

## Merit Badge Corner

For many years Scouts BSA has offered “Special Opportunities” which are awards to recognize certain Scout skills. The best known are the “50-Miler” and Mile Swim Awards. These Awards offer opportunities for individual Scouts or groups to be recognized for achievements above and beyond the normal rank advancement. Some such as the Hornaday Awards Nova, or The National Outdoor Awards require a significant effort. Others can be completed during normal Troop or Camp activities.

The list now includes: 50-Miler, Boardsailing BSA, BSA Stand Up Paddleboarding, Complete Angler, Cyber Chip, Den Chief Service Award, Firem’n Chit, Historical Trails Award, Interpreter Strip {now including Morse Code}, Kayaking BSA, Mile Swim, National Outdoor Awards, Nova Awards, Outdoor Ethics {Action & Awareness}, Paul Bunyan Woodsman, Religious Awards, Scuba BSA, Snorkeling BSA, Totin’ Chip, Whitewater Rafting BSA, World Conservation Award, and the William T. Hornaday Awards. BSA Lifeguard has been eliminated.

These Awards are described in the Scouts BSA Requirements book and at

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/>

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