

Five Creeks 2026 District Awards AWARDS & NOMINATION INFORMATION

TO: All Unit Leaders, Unit Committee Members and Scout Parents

The program for the June 2026 Five Creeks District Roundtable (June 9th, 2026) will be a special District Annual Recognition event. The event's purpose is to acknowledge and honor deserving Scouters at both the unit and district levels for their efforts in 2025.

We would like to present awards to at least one person from every Pack and Troop in our District

In order to accomplish that, we need your help.

The District Committee is asking that you review the following awards and submit nominations for your dedicated unit Leaders. Please submit nominations ASAP to the District Key 3:

- David Tafur, Interim Five Creeks DE (David.Tafur@scouting.org)
- Anne Kritzmire, District Chair (KritzmireScoutMail@gmail.com) and
- Chris Sprague, District Commissioner (ChristopherSprague@sbcglobal.net)

Nominations will be accepted up to May 31st 2026.

UNIT AWARDS

Outstanding Den Leader/Outstanding Webelos Den Leader

Originating in 1976, these awards were created to honor those men and women who are the backbone of our Cub Program. Nominations are made by the Cubmaster on the basis of accomplishments, including continuing leadership and operation of a successful den, den/pack/committee/Roundtable meeting attendance and helpfulness. Nominee must be both registered and trained.

Outstanding Assistant Cubmaster/Outstanding Assistant Scoutmaster

For the Assistant Cubmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters who have gone beyond “the call of duty” for their units. Such nominations, made by a Cubmaster or Scoutmaster, respectively, must take in consideration of the nominee's active role as an assistant, his/her continuing week-to-week work with the pack/troop/patrol, attendance at unit and Roundtable meetings, and any special accomplishments. Nominee must be both registered and trained.

Top Side Kick

A Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Varsity Coach, Venturing Leader or Committee Chairman submits this nomination to recognize an adult in their unit who has been their right-hand person and helpful especially over the past scout year. Nominee must be both registered and trained.

Special Recognition

This presentation was created for those Scouters, parents or committee members who may not qualify or “fit” into any of the previous award categories. Award considerations include the nominee's contributions for a better Scouting program that would not be possible otherwise. Unit leaders, committee members or parents may make nominations.

DISTRICT AWARDS:

Running Waters

The highest Award presented in our District. It may be awarded to an individual once. The Awards Committee reviews your nominations and selects a few individuals who have given exceptional service to the District and/or Council.

Any volunteer or parent in a unit or district may submit nominations.

Alwin Preusker Five Creeks District Lifetime of Scouting Service Award

Adopted by Five Creeks District, Pathway to Adventure Council on June 6, 2023.

Purpose: Establish a Five Creeks District award to commemorate a lifetime of scouting service.

Why? Some Scouters receive District Awards, such as the District Award of Merit, Running Waters, and/or the Silver Beaver ONCE, then continue to give award-worthy service for additional decades without suitable further recognition. BSA's Silver Antelope (for major regional contributions) and the Silver Buffalo (for major national contributions) don't apply to those whose continued contributions are at the district or council level. This award is to recognize a significant body of service to scouting over an extended period.

Considerations include:

- Candidates have already received the District Award of Merit and/or the Silver Beaver.
- Candidates have given at least 25 years of distinguished adult service to scouting at the unit and District level, as documented in their scouting profile.
- Contributions may also include distinguished service at the council level and beyond. Qualifying distinguished service can include holding unit, district and/or council leadership positions (e.g., Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, Cubmaster, District officer, unit commissioner, council committee member or officer, etc.), providing training (e.g., staffing or directing leader training courses, Wood badge, Okpik, Powderhorn, University of Scouting, National Youth Leader Training, etc.), serving in advancement roles (e.g., merit badge counselor, Eagle counselor, etc.), and other significant contributions to scouting.
- The award is given annually, if a suitable candidate is nominated. If no suitable candidate(s) are nominated in a given year, the award will not be given that year.
- Registered adults can submit nominations to the District Key Three.
- Selection will be made by the District Awards committee (typically the District Key Three (Chair, commissioner, and Executive), and other select district leaders).
- The Award shall be known as the Alwin Preusker Five Creeks District Lifetime of Scouting Service Award.
- A suitable plaque and certificate will accompany the award.

District Award of Merit

The highest Council award presented at the District level! It is granted to Scouters who have given extraordinary service to their community, their church/synagogue, youth outside of Scouting and to Scouting over an extended period of time. The North Woods District Awards Committee determines the permitted number of honorees. **Any volunteer or parent in a unit or district may submit nominations on a separate BSA form.**

Five Creeks District Award Nomination for:

Outstanding Den/Webelos Leader / Outstanding Assistant Cubmaster/Scoutmaster
Top Sidekick / Special Recognitions / Running Waters / Alwin Preusker Awards
(note District Award of Merit requires a separate form)

Submit Nominations To:

David Tafur – david.tafur@scouting.org

Anne Kritzmire – kritzmirescoutmail@gmail.com

Christopher Sprague – christophersprague@sbcglobal.net

Date: _____

NAME OF NOMINEE _____

NAME OF AWARD _____

I wish to nominate _____ of Pack/Troop/Crew

Unit # _____ for the _____ award because:

Submitted By _____ Pack/Troop/Crew Unit # _____

Telephone # (H) _____ (W) _____

Note: More than one nomination may be made. Only one nomination may be made per form. Additional nominee data may be attached. The Awards Committee will make the final selection/s for District level awards based on the merit of your supplied information.

This form may be copied as needed.