

Nominations Requested For The Yolo Annual Recognition Evening, May 16, 2009



You are invited to make a nomination(s) on behalf of your unit for presentation at the Yolo District BSA Recognition Evening on May 16, 2009. Nominations are due by Tuesday, April 28, 2009.

There are three types of awards:

- Awards are presented from the categories below for unit leadership with the awards presented by the District. Note that each unit may designate its own "Frontline Leader of the Year."
- As you prefer your unit may present its own award on behalf of that unit.
- District presents the Silver Bear, the District Award of Merit, as discussed below.

The award categories include:

- Scoutmaster of the Year
- Cubmaster of the Year
- Scouting Family of the Year
- Den Leader or Webelos Den Leader of the Year
- Frontline or Notable Leader Award
- Varsity or Venture Leader of the Year
- Committee Leadership Award
- Commissioner of the Year Award

On the attached District Nomination Form write up your nominee and the basis of the award. Pass the form to Penny Hayes, 809 Colby Ct, Woodland, CA 95695 or by email to Alice Aldous at <mailto:aaaldous@juno.com> Anyone may make a nomination. You don't need any special authority! The Yolo Recognition Committee will make the final selections from the nominees and prepare the awards. If you need the form in an alternate format, email to bill@billragdale.cc

If your unit wishes to honor the contributions of a specific individual with your own certificate, plaque or trophy please contact Penny for inclusion on the program.

The District Award of Merit (Silver Bear) has its own nomination form, which is attached and on-line at: <http://yolobsa.editme.com/RecognitionEvening>

We truly can do more to recognize our hard working volunteer leaders. This is our once a year opportunity to recognize our leader, families and parents at this year's recognition event.

As you know, recognition should be done in public and in a grand way. The District Recognition Event affords this opportunity. Our committee feels that this is an important aspect of Scouting that needs equal time. All are invited.

The Recognition Roundtable in May will feature a dinner and has a door charge to defray expenses. Please reserve at: <http://www.gec-bsa.org/webstore/eventregistration>

2009 Nomination Form for Yolo Recognition Awards

May 16 is our District Recognition Evening to be held as Luau at Nelson's Grove, one mile north of Woodland. We will be honoring adult volunteers in our District and within your unit. We need your help. Think of individuals who have given outstanding service in your Pack, Troop, Team or Crew as leaders and of other adults who contribute behind the scenes to make your unit's activities successful. Complete the form below and deliver it to Penny Hayes at 809 Colby Ct, Woodland, CA 95695, phone 666-6760, or Alice Aldous (753-9159, aaaldous@juno.com).

You may also use this event to make your own presentation to one of your unit volunteers. Please let Penny or Alice know if you want to make a special unit award.

Deadline is Tuesday, April 28, 2009.

Name of Nominee _____

Position(s) held in Scouting _____

Why you would like to see this person recognized _____

Nominated by _____ Unit _____

Phone contact _____ e-mail _____

Award categories

- Scoutmaster of the Year
- Cubmaster of the Year
- Scouting Family of the Year
- Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos Den Leader of the Year
- Frontline or Notable Leader Award
- Varsity or Venture Leader of the Year
- Committee Leadership Award
- Commissioner of the Year Award
- Silver Bear (District Award of Merit) **

**Please use this special form for this award: <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf>



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):

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| _____ 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

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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