

## History of the Award

The Silver Squirrel Award was developed to recognize Scouters in a Chicago Boy Scout Troop who had given of their time and effort over the years, providing the support needed to keep troop program functioning smoothly. Since these Scouters had devoted all their efforts at the unit level rather than the district or council level, there was little chance that they would ever be nominated for the District Award of Merit, or the Silver Beaver. The troop committee felt that these individuals should be recognized in a manner consistent with recognition at higher levels, and decided to institute the Silver Squirrel Award. The Silver Squirrel was first awarded in 2005.

The Silver Squirrel Award is being made available to any unit that wishes to recognize their own Scouters in a manner consistent with the history of the award.

The Silver Squirrel Award has no official standing in the Boy Scouts of America, and is given to individuals on the authority of the unit committee. The neck medal and "square knot" (actually an embroidered double carrick bend) are NOT authorized for official wear with the uniform. Official status for this award will not be sought in the future, as the originators wish it to continue as a recognition of front-line Scouters by front-line Scouters.

Your purchase of the Silver Squirrel Award package includes the following items:



Customized Certificate



Silver Squirrel Medal on neck ribbon



Embroidered Knot

**CERTIFICATE INFORMATION  
PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT  
CLEARLY!**

Recipient's name:

Pack      Troop      Crew      Ship  
**(circle one)**

Unit Number :

District Name:

Council Name:

Date of Award:

Titles for signatures on certificate  
**(circle up to 2):**

Scoutmaster/Cubmaster

Committee Chairman

Chartered Organization Rep

Institutional Head

Senior Patrol Leader

Other (specify)

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