

Golden Arrow District Adult Volunteer Recognition Program



Without adult volunteers, Scouting as we know it is nearly impossible. Recognizing the central importance of volunteerism to the successful operation of the District and the Scouting units within its boundaries, the Golden Arrow District is implementing a program to recognize the efforts of its volunteers.

The recognition program is intended:

- Allow units to recognize exceptional volunteers in a manner that will be understood by leaders across the district;
- Allow the District to recognize exceptional volunteer effort in all aspects of District Operations;
- Help to build a District identity and *esprit de corps*;
- Help to expand the volunteer pool for the District.



Recognition items (shown at left) will:

- Be distinctive for the Cub, Boy Scout, Varsity, and Venturing programs as well as the District;
- Consist of a multi-part temporary patch system conforming to BSA standards for wear on the adult leader uniform;
- Be reasonable in cost to the District;
- Incorporate familiar aspects of prior recognition programs.



Units submit the names adult volunteers for recognition of outstanding Unit Service.

Units are encouraged to recognize trained, registered leaders, but are free to select any adult they feel has made a significant commitment to the unit. The unit may submit no more than one volunteer for each five registered adult leaders as of December 31.



Anyone may nominate an adult to be recognized for District Service.

District Service nominations will be reviewed by an Adult Recognition Committee (ARC) appointed by the District Key-3 (District Chair, District Commissioner, District Director). The ARC will recommend a list of volunteers to be recognized to the Key-3 for approval. Recognitions will be limited to no more than one for each 5 units as of December 31.

Recognitions will be presented at the District Dinner held in February in a manner intended to honor the recipients, and be respectful of the time of all attendees. There is no connection between these recognitions and the District Award of Merit, a high Council honor presented at the District Dinner.

Forms for designating Unit Service recognition recipients and for nominating District Service recognition recipients will be available at the September Roundtable. Completed forms must be received no later than January Roundtable to be considered.

Recipients of the old Unit Service (blue, red, green) “awards” and the “Godfather Award” in the previous recognition system will be invited to “trade in” their old patches when the new patches are available in the fall. Details of the “trade in” will be available at that time.