



## Three Rivers District Awards

**Background:** Each year the Three Rivers District honors its volunteer Scouters by conferring special recognition awards, resulting from nominations made by individuals who have personal knowledge of the efforts and service provided by their nominees. The award categories and minimum requirements for each award are provided below as a guide to assist units or individuals in nominating deserving volunteers.

**Eligibility:** Any registered Scout volunteer may be nominated for the awards listed below; specific category guidelines apply. All nominees must be registered and trained for the position in which they are nominated.

**Unit or Individual Nomination Action:** Anyone may submit nominations. All nominations must be received by the Three Rivers District Awards Committee by **December 31st, 2014** to be considered. All nominations must be in writing using the official nomination forms. Units are strongly encouraged to collect and include as much relevant information on nominees and submit one nomination per award category. Providing detailed and accurate facts and information improves your nominee's chances of receiving recognition.

**Award Submissions:** Awards can be submitted in several ways. The preferred method is using electronic submission. Nomination forms may be electronically filled out or printed, filled out and then scanned. These electronic submissions can be emailed to:

[3rivers.district.awards@gmail.com](mailto:3rivers.district.awards@gmail.com)

Nominations may be hand delivered at any District roundtable between now and **December 31st**. They may also be turned in or mailed to the Council Service Center in a sealed envelope and marked

Attn: Three Rivers District  
Awards Nomination Committee

**Discussion:** It is extremely important to provide enough information with each nomination that is substantive and sufficient to clearly illustrate why your nominee deserves recognition. Simply stated, "Make the committee aware of what your nominee does for Scouting". It is important to provide complete and factual information with all nominations. Nominating volunteers who have completed all training requirements for his/her current registered position is highly encouraged. Incomplete nominations and inaccurate statements may result in a missed opportunity to recognize a deserving volunteer. The committee will attempt to verify all information provided for nominees before choosing award recipients - especially for the District Award of Merit. All nominations will be held in the strictest confidence. Award winners will be announced at the annual District Dinner.

## **Nomination Requirements**

- Nominee must have performed services for which they are nominated during the past calendar year (January – December 2011 ).
- Nominee must have been registered and trained in the position for which nominated.
- Nominee must have rendered noteworthy service above that which would be considered normal for the position, or have accomplished the normal duties in an outstanding manner.
- Nominee should have demonstrated those factors that represent the ideals of Scouting.

Note: All nominations are CONFIDENTIAL. To avoid possible disappointment, please do not advise the nominee in any way of your action on his or her behalf,

**ALL UNITS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR EACH APPLICABLE CATEGORY.**

### **Recognition Categories:**

**CUB SCOUTER/BOY SCOUTER OF THE YEAR (Large/Small):** One award in each category may be given to recognize the noteworthy and sustained service given by a unit volunteer to a Cub Scout Pack or Boy Scout Troop within the Three Rivers District. This category is divided into Large Unit (more than 20 registered boys) and Small Unit (20 or less boys registered boys) to recognized the different challenges of each.

**ADVISOR OF THE YEAR:** One award may be given in this category to recognize the noteworthy and sustained service given by a volunteer to any Post/ Crew within the Three Rivers District.

**CUB SCOUT/BOY SCOUT/CREW COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE YEAR:** One award may be given in this category to recognize the noteworthy and sustained service given by a unit committee member to a Pack, Troop or Crew within the Three Rivers District.

**CUB SCOUT/BOY SCOUT/CREW "SPARKPLUG" AWARD:** Two awards may be given at each level in this category to recognize significant service (generally, for a short period) given to a Pack, Troop or Crew within the Three Rivers District.

**COMMISSIONER OF THE YEAR:** One award may be given in this category to recognize noteworthy and sustained service given at the unit or district level by a registered commissioner within the Three Rivers District.

**DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE YEAR:** One award may be given in this category to recognize noteworthy and sustained service given at the district level by a member of the Three Rivers District Committee.

**LEGEND OF SERVICE:** One award may be given in this category to recognize sustained, significant leadership and service given at the unit or district level for a minimum of five years by a registered scouter within the Three Rivers District.

**HONOR UNIT:** One award is given in this category to one Pack and one Troop with distinguished unit accomplishment that also provides service within the district as a group. This award consists of a traveling trophy and a unit streamer. Nominees for this award are required to submit the Honor Unit award nomination form below.

**DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT:** This is the highest award the District can bestow upon a volunteer each year. The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts or Exploring divisions in the same manner that the Silver Beaver Award is presented as a National award by local councils. Only one registered volunteer for every 25 units (or fraction thereof) may earn this award in a district per year. This award recognizes sustained service to youth and the community. BSA policy requires the use of the standardized Nomination for Award of Merit form provided below for each nominee. The Award of Merit nomination should include specific information on all volunteer service the nominee performs in the Scouting program in addition to service rendered to youth in the community or civic organizations.

This award may only be received once in a scouter's lifetime, previous District Award of Merit winners are not eligible to be nominated again.

**SILVER BEAVER AWARD:** This award must be submitted to COUNCIL for consideration.

This is the highest award the Council can award any volunteer each year. The Silver Beaver Award is the council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service.



THREE RIVERS 2014 AWARD NOMINATION

NAME: ~~AA~~

ADDRESS:

CITY:  STATE:  ZIP:

NOMINEE IS REGISTERED AS:

UNIT:

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NOMINATED FOR:

- Cub Scouter of the Year (Large)     Boy Scouter of the Year (Large)     Advisor of the Year
- Cub Scouter of the Year (Small)     Boy Scouter of the Year (Small)
- Cub Scout Committee Member     Boy Scout Committee Member     Crew Committee Member
- Cub Scout Spark Plug     Boy Scout Spark Plug     Crew Spark Plug
- Legend of Service     Commissioner of the Year     District Committee Member of the Year

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

YEARS IN SCOUTING:

YEARS IN POSITION:

YEARS IN UNIT:

PAST UNITS:

PAST AWARDS RECEIVED (IF KNOWN):

REMARKS (AWARD WRITEUP):

AWARD SUBMITTED BY:

PRINTED NAME:

CURRENT SCOUTING POSITION:

UNIT:  EMAIL:

PHONE: (HOME)  (WORK)

MAILING ADDRESS:



Three Rivers District Honor Unit Award

Unit:

Chartered Organization:

Institution Head:

Chartered Organization Representative:

Committee Chairman:

Unit Leader:

Unit Qualifications:

- Journey To Excellence Any Level       Complete Unit Committee (minimum of 3 registered)
- On time unit charter renewal       Written Annual Program Plan

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Activities      Date, Location and number of scouts

Attended Summer Resident camp last year

Pack attended Day Camp last year

Unit Service Projects last year

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List unit activities, special events and community service projects that involved at least 60% of the unit members. List any district level event the unit was involved in supporting (list specifics):

Contact information for person making this nomination:

Name:

Phone Number:



# NOMINATION FOR THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT



NOTE: The nomination is confidential.  
To avoid possible disappointment,  
please do not advise nominee in any  
way of your action in his or her behalf.

\_\_\_\_\_ Council  
\_\_\_\_\_ District

### TO THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT COMMITTEE:

It is a pleasure to present for your consideration for the DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Currently registered in Scouting as \_\_\_\_\_

The nominee has earned the following (provide dates):

- |  |   |                                |
|--|---|--------------------------------|
| _____ Den Leader's Training Award<br>or Den Leader Award             | _____ Scouter's Religious<br>Award                  | _____ Other (specify)<br>_____ |
| _____ Den Leader Coach's Training Award<br>or Den Leader Coach Award | _____ Silver Beaver<br>_____                        | _____                          |
| _____ Cubmaster Award  | _____ Order of the Arrow<br>_____                   | _____                          |
| _____ Cub Scouter Award  | _____ Wood Badge<br>_____                           | _____                          |
| _____ Webelos Den Leader Award                                       | _____ Venturing Awards<br>_____                     | _____                          |
| _____ Scouter's Training Award                                       | _____ Distinguished Commis-<br>sioner Service Award |                                |
| _____ Scouter's Key  |   |                                |

The noteworthy service upon which this nomination is based follows:

(Furnish as much information as possible. For example: president, Rotary Club; vestryman, St. Paul's Church; chairman, Red Cross campaign; vice-president, PTA; medical director, hospital; Cubmaster, 3 years; Scoutmaster, 4 years; Venturing Advisor, 3 years; commissioner, etc. Use additional paper, if necessary.)

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\_\_\_\_\_ Date of nomination \_\_\_\_\_ Name of person making nomination

\_\_\_\_\_ Position in Scouting



## GENERAL INFORMATION

The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils.

The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level.

The award is made available annually on the basis of 1 for each 25 traditional units or fraction thereof. The district need not present all the awards to which it is entitled each year.

It is not appropriate to nominate a Scouter who has already received this award.

A professional Scouter or other council employee may not receive this award based on employment service. However, a professional Scouter or employee who also serves as a volunteer Scouter may be eligible, based on *volunteer* service.

## REQUIREMENTS

1. A nominee must be a registered Scouter.
2. A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside Scouting, or both.  
**Note:** The nature and value of "noteworthy service to youth" may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time.
3. Consideration must be given to the nominee's Scouting position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectations of that Scouting position.
4. The nominee's attitude toward and cooperation with the district and/or council is to be taken into consideration.
5. Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.

## PROCEDURE

1. Annually, district chairmen will appoint a temporary special District Award of Merit committee of not more than five persons who will consider all candidates and make recommendations of those to receive the award to the council through the Scout executive.
2. The Scout executive will inform the district chairman of those nominations approved by the council committee.
3. The following procedure is suggested for such presentation ceremonies:
  - a. The recipient and spouse should be in attendance at the annual meeting or recognition dinner.
  - b. A district and/or council officer should explain the award and its significance.
  - c. Eagle Scouts or Silver Award Venturers should be asked to escort the recipients to a place of honor at the head table or on stage.
  - d. A suitable citation for each recipient should be read indicating what each has done in Scouting.
  - e. The award (certificate, No. 33719; plaque, No. 17565; and lapel pin, No. 17551) may be presented at this time with appropriate congratulations.
  - f. The only uniform insignia which accompanies this award is an embroidered overhand knot, No. 05013.
  - g. A group picture may be taken for use in neighborhood or community newspapers (district responsibility).

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District approval

Council approval



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# The Silver Beaver Award Nomination Form



The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931 and is a council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. To prevent embarrassment, the candidate should not be notified of this nomination.

**This nomination form must be sent to the local council.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile phone \_\_\_\_\_

Company name \_\_\_\_\_ Professional title \_\_\_\_\_

Scouting position \_\_\_\_\_ Unit type and No. \_\_\_\_\_ District name \_\_\_\_\_

The nominee is registered in Scouting as \_\_\_\_\_ and holds a membership certificate expiring \_\_\_\_\_. (If Scouter is currently unit-connected, give unit number: \_\_\_\_\_)

If the award is granted, we plan to present it on \_\_\_\_\_  
(This date is required, as it is recorded on the certificate.)

I confirm that the nominee lives by the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law in word and deed, and is exemplary in his/her personal, family, and professional activities.

Confirmation by person submitting nomination: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed name)

Scouting position \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Silver Beaver Award committee chair signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Scout executive signature

## RECORD OF SERVICE IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Please list registered adult positions in the Boy Scouts of America with dates listed chronologically. Indicate unit number, chartered organization, and district where appropriate.

Position	Unit No.	District	Council	From – To	Total Years
Chartered organization representative					
Committee chair					
Committee member					
Cubmaster					
Assistant Cubmaster					
Tiger Cub Coach					
Den leader					
Assistant den leader					
Webelos den leader					
Assistant Webelos den leader					
Scoutmaster					
Assistant Scoutmaster					
Crew Advisor					
Assistant crew Advisor					
Varsity Coach					
Assistant Varsity Coach					
Skipper					
Mate					
District chair					
District vice chair					
District committee member					
District commissioner					
Assistant district commissioner					
Unit commissioner					
Cub Scout roundtable commissioner					
Cub Scout roundtable staff					
Boy Scout roundtable commissioner					
Boy Scout roundtable staff					
Merit badge counselor					
Order of the Arrow chapter advisor					
Venturing roundtable commissioner					
Council board chair					
Council commissioner					
Assistant council commissioner					
Council board of directors member					
Council committee chair					
Council committee member					
Member-at-large					
Honorary life member					

Total number of years as a registered adult volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_





## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Give the full name and titles (if any) of the nominee exactly as you want them to appear on the certificate.
2. Furnish as much information as possible for each section.
3. Long-established policy limits the award of the Silver Beaver to adults 21 and older who are registered with the Boy Scouts of America as volunteer Scouters. Explorer leaders are eligible to be awarded the William H. Spurgeon III Award.
4. Nominations will not be considered for current or former professional Scouters within five (5) years of their leaving employment with the BSA. Other council employees (part time or full time) are eligible to receive the Silver Beaver Award based on their volunteer service, not employed service.
5. Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.
6. Order Silver Beaver insignia using the regular Supply order form from the Supply Group distribution center.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS of the BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

### Article X, Section 6, Clause 3 Silver Beaver Award

The Boy Scouts of America, acting through the National Court of Honor, may award the Silver Beaver for distinguished service to youth upon the following basis and procedure:

- a) Each local council may process their own annual allotment of Silver Beaver awards and shall send a list of Silver Beaver recipients presented each calendar year to the National Court of Honor no later than January 31 of the following year.
- b) The award is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered Scouters, Cub Scouters, Varsity Scouters, and Venturing leaders within the territory under the jurisdiction of a local council.
- c) As evidence of the award there shall be presented: a suitable certificate, duly authenticated by the Boy Scouts of America, pursuant to the action of the National Court of Honor; and a miniature Silver Beaver suspended by a blue, white, and blue ribbon to be worn around the neck.
- d) It shall be a general policy that no public announcements shall be made by the local council in advance of action by the National Court of Honor with reference to names presented for consideration.
- e) These awards shall be made to the recipients by the local council concerned in connection with its annual meeting or other public location.
- f) Each duly chartered local council shall be entitled to one nomination. Councils having more than 60 units shall be entitled to further nominations on the basis of one for each additional 60 units or fraction thereof in their territory, as of December 31 preceding the nomination, according to the records of the national office.
- g) Councils not using their full allotment in any year may accumulate the unused portion for use in any subsequent year.
- h) In extraordinary cases, the Silver Beaver Award may be made by the National Court of Honor to a Scouter upon the recommendation of the duly constituted Scouting authorities having supervision of one or more units of the Boy Scouts of America, located outside of the United States and not under the jurisdiction of a local council.