



Council Youth Development Committee

October 2015

To: All District Chairs, Unit Commissioners, Unit leaders
From: Amy Dick, Council Youth Development Chair
Re: Annual Council Recognition of Adult Leaders

The Hudson Valley Council Youth Development Committee is preparing for the annual Council Recognition Dinner on April 10, 2016. This is the Council's opportunity to honor those adults that have given their time, talents, and energy towards supporting and advancing the scouting program in the Hudson Valley Council. Please have this information announced at your district meetings and roundtables to encourage scouters to nominate their peers. **These awards are for extraordinary service given at the council level, which is demonstrated by involvement in council or district level activities over a period of time that shows continuous dedication to the scouting program in the Hudson Valley.** All nominations must use the **2017 version** of the forms, which are available at the links provided below.

There are several awards that are considered for presentation. Details on these, and the forms, can be found on the Council Youth Development pages, click [here](#):



Silver Beaver Award

The Silver Beaver Award is the highest award that a local council can present to a volunteer Scouter. The award is given to registered Scouters of exceptional character, upon the recommendation of the local council, and approval of the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, for noteworthy service to youth. Nominations for this award are typically for adults that are involved at the council and/or district level. Nominees for the Silver Beaver have typically been previously recognized with the Council DSM award (see below).



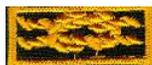
Distinguished Service Medal

An award unique to the Hudson Valley Council, The Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) is awarded to registered volunteer Scouters by the Hudson Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America, for Service to the Council, its Districts and Units. This service should represent a sustained, very strong performance of service with clear and exceptional results. This is normally the first recognition level to recognize a volunteer that is active at the council and/or district level.



Venturing Leadership Award

The Venturing Leadership Award is presented by councils, areas, regions, and the BSA National Council to those youth who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Venturing Code and Venturing Oath.



William T. Spurgeon Award

The William H. Spurgeon III Award is the highest recognition for individuals and organizations contributing significant leadership to the Exploring program. The award is designed for council use to recognize individuals or organizations contributing significant leadership to the Exploring program. The award is also presented regionally and nationally.

A standing Awards Nominating Committee, consisting of key leaders at the Council level, meet in January to select the award recipients. Announcements of those selected are made by District representatives on the committee.

Nominations must be completed, with all supporting paperwork, and submitted to the Council Office, as directed on the nomination forms, no later than January 15. Questions may be directed to the Chairman Amy Dick, amydick.bsa@gmail.com.

