



RECOGNITION LUNCHEON
APRIL 6, 2024 • NORTHERN STAR BASE CAMP

2024 Council Recognition Luncheon

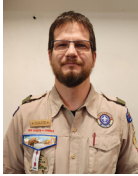
- 11:00 Reception
- 12:00 Welcome –Will Carrington & Andrew Cervenka
- Flag Ceremony
- Invocation
- Lunch
- 12:15 Program
- Eagle Scout Scholarships
- Torch of Gold Award
- Silver Beaver Awards
- Closing
- 1:30 Post Reception



District Award of Merit



Brian Lane



Christopher Pope



Ian Flickinger



Christine Rein



George Vania



Paul Gregg



Tim Rossbach



Sarah Zielinski



Brian Snyder



Ted Madison



Patrick Mahoney



Ken Hooker



Jason Ottum



Patricia Tillman



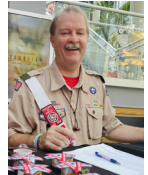
Michael Dietz



Barth Reding



Owen Schott



Steve Nelson



Wendy Marik



Doug Klein



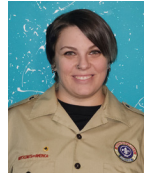
Jeff Gustafson



Gary Bungert



Jason Peterson



Crystal Seagraves



Don Carlson



Jim Hughes



Matt Baumann



Shannon Hughes

Eagle Scout Scholarships



The Eagle Scout Scholarship program recognizes Scouts who have displayed extraordinary achievement in academics, athletics, Scouting and overall service in their community.

Today we will recognize three of our twenty 2024 Eagle Scout Scholarship recipients. The remaining recipients are being recognized at several other council events.



Jackson Kramer
Troop 3623



Matthew Higley
Troop 9626



William Serbus
Troop 3357

Torch of Gold



The Torch of Gold is a council-level distinguished award of the BSA. It recognizes one adult per council for exceptional service and leadership in working with Scouts who have special needs, within a unit, district, and/or council. The service can range from developing/incorporating special accommodations, to providing advocacy, to promoting awareness of disabilities/special needs among Scouts, Scout Leaders, or the community they serve.

The nominee must be a current registered member of the BSA and must have completed at least three years of Scouting leadership to youth with disabilities in BSA programs. This includes educating other Scouts about disabilities and working with youth who have special needs.



Rich Greiner District I

Rich Greiner is dedicated to helping others navigate the complexities of working with Scouts with disabilities or special needs.

He travels across the council to train units, has developed two courses for University of Scouting focused on special needs and disabilities, and supported Scouts and families with special needs during the 2023 National Jamboree.

Silver Beaver Award



The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931 and is a national distinguished service award. It's the highest level of recognition that a local council, with approval of the National Council BSA, can give to a volunteer. Recipients are registered Scouters who have made a significant impact on the lives of youth through service given to Scouting and the community.

Northern Star Scouting is pleased to recognize our 2024 class of Silver Beavers.

Joanie Aasen Gausman

— District L —



Joanie Aasen Gausman has been in Scouting for 14 years and has been very active in the community providing healthcare support to the underserved.

Current Position • Committee Chair for Venture Crew 9639

Previous Positions • Advancement Coordinator, Assistant Scoutmaster, and Eagle Advisor for Troop 9639; Tiger through Webelos Den Leader for Pack 9008; Wood Badge Troop Guide; Philmont Leadership Challenge Crew Guide; and Grey Wolf program volunteer

Awards • Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor Award in 2022 and District Award of Merit in 2023

Participation/Volunteer • 2024 President's Outstanding Student Award at Metropolitan State University and the Visionary Nurse Leader Award; Clinical Scientist on a leukemia research trial; member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing; volunteered her time in the Twin Cities community, providing compassionate care to underprivileged residents.

Sandy Breen

— District L —



Sandy Breen has been a dedicated Scouter for 15 years and very active serving youth in Scouting, her church and public schools.

Current Positions • Chartered Organization Representative for Troops 9186 and 7186, and Committee Chair for Troop 9200

Previous Positions • Den Leader, Assistant Cubmaster, and Cubmaster for Pack 9407; District Committee member; District Commissioner; Unit Commissioner; Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner; Council Committee Member; Wood Badge and Grey Wolf staff; Outdoor Leadership Skills Instructor

Awards • Sandy has earned the Arrowhead Honor, District Award of Merit in 2015, and Scouter's Key

Participation/Volunteer • Confirmation Mentor; Sunday School and "Fuzzy Faith for Kids" program teacher; Island Lake Elementary School Reading Buddy; Langton Place Nursing Home Book Club Reader; and Winter Carnival event volunteer.

Kent Brost

— District 0 —



Kent Brost has served for 21 years in Scouting and his community in several capacities.

Current Position • Unit Commissioner for several units

Previous Positions • Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Committee Member and Committee Chair in Troop 171; Den Leader and Committee Chair for Pack 622; District James E. West Ambassador, Unit Commissioner for several units; District Membership; and District Awards Chair

Awards • Unit Leader Award of Merit, Scoutmaster Award of Merit, James E. West Fellowship Award, Scouters Training Award, Commissioner's Key, Arrowhead Award, Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor in 2015, and District Award of Merit in 2006

Participation/Volunteer • Youth Assistant baseball coach; youth shooting instructor & program volunteer at the Dakota County Gun Club; Sibley High School Marching Band and Drumline; Community Election Judge Supervisor, Deputy Clerk Absentee Ballot Board.

Patrick Coonan

— District I —



Patrick Coonan has served Scouting for over 38 years in multiple Councils and Districts, guiding 24 youth, including his 2 sons and grandson to Eagle.

Current Positions • Council Training Committee member/Trainer (University of Scouting & College of Commissioner Service); Commissioner Tool Box Talk Host; District Committee member; Assistant District Commissioner; Unit Commissioner; Roundtable Commissioner

Previous Positions • Cub Scout and Boy Scout; Scoutmaster; Assistant Scoutmaster; Committee Member; and Den Leader

Awards • Wood Badge, Scouter's Key, Adult Religious Award, the NESA Scoutmaster Award of Merit, the Arrowhead Honor, St. George's Religious Award, Den Leader & Pack Trainer Awards, Commissioner & District Committee Key, Scouters Award and Veteran Award, District Award of Merit in 1984, 2015 & 2019

Participation/Volunteer • Hockey, Little League, and soccer coach; Project Business Consultant Junior Achievement; Knights of Columbus; church youth ministry (Iowa); Eucharistic Minister, Funeral Server; youth alter server trainer with Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church in St. Paul; and weekly bible study host.

Denise Dickson

— District G —



Denise Dickson is a very conscientious leader of 18 years who works hard to create a positive impact on her community and environment through Scouting and her many commitments outside of Scouting.

Current Positions • Committee Member and Unit Advancement Chair in Troop 9089 since 2013, assisting more than 30 scouts in earning their Eagle rank

Previous Positions • Den Leader and Committee Member for Pack 9151; District Committee Member

Awards • 50-Miler Award, Okpik Zero Hero award, 100 Nights Camping Award, District Award of Merit, Outstanding Unit Scouter, and Star of the North Awards

Participation/Volunteer • Eaglebrook Church: Local Impact Director, leading teams for food drives, school supply backpack drives, Food and Clothing Drives, Feed My Starving Children event. Youth Coordinator, and Homeschool Advisor & Tutor, Operation Christmas Child Coordinator; White Bear Lake school supply drive coordinator and KidPack weekend food project; Samaritan's Purse Ministry; MPCA Citizen Monitor (water quality); and Skywarn weather spotter.

Michael Goldstein

— Board of Directors —



Michael Goldstein has been a supporter of Scouting and Exploring since 1984, mentoring youth through Law Enforcement Exploring.

Current Position • Northern Star Council Board of Directors

Previous Positions • Council Vice President in 2015; Interim Chair of the Juvenile Diversion Program; Post Committee Chair; Volunteer Chair for the Council Exploring Scholarship Committee; Interim Chair of the Council Juvenile Diversion Committee

Awards • William H. Spurgeon Award in 2009 and the National Exploring Volunteer of the Month Award in 2019

Participation/Volunteer • City of Plymouth as a police officer and as Police Chief for over 30 years; Director of Public Safety for the City of Plymouth; Adjunct Professor University of St. Thomas; and is a founder of ProVicta, an organization that provides wellness programs for law enforcement officers across the country.

Robert Kochenderfer

— District K —



Robert Kochenderfer's adult Scouting career began 25 years ago. He feels that his greatest accomplishment is his family. He guided all three of his sons to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

Current Positions • Scout Committee Fundraising Co-Chair Troop 3584; Council Member-at-Large

Previous Positions • Cub Scout Committee and Cubmaster for Pack 247; District Committee and District Roundtable Commissioner for Northern Lights District; Cubmaster; Troop 247's Committee Chair; Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner; Fall

Youth Recruitment "School Night for Scouting" Chair; District Recognition Chair

Awards • Northern Lights District Award of Merit, Wood Badge Participant/Staff

Participation/Volunteer • 20 year youth ministry music leader; Young Men's leader, and Sunday School teacher in the Maple Grove LDS church; Maple Grove Rotary Club since 1995, serving in several positions including President; Maple Grove Senior High Music Boosters President; Psi Omega Dental Fraternity National Council, including a term as National President; Donated Dental Services and Minnesota Mission of Mercy volunteer, helping the underserved receive dental care.

Nira Rajan

— District M —



Nira Rajan joined Scouting 13 years ago when her oldest son joined Scouts. She enjoys volunteering with her family and is very active with youth in her community and across Scouting.

Current Positions • Advancement Chair for Troop 3283; Crew Advisor for Venture Crew 3111; Training Ambassador; Million-Dollar Day and Outreach Committees member

Previous Positions • Training Coordinator and Friends of Scouting Chair for former Lake Minnetonka District

Awards • Unit Leader Award of Merit, Scouters Training award, Outstanding District Committee Award, Glowing Ember Award, Recruiter Award, Outstanding Committee Chair Award, and District Award of Merit in 2020

Participation/Volunteer • Math volunteer mentor and hallway reader; Program Coordinator for Destination Imagination and Lego League; Several positions with PTA at West Middle School including President; Coaching youth with writing resumes, interviews and job searches; Volunteers at food shelves; PCs for People (an organization that donates computers to underprivileged children); FB4K (which donates bikes for underprivileged children); and Robotics Coach for Wayzata High School.

Timothy Rossbach

— District H —



Tim Rossbach has held numerous positions over his 12 active years in Scouting and is heavily involved in his community.

Current Positions • Cubmaster; Den Leader; Roundtable Commissioner

Previous Positions • Assistant Scoutmaster; Assistant Cubmaster; Assistant Crew Advisor; Crew Advisor; District Committee Member; Unit Commissioner; Venturing Roundtable Commissioner; Order of the Arrow Assistant Chapter Advisor; staff for events including BALOO training, Cub Scout summer camp and Polar Cubs.

Awards • Religious Award, Arrow of Light, Eagle Scout in 1993, OA Vigil Honor, Scouters Training Award (at the Cub Scout, Scouts BSA and Venturing level), Den Leader’s Training Award, Cubmaster’s Key, Unit Leader Award of Merit, Woodbadge in 2021, and District Award of Merit

Participation/Volunteer • Youth softball coach; demonstrator for Safety Camp, annual “Touch a Truck” event; youth and adult activity volunteer at Holy Redeemer & Redeemer Lutheran Church. Chaperones for children school activities; Spent 14 years as a Firefighter / EMT at the White Bear Lake Fire Department; Participant in White Bear Lake parades, Night to Unite and other community activities.

Mark Schroer

— District F —



Mark Schroer has been an active Scouter for the last 14 years and active in his community through sports and the Lion's Club.

Current Position • Scoutmaster for Troop 9733

Previous Positions • Committee Member; Committee Chair; Den Leader; Assistant Scoutmaster; District Committee Member; Unit Commissioner; Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner; and Boy Scout Roundtable Staff in District F and previously in the Many Waters District

Awards • Distinguished Commissioner Service Award, Arrowhead Honor, District Award of Merit in 2016

Participation/Volunteer • T-ball Coach Forest Lake Athletic Association; Committee Member and President for the Forest Lake Drumline Boosters; Committee Member and Apparel Chair for the Forest Lake High School Alpine Ski Team Parent Boosters; Ruby's Pantry Food Shelf at Forest Hills Methodist Church; Supporter of the Forest Lake Lion's Club, where he was recognized with the Treasurer's Award for promoting initiatives in the city; Parade planning committee for the Forest Lake American Legion.

Lee Steffens

— District L —



Lee Steffens has been active in Scouting for over 20 years participating in nearly 200 Eagle Board of Reviews to-date.

Current Positions • Committee Member in Troop 9419; District Committee Member; Order of the Arrow Chapter Advisor; and Council Committee Member

Previous Positions • Committee Chair and Pack Treasurer; Wood Badge Course Director in 2022; Eagle Coach; Council Training Committee liaison to the Council Communications Committee; involved with the redesign of the Council Training Webpage

Awards • Boy Scout Leader's Training Award, the Vigil Honor Award, and was recognized with the District Award of Merit in 2014

Participation/Volunteer • Congregational President, youth group facilitator, men's retreat organizer, choir member, and mid-week meals program leader at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church; Mounds View High School Band trip chaperone; Mentor for newly hired employees in the construction industry, ensuring a transfer of knowledge from senior employees.

Ron Walkinshaw

— District G —



Ron Walkinshaw has been active in Scouting for over 20 years. He is a third-generation Eagle Scout, earning the Eagle Scout Award in 1974.

Current Positions • Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 9249 and Unit Commissioner

Previous Positions • District Unit Commissioner; Philmont, Seabase and BWCA leader; Eagle Coach; and Eagle Board of Review member

Awards • Unit Leader Award of Merit, Scouter's Key, Cub Scout Den Leader Award, Webelos Den Leader Award, Scouter's

Training Award, James E. West Society Fellowship Award, Order of the Arrow Vigil Award, and District Award of Merit in 2018

Participation/Volunteer • Valley Athletic Association Soccer coaching assistant, Cretin-Derham Hall High School Oversight Board member; Set up a new radio club station for students; St. Paul Radio Club and the 3M Amateur Radio Club member; Skywarn weather spotter; Twin Cities Marathon communications volunteer; Woodbury County Mile; Life Member of the American Radio Relay League; Oldsmobile Club of America volunteer, educating youth on early automotive history and giving rides on his 1905 Curved Dash Olds; Habitat for Humanity; Second Harvest Heartland; YMCA; and Feed My Starving Children.

Margaret White

— District G —



Margaret White has been active in Scouting for over 21 years and is heavily involved with youth in her community and church.

Current Positions • District Commissioner and Unit Commissioner; Committee member for Pack 9083 & Troop 9083; Eagle Coach and Eagle Board reviewer

Previous Positions • Committee Chair, Treasurer, Fundraiser coordinator, Advancement Coordinator for Troop 9083; Tiger Cub and Webelos Den Leader; District Membership Chair; and District Vice Chair

Awards • Spark Plug Award for motivating Unit Scouting, Outstanding Unit Scouter Award, Scouter's Key, Scouter's Training Award, Arrowhead Honor, Order of the Arrow Vigil Award, and District Award of Merit

Participation/Volunteer • Everyone Wins program Reader; swimming helper in Special Olympics; Sunday School Teacher and offering counter at St. Matthew's and Zion Lutheran churches; Jr. Achievement program finance teacher; Red Cross blood drive organizer; member of the Disability Board and Mental Health Board at U.S. Bank, where she is also Ambassador for the Twin Cities Development Network.

Michael Whitsitt

— District P —



Mike Whitsitt has impacted youth in three different Districts over the last 14 years. Both he and his wife's efforts ensured a Scouting presence in the Farmington area.

Current Positions • Unit Commissioner; Order of the Arrow Co-advisor; University of Scouting; and College of Commissioner Service trainer

Previous Positions • Committee Member; Committee Chair; Cubmaster for Pack 9269; Committee Member and Committee Chair for Troop 9269; District Committee Member; Assistant District Commissioner; and District Commissioner

Awards • Scouter's Training Award, Commissioner's Key, Arrowhead Award, Cubmaster Award, Cub Scouter Training Award, Boy Scout Leader's Training Award, District Committee Scouter Training Award, District Committee Key, District Award of Merit in 2014, the Order of the Arrow Vigil Award in 2023, Woodbadge in 2014

Participation/Volunteer • Children's leader with Bible Study Fellowship and is a leader of a local cancer support ministry at Hosanna Church.

Thank You to our Youth Emcees

— Will Carrington and Andrew Cervenka —



Will and Andrew pictured during Grey Wolf staff training weekend.

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Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law

Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.



Give us feedback on this year's Council Luncheon by taking our survey.