William D. Boyce New-Unit Organizer Award

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Introduction

In a heavy London fog in 1909, American businessman William D. Boyce became lost. He was approached by a youth who took Mr. Boyce to his destination. When offered a tip by Boyce, this unknown Scout refused to accept it, saying that he could not accept money for a good turn. This "Good Turn" gave birth to the Scouting movement in America. William D. Boyce was one of those organizing individuals who could see thousands of American youth exhibiting similar values.

Description

The William D. Boyce New-Unit Organizer Award will be presented to volunteers who exemplify Boyce's organizing spirit. It is presented to recognize volunteers who organize one or more traditional Scouting units. The award may be worn on the adult uniform. The award is a square knot placed over the three colors (gold, green, and red) representing the three phases of our program—Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and Venturing.

A volunteer can earn the knot by organizing one traditional unit, and a program device can be earned for up to three additional units organized.

The award recognizes volunteers for organizing traditional units after March 1, 2005. The award will be presented by the local council.

Requirements

1. With the approval of the district committee chair, the volunteer serves as the organizer and completes the successful organization of one new traditional unit (Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, Varsity team, or Venturing crew).
2. The volunteer organizes the unit by following all procedures as published in the "New Unit Organization Process" (No. 34196), particularly ensuring that new-unit leadership is trained, a program for the new unit is organized and in operation, the new unit committee is functioning, a unit commissioner is assigned, all paperwork for the new unit is completed and processed, and the unit charter is presented to the chartered organization.
3. The Boy Scouts of America realizes that quite often several individuals help to organize a new unit. However, for this award, only one volunteer can be recognized as the organizer for a new unit.
4. To further recognize the volunteer's effort for organizing additional new units, a program device can be earned and worn on the new-unit organizer knot. The program device represents the type of unit organized (a Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, Varsity team, or Venturing crew.) The knot and up to three program devices may be worn in recognition for organizing up to four new traditional units. Multiple program devices for organizing units in the same program may be earned and worn.
5. The new-unit organization award recognizes volunteers for organizing traditional units after March 1, 2005.

Recognition Items

- New-Unit Organizer Award Certificate
- New-Unit Organizer Award Uniform Insignia Square Knot
- Program devices to recognize additional new units organized
- "Organizer" lapel pin for civilian wear

Volunteer Scorecard

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Complete these 12 steps.

Date Completed	Step
_____	1. Be assigned a new-unit prospect. Determine if the organization's values are compatible with BSA values.
_____	2. Make an appointment with the head of the organization to talk about Scouting.
_____	3. Promote the benefits of Scouting during a presentation to the head of the organization. This meeting should result in the organizational leader agreeing to charter a Scouting unit.
_____	4. The organization officially adopts the Scouting program and appoints a chartered organization representative.
_____	5. The organization representative appoints an organizing committee of three to five individuals. A BSA unit commissioner and district trainer are assigned to the committee.
_____	6. The unit leadership is selected, approved, and recruited by the organization.
_____	7. The unit leadership is trained with fast start and new leader essentials.
_____	8. The BSA district trainer helps the unit committee and unit leader plan three to six months of programs.
_____	9. The unit committee and unit leader hold an organizational meeting(s) to collect applications and fees.
_____	10. The unit leader completes the paperwork and transmits the fees to the local council office.
_____	11. Boys attend the new unit's first meeting.
_____	12. The BSA district trainer helps the unit commissioner conduct a charter presentation ceremony at a meeting of the organization.

New-Unit Award

Certification of Completion

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Organizer's name_____

Address_____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

District _____

Council _____

Position_____

1. Complete this section before proceeding.

The _____
Organization name

Has been assigned to_____
Organizer name

To organize a _____
Pack, Troop/Team, Crew

_____ _____
District Chairman's signature Date assigned

2. Complete this section when all steps are completed and the unit is organized and officially registered.

_____ was organized by _____
Unit type and number Organizer's name

and a charter was presented to_____
Organization's name

on _____ by the _____ Council, BSA
Date Council Name

_____ _____
Scout Executive's Designee District Chairman's signature

_____ _____
Date Date

Council Record

Certificate prepared by _____
Name

Knot Award presented by _____
Name

Device presented:_____ Cub Scout _____ Boy Scout _____ Varsity _____ Venturing