

BSA NOVA Awards & SuperNOVA Awards

The BSA program for Nova awards and Supernova awards was designed to expose Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venture Scouts to STEM-related fields. There are four different awards for each of the Scout categories noted, with each award covering one of the STEM components. STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Supernova awards are similar, but are more in-depth relative to the required work.

The requirements for each are in guidebooks available at the Scout Service Center. There is one guidebook for Cub Scouts, one for Boy Scouts, and one for Venture Scouts. A description of the awards may be found at this webpage:

<http://www.scouting.org/stem/Awards/AboutNova.aspx>

Units may begin conducting Nova programs at this time. Nova Counselors and Supernova Mentors must be registered under the non-unit position Code 58 or 52 respectively (no fee), and similar to merit badge counselors, they must be independently registered even if he/she is a currently registered Scouter. Refer to the guidebooks for counselor and mentor information. Counselor and mentor information may also be found here: http://www.scouting.org/stem/Council/Volunteer_Support.aspx

An Adult Registration Form, as well as Youth Protection Training, is required for Nova Counselors. There is a special Information Sheet required for Supernova Mentors, in addition to the Adult Registration Form and YPT. See this link for the Information Sheet: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/stem/pdf/514-017_WB.pdf

If you have any question, please contact either the Committee Staff Advisor at the Council offices, or me.

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