

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

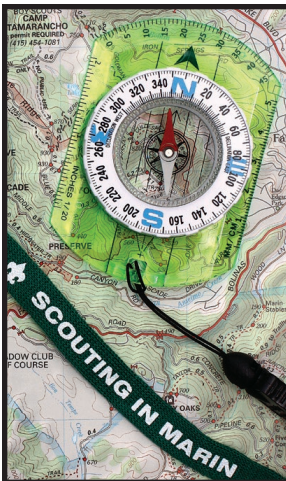
The post committee chair or awards chair should appoint a committee of three to five adults who will interview and select your post's nomination. An older or higher ranking youth may be on the committee but must not be a candidate. The Explorer of the Year should be selected using these types of criteria:

- ◆ 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.



2017 Explorer of the Year Nomination

The Explorer of the Year Award program provides an excellent opportunity to recognize your outstanding Explorer and to also obtain recognition for your post's career education program.

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Nomination Process

The purpose of the Explorer program is to help young adults develop the leadership qualities and life skills that will carry them into adulthood.

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. What should the committee be looking for?

- ◆ 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.

Once the committee has made the selection, complete the nomination form on the back of this sheet and submit it to the council by the deadline of **Friday, January 5, 2018**. *No late nominations accepted.* Do not attach extra sheets; they will not be considered.

Then What?

Put your Explorer of the Year Award nomination into action. This does not need to be an elaborate or time-consuming process, but can contain these types of simple elements:

- ◆ Recognition of the Explorer at a post event
- ◆ A newspaper story with a picture about the Explorer in the local paper
- ◆ Involve the Explorer in the post anniversary dinner, recognition ceremony, or a presentation from your charter organization
- ◆ Be sure your candidate attends the Marin Council Recognition Dinner along with friends and family to support him or her.

Council Selection Process

All nominees will be interviewed on Thursday, January 25, 2018, by a special panel of the Advancement and Recognition Committee. The panel will consider how the nominees reflect the ideals of Scouting and then make their choice out of all the nominees. The panel's choice will be honored at the annual Marin Council Recognition Dinner.

2017 Explorer of the Year Nomination Form

Deadline: January 5, 2018

Use only space provided here. Do not attach extra sheets.

The Explorer of the Year Award program provides for selection and recognition at the post and council levels. It can provide meaningful experiences for many youth and a higher degree of visibility for Exploring in the local community. Our crew's nomination is:

Name _____

Address _____

City / Zip _____

Post # _____ Position/Rank _____ Charter Org. _____

School _____ Grade/Major _____

Primary Phone _____ Alt. Phone _____

Email Address _____

Parent's Name _____

Please give some details about your nomination.

Please write a brief sentence or two describing community activities or involvement, leadership, Exploring accomplishments, and reason for selection. Do not attach extra sheets.

Community Activities _____

Leadership _____

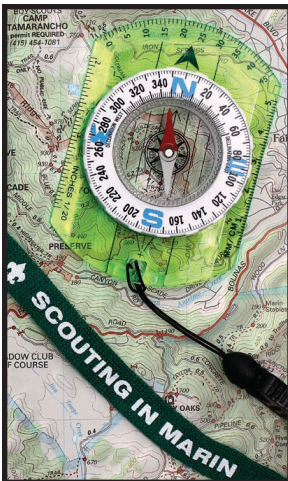
Exploring Accomplishments _____

Reason for Selection _____

Submitted by _____ Position _____

Primary Phone _____ Alt. Phone _____

Email Address _____



2017 Exploring Leader of the Year Nomination

Leaders and volunteers should be recognized and their contributions to Exploring made known to others. Marin Council wants to recognize an outstanding leader from each post in the council.

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Selection Process

The process for selecting your Exploring Leader of the Year is simple. The committee chair, in consultation with other leaders, selects one individual who made an outstanding contribution to the post during the year. You might want to recognize someone who first stepped forward to help the post or maybe someone whose outstanding efforts continued throughout the year. The recipient can be a uniformed leader or a volunteer who regularly helps the post. Only one volunteer from each post can be recognized.

The selected individual will be recognized at the annual Marin Council Recognition Dinner. Be sure the person you want to honor attends the dinner along with members of your post to support your honoree.

Fill out the form and return it to the council office no later than **Friday, January 5, 2018**. *No late submissions will be considered.* Use only space provided. Do not attach extra sheets.

Post Number _____

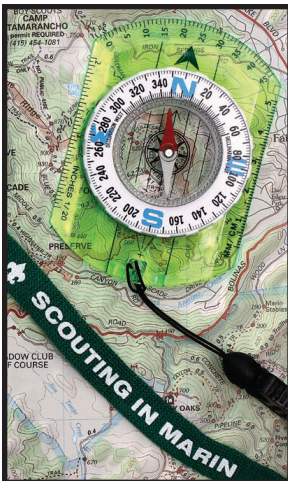
Name as it should appear on the certificate

Brief description of why this person is your Exploring Leader of the Year

Submitted by _____ Position _____

Primary Phone _____ Alt. Phone _____

Email Address _____



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William H. Spurgeon III Award Nomination

Awarded annually
for noteworthy
volunteer services
of exceptional
character to young
people through the
Explorer program.

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Standards of Eligibility

The William H. Spurgeon III Award is bestowed on an adult, 21 years of age or older. It may be awarded to a currently-registered Exploring volunteer with a reasonable amount of service time or a business, professional, or 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 attached 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.

Number of Awards Available Annually

The council is entitled to present up to three awards but is not required to award all three.

Approval of Recipients

Nomination date shown on the nomination form is final. The deadline for nominations is **Friday, January 5, 2018**. The awards committee will forward the selected nomination forms to the council service center after making their selections.

Spurgeon Award Presentation

The Spurgeon Award is presented at the annual Marin Council Recognition Dinner. If selected, be sure to have members of your post as well as family and friends of the recipient attend the dinner to support your nominee.

2017 William H. Spurgeon III Nomination Form

Deadline: January 5, 2018

You may use additional sheets if necessary.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Address _____

City / Zip _____

Primary Phone _____ Alt. Phone _____

Email Address _____

Occupation _____

Current Registration

Post # _____ Position _____

Previous Post or Scouting Unit Registrations

Post or Unit # _____ Position _____ From _____ To _____

Post or Unit # _____ Position _____ From _____ To _____

Awards, Recognitions, and Training Previously Earned as an Exploring Leader

Service to Youth and the Community

In addition to the above, as important as one's service is to Exploring, so is one's service to others (i.e. church, school, civic or service club, veterans organization or fraternities). List organization, title (if any), and length of service. Use additional paper if necessary.

Organization _____ Title _____ From _____ To _____

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Exceptional Noteworthy Service to Exploring

Submitted by _____ Position _____

Primary Phone _____ Alt. Phone _____

Email Address _____