ashes were flown to Nyeri, Kenya, to be buried in her husband's grave.

Born Olave St. Clair in 1889 in Derbyshire, she married Lt. Gen. Sir Robert Baden-Powell in 1912.

Lord Baden-Powell founded the Boy Scouts in England in 1907 and the Girl Guides in 1910. In the following years Scout movements sprang up around the world.

Upon learning of the passing of Lady Baden-Powell, Chief Scout Executive Harvey Price and BSA President Downing B. Jenks sent a cablegram to Lord Robert Baden-Powell, Lady Baden-Powell's grandson. "On behalf of the four million youth and adult members of the Boy Scouts of America, we extend our condolences at the passing of Olave, Lady Baden-Powell. She was an equal partner in the foundation of the worldwide Scouting movement and her personal contribution and commitment will have a lasting effect on youth everywhere. We recall with pleasure her many visits and the impact she had on Scouting in the United States, and mourn the loss of this great lady."

Though Lady Baden-Powell had requested that no period of mourning be observed, plans are being made to hold a memorial thanksgiving service in the fall so that all of the worldwide Scouting family may honor Lady Baden-Powell's life and service.

Wonderful World of Scouting

In preparation for the 1978 roundup, we announce a national theme, the Wonderful World of Scouting. Jim McKay of the American Broadcasting Company and ABC Sports will help support the theme.

National support materials will be available in time for council activities in the fall of this year. The theme is not restricted to membership campaigns —roundups, in BSA jargon—but will give added color to other events like camporees, recognition dinners, blue and gold banquets, pow wows, summer camps, Explorer superactivities and the like.

Says Jim McKay, "Because of my interest in sports and knowing that many athletes have been active in Scouting, I am delighted to join with you to further the Wonderful World of Scouting."

Chief Scout Executive Harvey L. Price describes the WWS program as "an 'umbrella theme' that may help Scouters in the continuing operation of their council."

Lutheran religious emblems

To update the article in our May-June issue, note the following information about the religious emblems programs for Cub Scouts, Scouts and Explorers who are Lutheran.

Cub Scouts. The *Student's Book of the God and Family Program* (same as for other Protestants) may be secured from any council service center or from PRAY, Box 179, St. Louis, Mo. 63166 (75 cents). The Lutheran edition of the *Counselor's Manual* for use in guiding Lutheran boys through the God and Family program is available from these same sources ($1.25).

Scouts and Explorers. The Pro Deo et Patria program continues to be the religious emblem program for Lutheran boys in these levels of Scouting. The *Candidate's Handbook* ($1) and *Pastor's Guide* ($1.25) are available from the Department of National Youth Agency Relationships, Lutheran Council in the U.S.A., 360 Park Ave., S., New York, N.Y. 10010.

On My Honor award

A new religious emblem—the On My Honor award—is now available to young men in Scouting units of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. To earn the emblem a young man must:

1. Be registered in an LDS chartered Scouting unit for a period of two years (not necessarily consecutive), one of which may be as a Blazer (Scout) in the Primary.
2. Be worthy of the award as determined in an annual interview with the bishop or branch president.
3. Earn the Star progress award in the United States, or equivalent Scouting award in other countries.
4. Submit the application before the applicant's 19th birthday.

For more information, write to: "Mormon" Church, Salt Lake Distribution Center, 1999 West 1700 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84104.

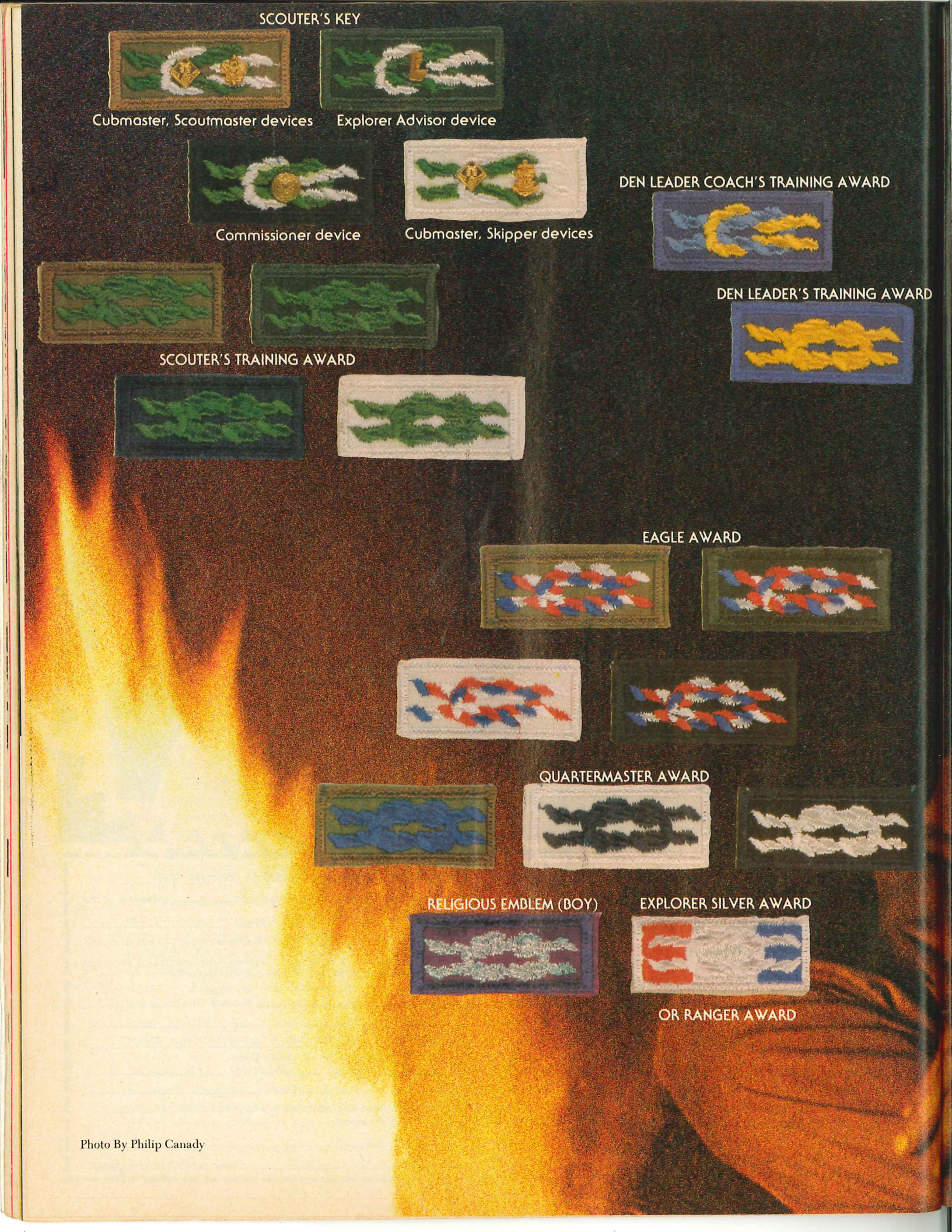
Liberty Village

Echoes of the Bicentennial year continue to resound throughout the land. Liberty Village in Flemington, N.J., offers one such ongoing observance of the Bicentennial era geared to youth groups. The people running the historic village call it their Encampment Program. Here's what's involved:

You select in advance one of three programs, Colonial Craftsmen, American Indian or American Folk Arts. When you arrive at the west central Jersey town, you pitch camp on the village green in tents you bring. Then you and your Scouts or Explorers swing into the program. (Cub Scouts of course may come but camping out is omitted.)

In each part there are three sessions: a hands-on crafts project in which the youngsters actually make something in the manner of early artisans; an audiovisual presentation; and an additional craft experience in glassmaking. In the Indian program, in place of the latter, there is a historic reenactment. All activities are supervised by highly competent staff members.

Fee per person is $10 (maximum group size is 30) and includes overnight use of the campground, an indoor shelter with open hearth for cooking



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KNOT AWARDS

BY JAMES W. DeLANEY

How many times have you seen a Scout or Scouter wearing multi-colored embroidered knots above his or her left uniform pocket and wondered what they were for?

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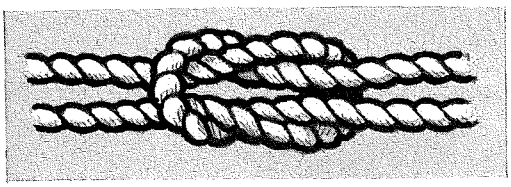


An embroidered knot is a representation of a medal, pendant or certificate, and is worn on the field uniform to informal activities.

Even if you knew that the knots represented top awards of the Boy Scouts of America, you may not have known which particular awards were being represented.

It is equally important for award winners to wear the knots they have earned and to wear them correctly. So, here for the first time, is the complete information about embroidered knots, all of them pictured in color, including all versions of five knots which are available on different backgrounds.

These are some of the most commonly asked questions about knots. If you have questions that are not answered here, please write to: Insignia and Uniform Committee, Boy Scouts of America, North Brunswick, N.J. 08902.

What is the purpose of the knot?

It is a representation of a medal, pendant or certificate and may be worn on the field uniform to informal activities. The wearing of medals or pendants should be reserved for formal occasions such as courts of honor and annual recognition dinners.

I did not earn the religious emblem as a boy, but several years ago I was presented the Lamb award for Lutheran adult leaders. May I wear the silver knot with purple background?

No; the silver knot with purple background is for Scouts, Explorers and for adults who earned a religious emblem as a youth. There is a new knot for an adult who has been presented the adult leader's award of his faith. It is purple on silver.

I served as Cubmaster for three years and earned the Scouter's Key. Now that my boy has graduated into Scouting, I am serving as Scoutmaster. If I earn the Scouter's Key as Scoutmaster, may I wear two knots?

No; you should not wear two knots, even though you will have earned the same award twice but in different programs. However, you may wear two metal devices on the same knot. The devices signify in which program you've earned the Scouter's Key. Several combinations are shown on page 38. The key may be earned as a Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Explorer Advisor, Sea Explorer Skipper or Commissioner. It is possible for one person to earn and wear five devices on the same knot.

Should I wear the embroidered Eagle badge and square knot at the same time?

No, the embroidered badge is only for a boy to wear on his left pocket, and the embroidered square knot is usually worn only by adults. Boys are encouraged to wear the embroidered badge.

Which knots for awards that I earned as a youth may I wear as an adult?

You may wear the knot for *any* award that you have earned at any time. Note that there is no knot for such awards as trail medals and the Hornaday award.

If I have the knots I have earned sewn on my uniform, must I take them off for the formal occasions when I wear my medals?

No; you may wear your medals pinned immediately above the left pocket as if there were no knots there. Remember that you may wear only five medals, even if you have earned more.

I was awarded the Silver Fawn. Is there a knot for that award?

The Silver Fawn was awarded from Jan.1, 1971, to June 30, 1974, to women for distinguished service to youth in local councils. Women are now presented the Silver Beaver. The same knot is used for either the Silver Beaver or Silver Fawn.

When I was an Explorer in the fifties I earned the Explorer Silver award. Is it permissible to wear the knot on my Scouter's uniform even though the award is no longer given?

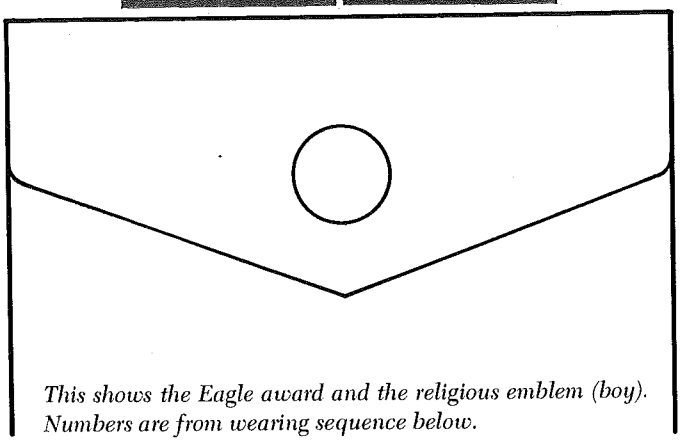
Yes, the knot on page 38 is used for two versions of the Silver award and their predecessor the Ranger award. The Ranger award and the early Silver award have their own knots. Either may be worn, although they are not available and not shown here.

How do I tell which way is right side up for the various knots? The Eagle knot seems to be the most confusing?

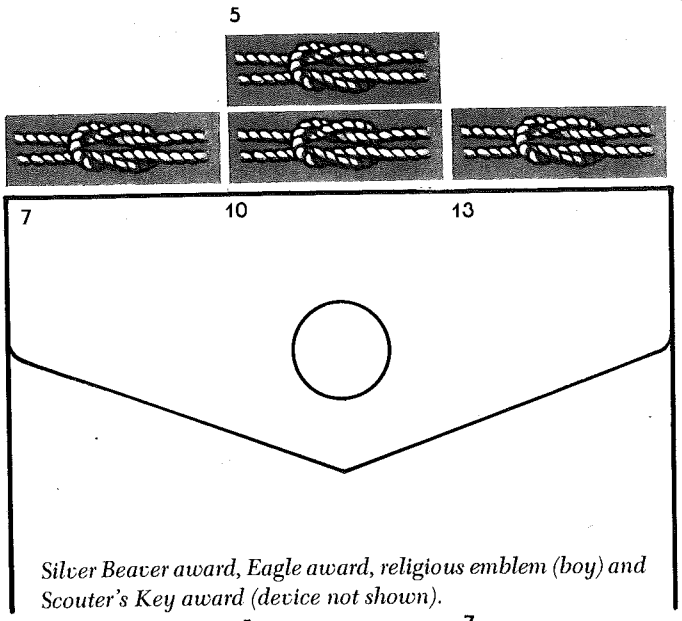
Most of the knots have a distinguishing color making up half of the square knot. The ends of this half always point toward the wearer's right. Note that the distinguishing color is *not* white. The distinguishing color in the Eagle knot is blue, and the blue ends point toward the wearer's right. Blue is also the distinguishing color in the Den Leader Coach's Training award knot and Medal of Merit knot.The Explorer Silver award knot is worn so that the background colors read left to right as you face the wearer: red, white and blue. For knots that have no distinguishing color, refer to the pictures in this article.

Why do some knots for some awards have different color backgrounds?

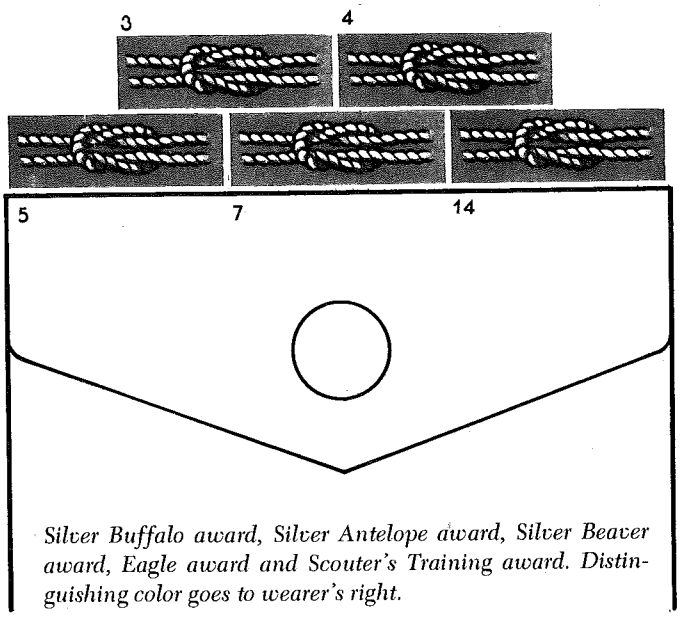
The only significance of the background color of a knot is the color of the uniform upon which it is sewn. It has nothing to do with the program in which the award was earned. For example, if you earned the Scouter's Key as a Cubmaster but now serve as a Sea Explorer leader, you would



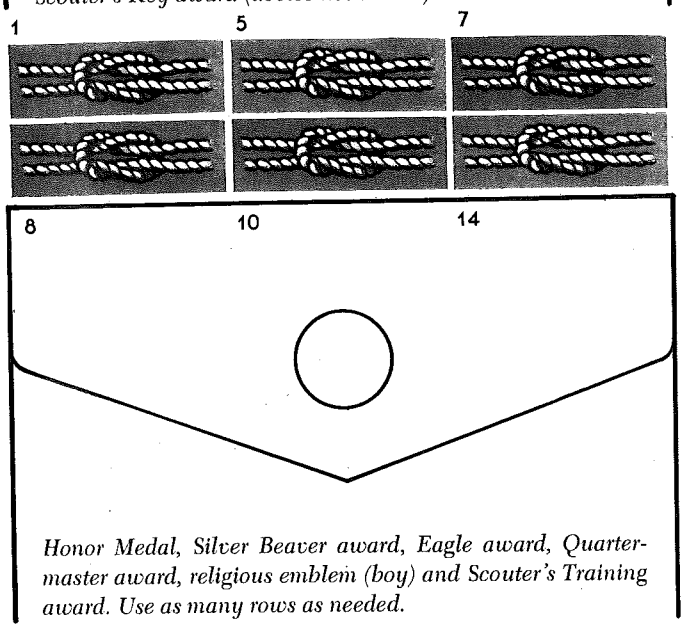
This shows the Eagle award and the religious emblem (boy). Numbers are from wearing sequence below.



Silver Beaver award, Eagle award, religious emblem (boy) and Scouter's Key award (device not shown).



Silver Buffalo award, Silver Antelope award, Silver Beaver award, Eagle award and Scouter's Training award. Distinguishing color goes to wearer's right.



Honor Medal, Silver Beaver award, Eagle award, Quartermaster award, religious emblem (boy) and Scouter's Training award. Use as many rows as needed.

wear the knot with white background on your white uniform or the knot with the blue background on your Sea Explorer blues. Regardless of background, you would wear the Cub Scout metal device on your knot to show that you earned the award as a Cubmaster. For other knots without devices, simply wear the knot with the background that matches your uniform.

I was recently presented the Distinguished Eagle plaque. It seems that there should be a special knot for this award.

You may update the Eagle award knot already on your uniform by placing in the center of it the miniature 14-karat-gold Eagle pin, No. 94.

How many knots may I wear at one time?

You may wear as many as you have earned. If you have one, wear it centered above the top seam of the left uniform pocket. If you have two, wear them centered with the lowest-numbered knot (from sequence below) to the wearer's right. If you have three, wear them in a row with the lowest-numbered knot to the wearer's right, second-lowest in center and highest-numbered in last position. For more than three, wear them in rows with lowest-numbered knots in the top row and highest-numbered in lower rows as shown in the sample displays above.

What is the order of precedence for wearing the various knots on the uniform?

One award is no more important than another; therefore, the terms "precedence" and "importance" are not appropriate. However, for the sake of uniformity, there is a wearing sequence. It is given below.

WEARING SEQUENCE

1. Honor Medal
2. Silver World award
3. Silver Buffalo award
4. Silver Antelope award
5. Silver Beaver award or Silver Fawn (available on khaki, blue, white or green background)
6. Medal of Merit
7. Eagle award or Distinguished Eagle award (available on khaki, blue, white or green)
8. Quartermaster award (available on khaki, blue or white)
9. Ranger award or either Explorer Silver award
10. Religious emblem (boy)
11. Religious emblem (adult)
12. Awards from Scout associations of other nations if knot is awarded (none shown here)
13. Scouter's Key (available on khaki, blue, white or green)
14. Scouter's Training award (available on khaki, blue, white or green)
15. Den Leader's Training award
16. Den Leader Coach's Training award
17. District Award of Merit
18. Order of the Arrow Distinguished Service award