Dear Sequoia Council leaders and volunteers,

Who made a difference for your Scouts this year? Maybe it's the Cubmaster who makes every new family feel welcome, the Scoutmaster who gives youth leaders room to make decisions, or the volunteer who's been showing up for years. Let's give them a night to hear what their work has meant to the people around them.

Join us for the **Sequoia Council Recognition Dinner on Saturday, February 6, 2027, in Fresno. Tickets are $25 per person**, and **2026 Eagle Scouts attend free!** Leaders, please invite your newest Eagles and encourage them to come. We'd love to celebrate their achievement with the families, friends, and volunteers who helped them get there.

Please send all nominations and applications to **advancement@sequoiacouncil.org** as soon as possible, and no later than Friday, December 18, 2026, so we have time to review them before the Recognition Dinner.

Volunteer and leader nominations

- **Silver Beaver Award** recognizes volunteers for distinguished service to youth at the council level.
- **District Award of Merit** recognizes volunteers for outstanding service at the district level.
- **William H. Spurgeon III Award** recognizes individuals or organizations that have provided significant leadership to Exploring.
- **Cubmaster of the Year** recognizes a Cubmaster who makes a difference for the Scouts and families in their pack. Please include your nominee's name and pack number, and share a specific example of how their leadership has made the pack better for Scouts and families.
- **Scoutmaster of the Year** recognizes a Scoutmaster who helps Scouts grow and gives them room to lead. Please include your nominee's name and troop number, and share a specific example of how they've helped Scouts build confidence and take the lead.

To nominate someone for Cubmaster or Scoutmaster of the Year, simply email us at **advancement@sequoiacouncil.org** with your nominee's name, pack or troop number, and a specific example of how they've made a difference for their Scouts.

Leader award forms and information

Service and special recognition

- **Veteran Award** recognizes years of registered service in Scouting, starting at five years and continuing in five-year increments. Veteran Award application
- **Lifesaving and Meritorious Action Awards** recognize Scouts and adult members who show exceptional courage, skill, or resourcefulness in helping others. Lifesaving and Meritorious Action Award form

Glenn A. & Melinda W. Adams Service Project of the Year Award

This award recognizes an **outstanding Eagle Scout service project** and the leadership the Scout demonstrated in carrying it out.

An Eagle Scout, a parent or guardian, or any registered Scouting volunteer may submit a project for consideration. The Eagle Scout must consent to the nomination.

Completed nomination forms are due to the local council by end of December each year. If the Scout completed their Eagle Scout Board of Review in 2026, submit the completed nomination form to Sequoia Council by December 31, 2026.

Scholarship applications

- **Randy Olson Memorial Scholarship** helps eligible youth pursue Scouting and educational opportunities.
- **Emil Gundelfinger Eagle Scout Scholarship** is for eligible graduating seniors who earned Eagle Scout in Sequoia Council and plan to study natural resources management, conservation, or a related field.

Sequoia Council scholarship applications and eligibility

Please review the eligibility requirements and submission instructions for each form.

Thank you for everything you do for our Scouts and for taking the time to recognize the people who serve alongside you.