

		<p style="text-align: center;">ILLOWA COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Realff H. Ottesen Chair</p>
<p>KITTAN DISTRICT</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, August 19, 2011</p>		

To the Scout Leaders of Kittan District:

Re: recognition of Adult Scouters

Yes, we are all involved in Scouting for the sake of the Boys and Youth we serve, and most of us do not seek out nor expect recognition for our efforts. However, many of the studies of volunteerism have shown that volunteers have longer terms of service, and strive to accomplish more when they are recognized or rewarded for their service. The boy Scouts of America have two ways that you can recognize that special volunteer in your unit, or who serves the District of Council on your behalf. These recognitions are the District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver. I am enclosing a nomination form for each of these awards for your use in nominating that special Scouter.

Let me share a little about each award:



THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT. The Kittan District may award two of these recognitions each year to persons who have performed above and beyond the call of duty for the District. This would include long term and dedicated unit Scouters, Commissioners, District Committee People as well. The person must be a registered Scouter, and his/her contributions may have been in scouting or in the community or both. The person may not nominate themselves. Completed nominations should be returned to the District Office by October 15, 2011 for consideration for this year. These awards will be presented at the Annual District Dinner this Winter,



THE SILVER BEAVER AWARD. The Illowa Council may award this recognition to registered Scouters who perform exceptional service to youth within the territory of the Council. There is no limit to the number of awards which the council may award annually, but the criteria require exceptional service. The awards are usually presented at the Council Annual Dinner, and thus time is of the essence for submission. The completed nomination should be sent to the Council Office by roughly the same deadline as the District Award of Merit.

I truly hope that you will consider nominating a special Scouter for these awards this year.

Yours in Scouting,

Realff H. Ottesen
Kittan District Chair

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Silver Beaver Appl.