



2025 SCOUT YOUTH & ADULT VOLUNTEER AWARDS

This summary page encompasses all recognition awards available for nomination from this past year by the Marin Council, Scouting America. **All nominations are due at the Council Service Center by Friday, January 30, 2026. *We regret that NO later nominations can be accepted.*** All award recipients will be recognized at the Council Dinner on Monday, March 30, 2026!

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 Wednesday, February 25, 2026** to choose a Council “Youth of the Year” honoree for each Scouting program level (Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Exploring). The final selections and honorees will be announced during the next annual Council Dinner awards ceremony!

Cub Scout of the Year

The selection of this nominee should be made by the Pack Committee Chair or Cubmaster with assistance from other leaders. The procedure may involve an interview with any candidate in reference to the following characteristics:

- Enthusiasm and Scout Spirit
- Genuine interest in Cub Scouting
- Uniform and general appearance
- Personality and ability for their age to politely communicate with adult leaders.

BSA Scout of the Year

The Troop Committee Chair should appoint a group of three-to-five adults to consider any Scouts BSA youth candidates and select a unit nominee. An older Scout may be included on the committee but cannot be a candidate. The process may involve interviewing the Scouts based on characteristics similar to those noted for Cubs and Venturers, but appropriate to the age and maturity level of these teenage youth.

Venturer of the Year

The 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

A Post Committee Chair should appoint a group of three-to-five adults who will interview the youth members 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
- Exemplifies the Scout Oath and Law
- Exhibits leadership skills with others
- Contributes toward the unit success
- Displays maturity, a positive attitude and ability to work with adults and peers.

Adult Scouter "of the Year" Awards

Unit Volunteer of the Year

The 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 contributor or leader. This is your opportunity to recognize that special volunteer person!

Council Award of Merit



The Award of Merit can be 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 Award



Scouting America, acting through the National Court of Honor, may award the Silver Beaver honor for distinguished service to youth each year based on approved nominations by the local Council. The award is for registered adult volunteers over the age of 21, with noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth within the geographic jurisdiction of the local Council. It is the highest honor a Scouting America Council can bestow on an adult volunteer who must be nominated by their peers.

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 the leadership and contributions of that special person in your post.

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PLEASE FORWARD ALL AWARD NOMINATIONS BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026

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