

Ta Tsu Hwa BEADS Recognition Program

The Ta Tsu Hwa BEADS Recognition Program is designed to recognize those Arrowmen who have performed exceptional service throughout the Lodge, as well as encourage our Brothers to find new ways to serve. It consists of an arrowhead denoting Ordeal, Brotherhood, or Vigil Honor membership, as well as beads representing individual accomplishments and recognitions, all worn on a leather thong around the neck.

Unlike the sash, these beads can be worn anytime. They may also be worn with or without a uniform and at any Scouting event - OA or otherwise. To earn the beads, one needs to have satisfied the requirements for that bead, which can be found below in this document.

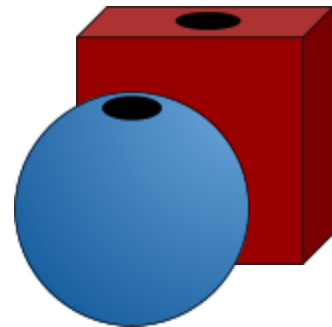
Participants in the Lodge BEAD program will need to purchase beads and arrowheads the Lodge Trading Post.

OA Year BEADS

Appearance:

- 1-year - Sphere (any color)
- 5-year - Cube (any color)

Requirements: One bead is earned for each year you have been registered in the OA (5-year bead replaces five 1-year beads).

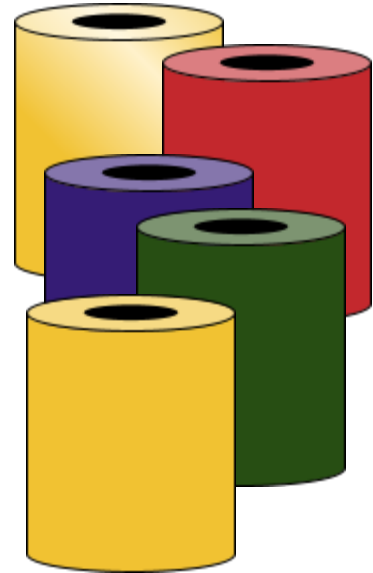


Leadership BEADS

Appearance:

- Gold - National/Region Officer or Committee Chair
- Red - Section Officer, Committee Chair, or Conclave Vice Chief (CVC)
- Purple - Lodge Officer
- Green - Lodge Committee Chair
- Yellow - Chapter Officer or Committee Chair

Requirements: Serve in a given position for one year. Only one pair of each color may be worn.

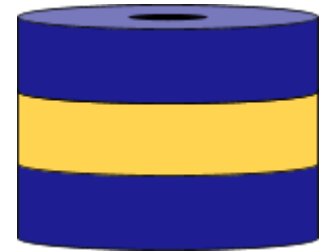


Den Chief BEADS

Appearance: Tricolor bead - Blue, Yellow, & Blue

Requirements: All must be completed in two years.

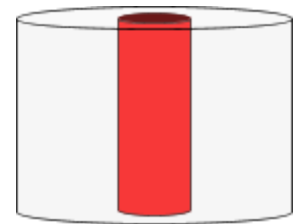
1. Be a den chief in good standing.
2. Attend 4 pack meetings.
3. Attend 8 den meetings.
4. Attend 1 other pack event (such as a pinewood derby or campout).



Expert Contribution BEADS

Appearance: Clear cylinder with red center

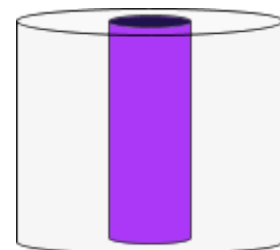
Requirements: Contribute to Scouting in a way specific to your profession (ex. merit badge counselor, medical officer, guest speaker, etc).



Religious Emblem BEADS

Appearance: Clear cylinder with purple center

Requirements: Earn the Religious Emblem award in your respective religion.



Eagle Scout BEADS

Appearance: Tricolor bead - Red, White, & Blue

Requirements: Obtain the rank of Eagle Scout in the Scouts BSA program.



Summit BEADS

Appearance: Tricolor bead - White, Green, & Yellow

Requirements: Obtain the rank of Summit in the Venturing program.



Quartermaster BEADS

Appearance: Tricolor bead - Blue, White, & Black

Requirements: Obtain the rank of Quartermaster in the Sea Scouts program.



Red Bird BEADS

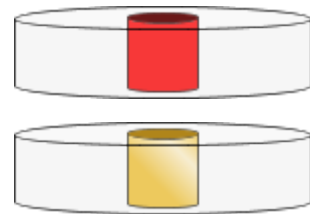
Appearance:

Clear disk with red center (1 Year)

Clear disk with gold center (5 years)

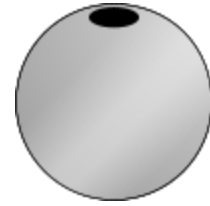
Requirements: All must be completed in one year.

1. Attend five chapter meetings.
 2. Attend five of the following lodge or OA-sponsored events: Lodge Banquet, Spring Induction, Conclave, Hale Service Weekend, Fall Induction, Fall Fellowship, Lodge Leadership Development (LLD), Vigil Weekend (if Vigil), and/or other non-annual events (such as Conclave Work Weekend, Council Camporee, NOAC, or ZBase Work Weekend).
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OA Troop Rep BEADS

Appearance: Small, round, silver bead



Requirements:

All must be completed in one year.

Only one pair may be worn.

1. Attend at least 8 chapter meetings.
 2. Get approval from your Scoutmaster or Chapter Advisor attesting that you have served well as an OA Troop Representative.
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First Commitment BEADS

Appearance: Teal decorative bead



Requirements: Step forward and help on the ceremony team. Ask the Ceremony Advisor for specifics. Only one pair may be worn

Adventure BEADS

Appearance: Bicolor bead - White & Peach



Requirements: Complete a trek at any high adventure base or attend any other scouting event outside the council for which the 50 miler award is earned (travel 50 miles of trail or water without a motor over at least six days). Only one pair may be worn.

Jamboree BEADS

Appearance: Bicolor bead - White & Blue



Requirements: Attend the National Jamboree.
Only one pair may be worn.

NOAC BEADS

Appearance: Bicolor bead - White & Red



Requirements: Attend the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). Only one pair may be worn.

Far Traveler BEADS

Appearance: Bicolor bead - White & Purple



Requirements: Attend a scouting event outside the United States. Only one pair may be worn.

Elangomat BEADS

Appearance: Tricolor bead - Yellow, Black, & Yellow



Requirements: Serve as an elangomat 3 times in two years. Only one pair may be worn.

Nimat BEADS

Appearance: Tricolor bead - Peach, Black, & Peach



Requirements: Earn the Nimat Patch (Nimat twice or serve as Brotherhood Chairperson). Only one pair may be worn.

Culinary Team BEADS

Appearance: Bicolor bead - Black & Purple



Requirements: Serve on the culinary team in the kitchen at three events. Volunteering only for the serving line does not count. Only one pair may be worn.

Ceremony Team BEADS

Appearance: Bicolor bead - Black & Orange

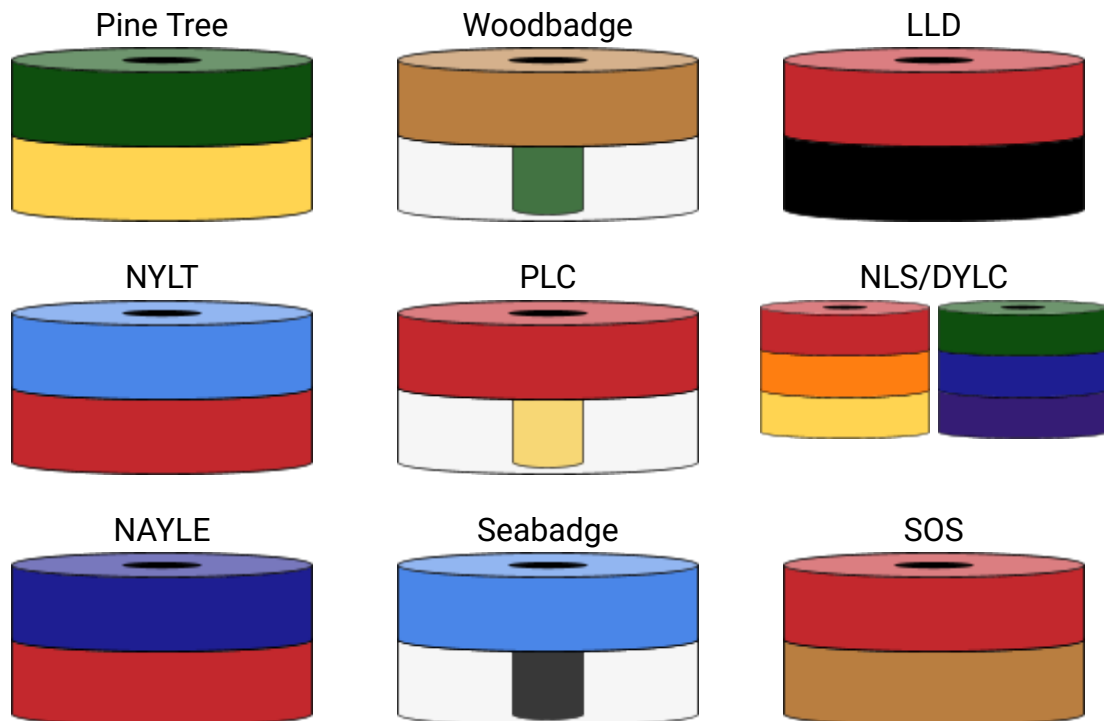


Requirements: Serve on the culinary team in the kitchen at three events. Volunteering only for the serving line does not count. Only one pair may be worn.

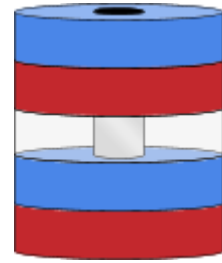
Leadership Training BEADS

Appearance: Bicolor beads (Various colors for each training). LLD/DYLC uses two tricolor beads, one worn on either side of the necklace.
SPL/CD bead is a clear disk with a silver center.

Requirements: Complete a leadership training course as a participant. Serve on staff for a course to earn a second bead. The SPL/CD bead is added between the participant and staff beads to serve as the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL), Course Director (CD), or another equivalent position for a leadership training course. If you staff a course without having been a participant, you only get one bead. No more than two pairs of beads and one SPL/CD bead may be worn for a given training. Available courses are shown below.

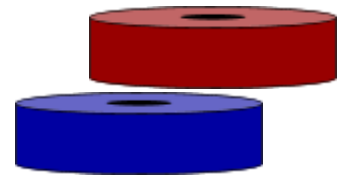


Example of NYLT beads with participant, staff, and SPL/CD bead



Summer Camp Staff BEADS

Summer Camp Staff beads are worn underneath the arrowhead on the BEAD necklace. Each one is a single, colored disk representing one year on staff at summer camp.



Summer Camp Year BEADS

You get one summer camp year bead for every year you have been to summer camp. A Round bead represents 1 year, a square bead represents 5 years. These beads come in multiple colors.

