



## 2017 Awards Summary

Here is a summary of all awards available for nomination through the Marin Council. All of the award recipients will be recognized at the annual Marin Council Recognition Dinner.

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Deadline for all nominations is Friday, January 5, 2018.  
No late nominations accepted.

### Volunteer of the Year

Have your unit committee select a single volunteer (e.g., assistant leader, committee member, parent, charter organization representative) who has made a significant contribution through volunteering this year. It could be someone who stepped up at a crucial point or who helped out for the first time and is now a regular volunteer. It could also be someone who has always done what was needed to be done. This is your chance to recognize this special volunteer.

### Cub Scout of the Year

This selection should be made by a special committee, although the pack committee or the Cubmaster with the assistant leaders can make the selection. The process should involve an interview with the boys being considered. Look for the following characteristics:

- ◆ Enthusiasm—genuine interest in and knowledge of Cub Scouting
- ◆ Uniform and general appearance
- ◆ Pleasant personality
- ◆ Politeness and ability to talk with adults for his age and skill level

A council committee will review all of the pack nominations and choose a council Cub Scout of the Year.

### Boy Scout of the Year

The troop committee chair or awards chair should appoint a committee of three to five adults who will interview and select your troop nomination. An older Scout may be on the committee but must not be a candidate. A council committee will review all of the troop nominations and choose a council Boy Scout of the Year.

### Venturer of the Year

The crew or ship committee chair or awards chair should appoint a committee of three to five adults who will interview and select your nomination. An older youth from the unit may be on the committee but must not be a candidate. Here are some of the characteristics to look for:

- ◆ Enthusiasm and knowledge of Venturing
- ◆ Maturity, attitude, and ability to talk and work with adults
- ◆ Leadership abilities
- ◆ Does this nomination exemplify the meaning of the Venturing Code?
- ◆ What contributions has this person made to the crew or ship in general?

A council committee will review all of the crew and ship nominations and choose a council Venturer of the Year.

## **Award of Merit**

The Award of Merit is awarded annually to currently-registered adult volunteers for noteworthy volunteer services of exceptional character to Scout-age youth, their units, and their communities. On an annual basis, a council awards committee is formed composed of three or more members who will consider and evaluate nominations before making their selections. No awards committee member may be considered for the award in the same year. All nominations must be certified on the nomination form by the committee chair. It is the option of the awards committee to not recommend the maximum number of awards unless there are well-qualified nominations up to that number.

## **Silver Beaver**

The Boy Scouts of America, acting through the National Court of Honor, may award the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to youth each year upon the nominations of chartered local councils. The award is made to registered adult volunteers over the age of 21, for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth within the territory under the jurisdiction of a local council.

## **Exploring Leader of the Year**

Have your unit committee select a single leader who has made a significant contribution this year. It could be someone who stepped up at a crucial point or who helped out for the first time and is now a regular volunteer. It could also be someone who has always done what was needed to be done or has been a faithful leader of the organization. This is your chance to recognize this special person.

## **Explorer of the Year**

The post committee chair or awards chair should appoint a committee of three to five adults who will interview and select your post's nomination. An older or higher ranking youth may be on the committee but must not be a candidate. The Explorer of the Year should be selected using these types of criteria:

- ◆ Enthusiasm for Exploring.
- ◆ Knowledge of your post's career focus
- ◆ Maturity, attitude, and ability to talk and work with adults and peers.
- ◆ Leadership ability.
- ◆ Nominee should exemplify the meaning of the Explorer Code.
- ◆ Nominee has made significant contributions to the post.

A council committee will review all of the post nominations and choose a council Explorer of the Year.

## **Spurgeon Award**

The Spurgeon award is awarded annually to adults, who are at least 21 years old, for noteworthy volunteer service of exceptional character to young people through the Explorer program. It may be awarded to a currently-registered Explorer volunteer with a reasonable amount of service time, to a business professional, or to a community leader whose activities have supported Exploring. On an annual basis, a council awards committee is formed composed of three or more members who consider and evaluate each nomination before making their selections. No member of the committee may be considered for the award in the same year. All nominations must be certified on the nomination form by the committee chair. It is the option of the awards committee to not take advantage of the maximum number of awards unless there are well-qualified nominations up to that number.