



Recognition Of Golden Arrow District Adult Volunteers for Unit Service

What It Is ...

The District has established a standard recognition to encourage Units – Packs, Troops, Teams, Crews, Ships – to recognize noteworthy contributions to Unit Scouting Programs by adult volunteers. A patch, worn on the right pocket of the uniform shirt, reminds the recipient of the Unit’s appreciation of his or her efforts. The standard design informs other leaders to know that the wearer is held in high regard by the Unit.

Procedure ...

Each year, each Golden Arrow District Unit may recognize up to one adult leader for every five adult leaders registered with the Boy Scouts of America, as reported by the BSA registration system as of December 31. Anyone may recommend a Scouter to be recognized. The Unit Committee is responsible for selection of the persons to be recognized based on the Committee’s knowledge of the candidates’ contributions, personal qualities, and so forth. The Unit’s selections are transmitted to the District by completing this form and submitting it by Roundtable in January. To comply with Council requirements, a fee of \$1 per person recognized must be submitted along with the form to cover the cost of the patch.

Each Committee will establish the Unit’s procedures for recommendation and selection. Units are reminded that BSA policies do not permit advancement systems for adults. Thus selection must focus on contributions to the unit and not on the earning of other BSA awards or unit recognitions.

The Unit is free to recognize any individual felt to have made noteworthy contributions to the success of the Unit. However, the District strongly encourages recognition of TRAINED Scouters, REGISTERED in the unit, because of the value to the Unit of an adequate pool of trained leaders able to share the load of operating the Unit. We believe that “Every Scout deserves a trained leader.”

The Recognition ...

The GAD Unit Service Recognition is part of a multi-part temporary patch worn on the right pocket of the uniform shirt. Patches exist for each of the program groups in use in the District: Packs (blue), Troops (red), Teams (orange), and Crews and Ships (green). A maximum of four patches are worn in a line across the right pocket, 1-7/8 inches above center point of the bottom seam of the pocket.

Unit Service Recognitions will be distributed at the District Recognition Dinner. Recipients will be recognized as a group at the Dinner, rather than individually to avoid excessively long recognition ceremonies. Units are encouraged to honor the individuals they recognize by sponsoring their attendance at the District Dinner. Recognized individuals with multiple uniform shirts may obtain additional patches for \$1 each.

THE UNIT COMMITTEE MUST COMPLETE THE FORM ON THE REVERSE. THE FORM AND REQUIRED FEE MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JANUARY ROUNDTABLE.

GOLDEN ARROW DISTRICT ADULT VOLUNTEER UNIT SERVICE RECOGNITION

Directions to the Unit Committee:

1. Submit all names to be recognized at the same time, along with required fee. Use additional copies of this form, stapled together, if you are recognizing more than 8 persons. Be sure to provide all information.
2. Except for the required signature, please PRINT NEATLY. The names of the individuals you recognize will be included in the District Dinner program – we need to be able to read them to be able to print them right.
3. Signature of the **registered** Committee Chair, **registered** Unit Leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Varsity Team Coach, Venturing Crew Advisor, or Skipper), or **registered** Chartered Organization Representative is required. By accepting these three signatures, we are trying to accommodate units' desires to surprise recipients.
4. Maximum number of allowed recognitions will be determined from unit's leaders registered in BSA's registration system as of December 31 of the year being recognized, divided by 5, with any non-zero fraction rounded up. Units should be sure all of its adult and youth members are registered NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER to be sure that they are all included in the December 31 count.

UNIT: Pack Troop Team Crew Ship _____ for Year _____
UNIT NUMBER E.G., 2006

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS TO BE RECOGNIZED AND REQUIRED FEE			
# Registered Leaders	5 =	Maximum Allowed	Number Enclosed
			\$1 =
			Required Fee
			\$

UNIT SELECTION

APPROVED BY: _____ DATE _____
Registered Chartered Organization Representative, Committee Chair,
 Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Team Coach, Crew Advisor, or Skipper

RECOGNIZED INDIVIDUALS		
Trained	Registered	Name (exactly as it should appear in District Dinner program)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
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STAPLE ADDITIONAL COPIES OF FORM TOGETHER IF MORE THAN EIGHT INDIVIDUALS TO BE RECOGNIZED

Enclose check for amount of req'd fee, payable to
Sam Houston Area Council
Acct # 1-6801-424-20 - Reg. Code 185
Please do not send cash through the mail!

Form and fee must be received by January
 Roundtable. Bring to Roundtable or mail to:
BSA-SHAC, PO Box 924528, Houston, Texas
77292-4528, Attn: GAD Recognitions