

## The Ashen Grommet Award of Merit

The idea of **The Ashen Grommet Award of Merit** is to honor individual scouts for outstanding behavior in following the Scout Law. In our Pack, an adult leader who observes a scout showing exceptional diligence in these attributes nominates them to the rest of the leadership and describes the actions of the scout. After a consensus from the leadership, the Award is presented in a ceremony in front of the entire Pack, where the scout's actions are highlighted and recognized. From this time forward the scout is authorized to wear the Award with his field (Class-A) uniform.

The grommets are recovered from the ashes of the fire after a Pack Flag Retirement Ceremony. The grommets are then tied with 550 para-cord using a Double Figure-8 Knot (pictured), with enough cord to allow the Award to be worn on the right shoulder, under the epaulette, or shoulder loop, with the Grommet resting on the US Flag patch. We use black cord for Awards presented to Cub Scouts, and red cord for those presented to Boy Scouts, green for Venture Scouts.



As part of the recognition ceremony, our Pack also has a fun traditional poem that we recite.

### The honor of the grommet

1. The Scout Oath, Scout Law, and Scout Motto are not just words we say a-lotto.
2. We take them to heart and keep them in mind and try to be Cheerful, Courteous, and Kind.
3. Clean and Reverent and all the rest a Scout should always do his best.
4. We must never forget the example we set
5. For neighbors, friends, and family members of our community
6. As leaders, we like to recognize the times a Scout really tries
7. To set the example we all expect and so it is with great respect
8. We offer our appreciation and this unique commendation
9. To be worn with pride but not to brag a grommet from a Retired Flag