Update on Training Awards for Adult Unit Leaders

In 2011, the National Council's Awards Committee conducted a review of the hundreds of awards presented to Scouts and adults in the BSA. Many recommendations were made to update procedures and the awards themselves. Among the recommendations was the update of the unit leader training awards requirements and a review of the Cub Scout leader recognition awards.

These recommendations have been reviewed by the national volunteer training committee and a task force of unit-level leaders. Some awards have been eliminated and all of the requirements for the remaining awards have been updated.

The forms and requirements have been simplified. The committees do not believe that means easier. They are along the same lines and "degree of difficulty" as the previous requirements, but will be less complicated and consistent across the awards and the phases of the Scouting program.

The training awards and keys are designed to recognize unit Scouters for *tenure*, basic and continuing *training*, and successful *performance* in their leadership role.
The changes and other considerations:

- The Cubmaster Award has been discontinued. Cubmasters may now earn the Scouter's Key Award and may wear the Scouter's Key knot with a Cub Scouting device.
- The Cub Scouter and Pack Trainer Awards have been discontinued. Cub Scout pack leaders may earn the Scouter's Training Award and may wear the Scouter's Training Award knot with a Cub Scouting device.
- The Tiger Cub and Webelos Den Leader's Awards have been discontinued. All den leaders may earn a new Den Leader's Training Award medal that is being created, and may wear the Den Leader's Training Award knot (identical to the previous Cub Scout Den Leader Award knot) with the appropriate device. A Tiger Cub den leader device is also being developed.

Scouters who have earned the old awards will still be able to wear the old awards and knots.

Scouters who have begun to work on the Cub Scout Leader Recognition Awards will still be able to earn them as long as they are completed by the following dates:

_ Tiger Cub Den Leader Award – December 31, 2012
_ Webelos Den Leader Award – December 31, 2012
_ Cubmaster Award – December 31, 2013
_ Pack Trainer Award – December 31, 2013
_ Cub Scouter Award – December 31, 2013

Cub Scouters who have not started to work on an award may only earn the new awards and must use the new requirements.

Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, and Venturing awards, knots, and devices have not been changed. Only the requirements have been updated. Leaders who have started to earn these awards may use either set of requirements, but Scouters who have not started to work on an award may only use the new requirements.

Progress record forms with the new requirements for these awards can be found at www.Scouting.org/training.