

## **District Award of Merit**

The District Award of Merit is an award presented annually at the Saugahatchee District Banquet in March. The award is intended to honor volunteer Scouters who have rendered outstanding service at the district level. This service may include noteworthy leadership of a particular event or it may be long term service to the district that does not necessarily include a leadership role. Additionally, the nominations committee may take into account a nominee's service to youth outside of scouting. The award is not intended to honor service to an individual unit or to the council.

The Saugahatchee District is allowed to present the award to two Scouters per year. While it is important to recognize leaders from both the Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting program, there is not a requirement to divide the two awards between the programs. It should be recognized that some Boy Scout leaders will have rendered long term service to Cub Scouting before moving on to Boy Scouting. There is also no requirement that both awards be given in a particular year if suitable nominees are not found. Previous award winners are not eligible for a second award unless the first award was received from another district. Members of the council professional staff are also ineligible.

## **Nominations Committee**

The committee should consist of three members from the district to be appointed by the District Chair, preferably in November of each year. Only the District Chair may appoint members to the committee. Committee members should select one of their number to serve as chair. The committee should be composed of Scouters who are familiar with the operations of the district and its volunteers. At least one member of the Nominations Committee should not be a current member of the District Committee. If possible, at least one member of the Nominations Committee should not be a previous award winner. It is recommended that one or both of the previous year's honorees be asked to serve on the committee. If a committee member is unable to serve, the District Chair will appoint a replacement so that the committee shall always have three members.

Nominations are to be made using the nominations form found on the district website and sent to the committee chair before a specified date. The committee should meet to consider the nominations at least one month in advance of the District Banquet. Members of the committee are allowed to make nominations but are prohibited from self-nomination. The decision of the committee should be reported to the District Executive.