



2020 AWARDS SUMMARY

This summary page encompasses all recognition awards available for nomination from the Marin Council, BSA. **All youth nominations are due at the Service Center by Tuesday, January 12, 2021. All adult nominations are due by Monday, February 1, 2021. No late nominations will be accepted.** All award recipients will be recognized at the annual Council Recognition Dinner.

YOUTH SCOUT OF THE YEAR AWARDS

In addition to the following unit awards granted, the Council Recognition Committee will review all nominations and **interview candidates on Thursday, January 28, 2021** to choose a Council "Youth of the Year" honoree for each Scouting program level (Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Exploring). The final selections and surprise honorees will be announced at the next annual Council Dinner awards ceremony!

CUB SCOUT OF THE YEAR

The selection of this nominee should be made by the Pack committee or Cubmaster with assistant leaders. The process should involve an interview with those Cub Scouts being considered, and based on the following characteristics:

- Enthusiasm and Scout Spirit
- Genuine Interest in Cub Scouting
- Uniform and general appearance
- Pleasant personality
- Politeness and ability for their age level to communicate with adult leaders.

BSA SCOUT OF THE YEAR

Your Troop Committee Chair should appoint a group of three to five adults who will interview the youth and select a nominee. An older Scout may be included on the committee but cannot be a candidate. The process should involve an interview with those Scouts BSA youth being considered based on characteristics similar to those noted for above Cub Scouts, but appropriate to the age and maturity level of the older Scouts BSA individuals.

VENTURER OF THE YEAR

Your Crew Committee Chair should appoint a group of three to five adults who will interview the youth and select a nominee. An older Scout may be included on the committee but cannot be a candidate. Here are some personal characteristics to review:

- Enthusiasm and Scout Spirit
- Knowledge of the Venturing program
- Exemplify the Scout Oath and Law
- Exhibit leadership skills with others
- Contributions toward the unit success
- Maturity, attitude and ability to work with adult advisors.

EXPLORER OF THE YEAR

Your Post Committee Chair should appoint a group of three to five adults who will interview the youth and select a nominee. An older or higher-ranking youth may be included on the committee but cannot be a candidate. Here are some personal characteristics to review:

- Enthusiasm and Scout Spirit

- Knowledge of the Post's career focus
- Exemplify the Scout Oath and Law
- Exhibit leadership skills with others
- Contributions toward the unit success
- Maturity, attitude and ability to work with adults and peers.

ADULT SCOUTER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

UNIT VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Your unit committee can select a single adult volunteer (i.e. program leader, committee member, parent, charter organization representative) who has made a significant contribution to the unit this year through their volunteer dedication. It could be someone who stepped up at a crucial moment, or who helped out for the first time and is now a regular volunteer. This is your opportunity to recognize that special person!

COUNCIL AWARD OF MERIT

The Award of Merit is awarded to currently-registered adult volunteers for noteworthy service of exceptional character to Scouting youth, their units, and their communities. On an annual basis, a council awards committee is formed and composed of three or more members who will consider and evaluate nominations from which to make their selections. No awards committee member may be considered for the award in the same year, and all nominations must be certified on the nomination form by the recognition committee chair. It is the option of this committee to recommend any number of awards of merit up to the maximum number allowed for the council membership total.

THE SILVER BEAVER

The Boy Scouts of America, acting through the National Court of Honor, may award the Silver Beaver honor for distinguished service to youth each year based on the nominations of the local Council. The award is for registered adult volunteers over the age of 21, for noteworthy

service of exceptional character to youth within the geographic jurisdiction of the local council. It is the highest honor a Council can bestow on an adult volunteer.

EXPLORING LEADER OF THE YEAR

The Post committee can select a single adult leader who has made a significant contribution to the unit this year through their volunteer dedication. It could be someone who stepped up at a crucial moment, or who helped out for the first time and is now a regular volunteer. This is your opportunity to recognize that special person!

WILLIAM H. SPURGEON III AWARD

The Spurgeon award is presented annually to adults 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 record of service time, or to a business professional or community leader whose activities have supported the Exploring program. On an annual basis, a Council recognition committee is formed and composed of three or more members who will consider and evaluate nominations from which to make their selections. No awards committee member may be considered for the award in the same year, and all nominations must be certified on the nomination form by the recognition committee chair. It is the option of this committee to recommend any number of Spurgeon awards up to the maximum number allowed for the council membership total.

PLEASE SEND ALL AWARD NOMINATIONS

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