



2023 THREE RIVERS DISTRICT RECOGNITION BANQUET

Scouters and their families are invited to attend this special evening of recognition for our adult leadership.

May 31, 2023, 6:30 PM Fellowship and 7:00 Program

New Creation United Methodist Church

4320 Bruce Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23321

\$17 Includes Meal and Award

Make your reservation at:

[Tidewater Council - Three Rivers Appreciation Dinner 2023 \(scoutingevent.com\)](https://www.scoutingevent.com)

Just as important, attached are the District award nomination forms. Across our District, we have many talented and deserving Scouters who certainly qualify for awards such as:

- Cub Scouter of the Year (Small and Large)
- Cub Scout Committee Member of the Year
- Cub Scout Sparkplug
- Venturing Scouter of the Year
- Venturing Committee Member of the Year
- Venturing Sparkplug
- Scouts BSA Scouter of the Year (Small and Large)
- Scouts BSA Committee Member of the Year
- Scouts BSA Sparkplug
- Commissioner of the Year
- District Committee Member of the Year
- Legend of Service
- District Award of Merit

Your help with nominations for these awards is very important to help honor all of the hard work demonstrated in 2022!

Three Rivers District Award Submission Package

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.

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. Anybody may submit nominations. 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 the nominee's chances of receiving recognition. Incomplete nominations and inaccurate statements may result in a missed opportunity to recognize a deserving volunteer.

All nominations must be received by the Three Rivers District Awards Committee by **April 26, 2023** to be considered. All nominations will be held in the strictest confidence.

The District Award of Merit submission form is included as a separate document in addition to this award submission package. Nominations for this award will be accepted using only the official nomination form.

Award winners will be announced at the annual District Dinner.

Awards can be submitted in several ways.

The preferred method is an electronic submission. Nomination forms may be completed electronically, saved and submitted. Or, the nomination form can be printed, completed, scanned and submitted. Either of these electronic submissions should be emailed to d.chair3rivers@gmail.com.

Nominations can also be mailed or hand delivered to the Council Service Center at the following address:

Three Rivers District Awards Committee
Tidewater Council, BSA
1032 Heatherwood Dr
Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Requirements:

- Nominee must have performed services for which they are nominated during the past calendar year (January 2022 - December 2022)
- 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.

Recognition Categories:

Cub Scouter of the Year - One award may be given in this category to recognize the noteworthy and sustained service given by a unit volunteer to a Cub Scout Pack. Large Unit (more than 30 registered scouts) and Small Unit (less than 30 registered scouts) to recognize the different challenges of each.

Cub Scout 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.

Cub Scout Sparkplug - Two awards may be given in this category to recognize significant service (generally, for a short period) given to a Pack.

Cub Scout Honor Unit - One award is given in this category to one Pack with distinguished unit accomplishment that also provides service within the District as a group. This award consists of a traveling trophy.

Boy Scouter of the Year - One award may be given in this category to recognize the noteworthy and sustained service given by a unit volunteer to a Boy Scout Troop. Large Unit (more than 30 registered scouts) and Small Unit (less than 30 registered scouts) to recognize the different challenges of each.

Boy Scout 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 Troop.

Boy Scout Sparkplug - Two awards may be given in this category to recognize significant service (generally, for a short period) given to a Troop.

Boy Scout Honor Unit - One award is given in this category to one Troop with distinguished unit accomplishment that also provides service within the District as a group. This award consists of a traveling trophy.

Venturing Scouter of the Year - One award may be given to recognize the noteworthy and sustained service given by a unit volunteer to a Venture Crew. Large Unit (more than 30 registered scouts) and Small Unit (less than 30 registered scouts) to recognize the different challenges of each.

Venturing 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 Crew.

Venturing Sparkplug - Two awards may be given in this category to recognize significant service (generally, for a short period) given to a Crew.

Venturing Honor Unit - One award is given in this category to one Crew with distinguished unit accomplishment that also provides service within the District as a group. This award consists of a traveling trophy.

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.

Three Rivers District Award Nomination Form

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Nominee is Registered as: _____
Unit: _____

Nominated for:

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| Cub Scouter of the Year (Small) | Boy Scouter of the Year (Small) |
| Cub Scouter of the Year (Large) | Boy Scouter of the Year (Large) |
| Cub Scout Committee Member of the Year | Boy Scout Committee Member of the Year |
| Cub Scout Sparkplug | Boy Scout Sparkplug |
| Venturing Scouter of the Year (Small) | Commissioner of the Year |
| Venturing Scouter of the Year (Large) | District Committee Member of the Year |
| Venturing Committee Member of the Year | Legend of Service |
| Venturing Sparkplug | |

Additional Information:

Years in Scouting: _____ Years in Position: _____
Years in Unit: _____ Past Units: _____
Past Awards Received (if known): _____

The noteworthy service upon which this nomination is based follows:

Nomination Submitted By:

Name: _____
Current Scouting Position: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Additional space to describe noteworthy service:

Three Rivers District Honor Unit Nomination Form

Unit: _____

Chartered Organization: _____

Chartered Organization Representative: _____

Committee Chairman: _____

Unit Leader: _____

The noteworthy service upon which this nomination is based follows:

Nomination Submitted By:

Name: _____

Current Scouting Position: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



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
_____ Unit

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 or Den Leader Award	_____ Scouter's Religious Award	_____ Other (specify)
_____ Den Leader Coach's Training Award or Den Leader Coach Award	_____ Silver Beaver	_____
_____ Cubmaster Award	_____ Order of the Arrow	_____
_____ Cub Scouter Award	_____ Wood Badge	_____
_____ Webelos Den Leader Award	_____ Venturing Awards	_____
_____ Scouter's Training Award	_____ Distinguished Commis- 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.)

_____ Date of nomination

_____ Name of person making nomination

_____ Position in Scouting

_____ Contact number

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).

District approval

Council approval



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