

Special Awards & Recognitions

Honor Camper – Each troop in camp is entitled to nominate ONE of its campers as their "HONOR CAMPER". The criteria for this award are determined entirely by the unit leadership. Honor Campers are recognized at the Friday night campfire with a commemorative neckerchief.

Lt. Col. Thomas Knowlton Leadership Award – is named in honor Thomas Knowlton of Ashford. In 1963, the Eastern Connecticut Council of the Boy Scouts of America set out to establish a new scout camp on the land once owned by Knowlton in the Town of Ashford, Connecticut. Thomas Knowlton (1740–1776) was an American patriot who served in the French and Indian War and acted as a Colonel during the American Revolution. Knowlton is considered America's first Intelligence professional, and his unit, Knowlton's Rangers, made a significant contribution to intelligence gathering during the early Revolutionary War. Knowlton was killed in action at the Battle of Harlem Heights. A monument of Knowlton presently stands on the state capitol grounds in Hartford, Connecticut. This Award is broken down into Three Categories: *A Scout Camper*, *An Adult Leader*, *A Member of the Camp Staff* and *an Alumni/Friend* of JNW who demonstrates significant leadership on a regular basis.

Mark Greer Medal – *Cub Country Camper*

Named in honor of the long time President of the Middlesex County Council Mark Greer. This medal is awarded to a Cub Country Camper who consistently does “Does his Best” over the course of the week and is recognized as stand out among his peers just as that Mark Greer was in the Scouting Community in the 1960s.

Frederick Burdick Medal – *Base Camper*

Named in honor of tenured Scout Executive of the Pequot Council who gave over 40 years of service to Scouting in Connecticut. The medal is awarded to the Base Camper who exemplifies the dedication to living the values of Scouting set forth over 100 years ago and exemplified by Burdick. The Base Camp Director will decide upon the recipient. The award will be given out at Friday Retreat.

Kattywampus Medal – *Camp Staff Member*

Named in honor of Former Camp Director Sheldon Priest. This medal is awarded each week to a Staff Member whom best exemplifies the qualities of the "Good Scout" which Sheldon emulated in his own life. The Reservation Director will decide upon the recipient. The award will be given out at Friday Retreat.

Kenneth L. Szablewski Most Proficient Marksman Medal - *Camper*

Named in honor of Ken Szablewski long time Shooting Sports Director at JNW. Awarded to the camper who in the opinion of the Shooting Sports Director has demonstrated proficient marksmanship in his or her respective discipline.

Governor’s Award – Named in honor of former Connecticut Governors **Everett J. Lake** of Woodstock & **John Dempsey** of Putnam both of whom have J.N. Webster connections. Given to the Subcamp with the most spirit and enthusiasm during the week.

Tantaquidgeon Cup – Named in honor of **Chief Harold A. Tantaquidgeon** of the Mohegan Tribe. Awarded to the Troop that leads the camp in Scout Spirit and Enthusiasm. The “T-Cup” as it is sometimes referred is the “Best in Show” for the week.

Super Troop – The **Super Troop** program recognizes those Troops that pursue a balanced program of unit activities throughout the camp week and personify Scout Spirit - kind of like the "Honor Camper" for Troops.

Scoutmasters Merit Badge – The Scoutmaster Merit Badge is an award that may be earned by adult leaders in camp. The purpose of the merit badge is to encourage leaders to get more involved in camp programs and have a more interactive experience at Summer Camp. It’s a fun time to network with others.

Polar Bear Swim Award – Attendance at Polar Bear Swim four out of the five Mornings.

Platinum Polar Bear Unit Citation – If 75% of the campsite (Scouts & Leaders) attend Polar Bear Swim during the week your Unit can earn the Platinum Unit Citation.

National Rifle Association Recognition - Qualification shooting program provides incentive awards for developing and improving marksmanship skills. It's a drill. We set the standards; you meet the challenge! Progression is self-paced and scores are challenging but attainable. Performance is measured against established par

scores and any shooter who meets or exceeds those scores is entitled to the corresponding recognition awards for that rating.

Paul Bunyan Woodsman – The award recognizes advanced axemanship and teaching skills. Must have earned the Totin Chip.

BSA Lifeguard – This is the highest aquatics certification by the Boy Scouts of America. To enroll in the course a Scout must be at least 14 years of age and the course will take a significant amount of time in camp.

Mile Swim – The National Award given to Scouts and Leaders for swimming a full mile. Qualifications and actual mile swim times will be announced during your week at camp.

Ironman Competition – One Mile Swim, Two Mile Canoe and Three Mile run. Give time each day to practice. Includes BSA's Mile Swim award. The event will be run on Thursday. Are you an IRONMAN?