

DAVID BERGER, JR.

2018 SILVER BEAVER HONOREE

Dave began his Scouting life by marching in the Bicentennial parade as a Cub Scout in Alexandria, VA. His mother was his Den Leader. He continued in Scouting through high school where he performed in a unicycle show group, marched in marching band, was a varsity wrestler and restored a 1967 Mustang. He and his twin brother, Dan, earned Eagle Scout in 1984 while his father was Scoutmaster. Dave was a Brother-hood member of Amangamek Wipit lodge.

During summer breaks from Virginia Tech, Dave returned to work with his troop as an Assistant Scoutmaster. While at Tech, he was avidly involved with the Marching Virgin-ians. In fact, he met his wife when she ran into him on the field.

After graduation, Dave went on to the Culinary Institute of America and worked as a chef in Northern VA. For the last 15 years, Dave has been a Class A contractor. He is finishing his thesis in Instructional Design and will change careers again shortly.

Dave and his family relocated to Virginia Beach in 2004. He organized and ran a youth pool league until he became involved in Scouting as a leader. Since then, he held the positions of Den Leader, Cubmaster, Pack Trainer, Committee Chair, Scoutmaster, and is the COR for the Kempsville Ruritan Club. He went to National Camp School where he became the Council Cub Scout Family Camping Administrator.

Dave is a Vigil Member of the Order of the Arrow of Blue Heron Lodge. He was on four Wood Badge staffs before he became Course Director in 2014. He joined his district roundtable staff and later served as district Cub Scout Training Chair.

Hi service to youth includes acquiring and restoring 12 Sunfish for the sailing program at Pipsico Scout Reservation and renovating bathrooms in the cabins and the K Build-ing at Camp Kiwanis.

Scouting is a family affair for Dave. His wife, Jennifer, is an enterprise architect and served as Popcorn Kernel with Pack 660. Their son, Drew, is an Eagle Scout and currently attending James Madison University. He was a travel soccer player when not scouting. Their daughter, Lelia, is dual enrolled and attending TCC while still in high school. She is an equestrian and shows on her horse, Pocket. She also works in the kitchen at Camp Lions for summer camp staff