

2026 Newsletter Announcement

Territory Awards for Outstanding Contributions to Scouting

We would like to join with you to recognize your friends and fellow Scouters who have stepped up and stood out through their contributions to units (Pack, Troops, Crews, and Ships). First, you have to nominate them! Then we will present awards at the Territory annual meeting on June 11. The available awards are:

District Award of Merit

This award is presented to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district/territory level. The nomination form can be found here: <https://www.sitecamp.net>. The territory can award 2 of these awards.

Lake Trails Territory Cub/Scouts BSA/Venturing/Sea Scouts Leader of the Year

This award is presented to an adult who is in a program leadership role and has led their unit with success in the past year. Success means using the aims and methods of their program to lead members of their unit to have fun, learn skills, develop leadership, and live by the Scout oath and law. The territory will up to one of each of these awards for each program.

Lake Trails Territory Scouting New Leader of the Year

This award is presented to an adult who is in a new leadership role in the past year. They have demonstrated enthusiasm and success in their role in their unit and have completed the adult training required for their position. They have stepped up to fill a role in their unit. Through their example, other adults have been encouraged and motivated to follow their lead.

Lake Trails Territory Scouting Family of the Year

This award is presented to a family who has participated actively in Scouting in the past year and set leadership examples for others. Family members may have participated in any of several programs (Cubs, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts) and/or at the territory or council levels. Youth and adult members of the family have actively contributed to the success of their unit, showing advancement and leadership at all levels. Through their example and efforts, this family has embodied the spirit of Scouting.

Lake Trails Territory Youth Service Recognition

This award is presented to a youth member of any Scouting program who has actively participated in both their unit as well as in service to district or council Scouting or to their community. Through their efforts, they have visibly demonstrated living the Scout Oath and Law.

Guiding Paddler Award

This award is presented to an adult unit volunteer who has made a meaningful contribution to the unit's success in the past year. A pack, troop, crew, or ship may nominate one or more people for the award. There are no limits on the type of contribution an individual may have made, but it should be something that has helped guide youth and inspired other adults. Please use this award to allow the territory to give special recognition to notable contributors in your unit.

The nomination form for the territory awards can be found here: : <https://www.sitecamp.net>

Please submit all nominations to Rick Cordray at rick@cordray.org. All nominations are due by May 25, 2025.

Thanks for all you do for Scouting!