

**Pawnee District
Overland Trails Council, BSA
Adult Recognition Procedures**

GENERAL

This memorandum defines the adult leader awards available through the Pawnee District and the Overland Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America, and provides guidance for individuals nominating Scouters for these awards.

The Pawnee District Committee and the Advancement & Adults Awards Chair sponsor the following awards to recognize the work of dedicated Scouters:

- Shield of Service
- Key Leader Award

The Overland Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America, authorizes the following awards to recognize the accomplishment of dedicated Scouters:

- District Award of Merit
- Silver Beaver Award

District Award of Merit forms should be mailed or hand delivered to the attention of the District Chair, District Advancement & Adult Recognition Committee or the District Commissioner

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Forms are due no later than December 15th.

Adult leaders are intended to recognize an individual for distinguished service to the Scouting program over a period of several years and/or to recognize an individual for unusually significant achievement in one or more leadership positions.

The following guidelines apply for all of the available awards:

- The basic qualification for any of these awards is that you, as a Scouter, feel that the contribution of another **registered** Scouter deserves such recognition.
- There are no minimum criteria, such as number of years of service or number of events chaired, for any of these awards.
- These awards recognize not only individual achievement but also contribution to the overall Scouting program (e.g. team player, support for BSA policies). This is equivalent of "showed Scout spirit" for Boy Scout advancement.
- The number of deserving individuals always exceeds the number of awards, which can be given.
- An individual must be formally nominated to be considered.

- Nominations from one year do not carry over to the next year. Each year a new nomination must be submitted.
- Information should be as complete as possible.
- If you think the individual has earned the recognition, submit a nomination.

SHIELD OF SERVICE

Each year Pawnee District is able to recognize one Scouter from each unit in the district (pack, troop, team, post) for outstanding contribution to that unit; this is the Shield of Service Award. The award is made by the Advancement & Adults Awards Committee together with the leadership of the unit. Only one Scouter from each unit can be recognized with this award each year. Some units choose to recognize a person with long and distinguished service to the pack, troop, team or post. Other units choose to honor an individual for his/her specific contribution.

Presentation: This award is presented at the Annual District Recognition Dinner.

Nomination Procedure: Units should go online to www.overlandtrailscouncil.org to download the nomination form for this award. Units should mail or hand deliver the completed nomination form (including signature and telephone number) to the attention of the District Chair, District Advancement & Adult Recognition Committee or the District Commissioner

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Nomination forms are due no later than the January Roundtable. If the District Advancement & Adult Recognition Committee has not been contacted by early January, the committee chairman will contact the units for the proper information.

KEY LEADER AWARD

The District gives the Pawnee District Key Leader Award to Scouters in recognition of outstanding service in responsible positions at the unit and/or district level. The district is able to honor one Key Leader for each ten (or fraction thereof) chartered units in the district.

Every unit has at least one Scouter who is more deeply committed to Scouting than most of the other unit leaders and has contributed more than would normally be expected of one person. This person should be considered for nomination for the Key Leader Award. While no minimum criteria exist, the successful nominee for this award will usually have done one or a combination of the following:

- Served a unit (or units) in a key leadership position (or series of positions) for several years.
- Served on staff for several district events (e.g., Camporee, leader training sessions or Cub Scout day camp) over a period of years.

- Been directly involved in the increased success of the unit (e.g., Scoutmaster while troop earned 3 Quality Unit awards in 3 years, Advancement Chair while the percentage of Eagles tripled over a four year period).
- Been responsible as chair for one or more district events (e.g., Cub Scout day camp, popcorn sales).
- Clearly demonstrated support for the full range of Scouting opportunities and willingness to work as a team player.

Presentation: This award is presented at the Annual District Recognition Dinner.

Nomination Procedures: Any individual can nominate any Scouter registered within the Pawnee District for this award. Nomination forms can be found online at www.overlandtrailsCouncil.org. Completed nomination forms should be mailed or hand delivered to the attention of the District Chair, District Advancement & Adult Recognition Committee or the District Commissioner

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