



Manatee District Advancement Update

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District Award of Merit & Silver Beaver Award Nominations

The foundation of a successful District or Council is built on its volunteers! Recognize the hard work and dedication to Scouting of a fellow Scouter by nominating them for the District Award of Merit or Silver Beaver Award.

The *District Award of Merit* is a Council award presented by Districts to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the District level. The nominee must be a registered Scouter and have rendered noteworthy service to youth. The nature and value of "noteworthy service to youth" may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time. The nominee should have also contributed some type of service to youth outside of Scouting as well. Consideration should be given to the nominee's Scouting position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectations of that Scouting position. The nominee's attitude toward and cooperation with the District and Council should be taken into consideration as well.

The *Silver Beaver Award* is a National award presented by Councils to Scouters of exceptional character who render noteworthy service to youth within Council's jurisdiction.

Applications for either award can be downloaded at www.scouting.org/forms. Questions regarding adult recognitions should be directed to Ted Burghardt at 254-1184 or Tim Davis at 725-4203.

Unit Advancement Reports

Don't forget to submit a unit advancement report every month! If the Scouts in your unit did not advance in rank or earn awards or merit badges, you can still submit a report. Just write "No report for (insert month)" across the portion of the form where you would normally enter advancement data. Reports submitted for multiple months within the same month will only count toward one month.

The Advancement Committee would like to thank the following units for reporting in November and December...

Packs: 37, 51, 57, 325, 374, 380, 391 & 571

Troops: 37, 308, 321, 323, 520, 549, 575 & 734

If you have any questions regarding the status of your unit's advancement reporting, or questions relating to advancement reports in general, please feel free to ask at any Roundtable or contact Lori Bell at 953-0148.

Life to Eagle Packets

The *Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook*, commonly referred to as a Life to Eagle packet is available on-line. The packet and Eagle applications can be downloaded at www.scouting.org/boyscouts/eagleproject/.

Eagle Projects

Got Life Scouts ready for their Eagle Project? They (the boys) need to contact Ed Newell at 725-9923 or ginny-ed@msn.com for District Advancement signature **prior to** the start of their project.

Eagle Board of Reviews

Unit Advancement Chairmen should contact Ed Newell at 725-9923 or ginny-ed@msn.com to schedule a District Advancement Committee member attending an Eagle Board of Review.

Eagle Board Letters of Recommendation

Please remember that four sealed letters of reference are required at Eagle board. The letters will not be shown to the applicant; they are for board members eyes only. At the end of the board, the letters will be collected and destroyed by the District Advancement Committee member.

Eagle Board Reminder

An extra copy of the Eagle project packet needs to be turned in at all Eagle Boards of Review. The Advancement Committee reviews these packets and selects three project to go forward to Council to compete for an NESA award.

Merit Badge Counselors

A completed adult application must be submitted with all Merit Badge Counselor applications. The adult application is required even if you are already registered with a unit. Please be sure to fully complete both forms and the adult application form must have Ted Burghardt's signature along with all other normally required signatures. Forms need to be submitted directly to Ted *NOT* to Council. Forms sent directly to Council will be returned to the District for Ted's signature and delay the processing of your application. Ted Burghardt can be reached at 254-1184.

Does your unit need an updated copy of the **Merit Badge Counselor List**? It's easy! Bring the two floppy disks with merit badge counselor list to any roundtable and give them to Ted. Ted will update your list and return them to you at the next roundtable. Don't have your unit's existing merit badge counselor floppies? Bring two new floppies and give them to Ted. Be sure to label them with your unit number and "Merit Badge Counselor List"