



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

The Silver Beaver Award Nomination Form



The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931 and is a council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given at the council level. This nomination form must be sent to the local council.

To prevent embarrassment, the candidate should not be notified of this nomination.

Name James Merlin Guschke Spouse's name Keven Guschke
Home address 2416 Ridgeland Drive
City Nashville State Tn. Zip code 37214
Country Home phone Mobile phone (615) 476-8909
Company name retired Professional title Building Inspector
Scouting position Unit type and No. District name Percy Priest
The nominee is registered in Scouting as Unit Commissioner/Assistant Scoutmaster and holds a membership certificate expiring Dec. 31, 2022. (If Scouter is currently unit-connected, give unit number: Troop 30)
If the award is granted, we plan to present it on (This date is required, as it is recorded on the certificate.)

I confirm that the nominee lives by the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law in word and deed, and is exemplary in his/her personal, family, and professional activities.
Confirmation by person submitting nomination: Karen Bengtson (Printed name)
Scouting position Council Commissioner (Signature)
Home phone Mobile phone (615) 347-9334 Email kkb08@comcast.net
* Silver Beaver Award committee chair signature * Scout executive signature

* ONLY NECESSARY IF NOMINEE IS SELECTED

RECORD OF SERVICE IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Please list registered adult positions in the Boy Scouts of America with dates listed chronologically. Indicate unit number, chartered organization, and district where appropriate.

Position	Unit No.	District	Council	Dates From – To	Total Years
Council-level Leadership Roles					
Catholic Committee on Scouting			MTC	?	10+
Summer Camp Staff at Boxwell					?
College of Commissioner Science Instructor					2
District-level Leadership Roles					
Merit Badge Counselor		Percy Priest		2010-present	12
District Commissioner		Hermitage		2017-2019	2.5
Camping Chair		Hermitage		2008-2016	8
Roundtable Staff		Hermitage		2010-2020	10
District Committee		Hermitage		2007-present	15
Unit Commissioner		Percy Priest		2014-present	8
Day Camp Director		Hermitage			3
Unit-level Leadership Roles					
Scoutmaster	30	Hermitage		2016-2020	4
Assistant Scoutmaster	30	Hermitage	MTC	1998-2016	18
Committee Chair	30	Hermitage		2008-2016	8

Total number of years as a registered adult **Council** volunteer: 25+

What significant council-level service to youth has been made by this nominee?

Jim's service to youth extends far beyond the unit level where he has served for over 25 years. He has Chaired the Catholic Committee on Scouting and worked to ensure a positive relationship between the MTC and the Catholic Church. He has volunteered for Stations of the Cross at St. Stephens, the Trail of Churches event and encouraged youth to earn their religious emblem award.

In addition to his registered Scouting positions, Jim has worked with the Skilled Trades Area at summer camp and taught merit badges at both summer camp and winter camp.

Jim took a contingent to Philmont in 2013 and has previously supervised a Philmont trip, but I am unsure of when. He spent nearly every summer for the past 25 years attending summer camp with Troop 30.

Jim has been heavily involved at the district level and is always available and willing to help at district events and activities. In addition to the roles listed above, Jim served as Roundtable Commissioner in the Hermitage District for several years and volunteered at numerous service projects including Scouting for Food, Good Turn Across America and flag placement on Memorial Day. Jim is devoted to his family, his church and Scouting. He has volunteered uncountless hours and is a selfless leader who has mentored numerous young men through the Scouting program.

(Attach additional page if needed)

NOTEWORTHY SERVICE OF EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER TO YOUTH OUTSIDE OF SCOUTING

Please list organization, position held, recognition received and year(s) involved or awarded.

Organization	Position/Recognition	Year(s)

Additional noteworthy comments on service of character to youth outside of Scouting:

Unknown.

ADDITIONAL NOTEWORTHY COMMENTS OF THE NOMINEE’S STANDING IN THE COMMUNITY

Information covering the nominee’s standing in the community, citing activities in which he/she is **most active** in business, professional, civic, religious, educational, fraternal, veterans, and other non-Scouting areas.

Organization	Positions Held	Years Served	Accomplishments

Comments

Unknown.

(Attach letters of recommendation if appropriate.)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Give the full name and titles (if any) of the nominee exactly as you want them to appear on the certificate.
2. Furnish as much information as possible for each section.
3. Long-established policy limits the award of the Silver Beaver to adults 21 and older who are registered with the Boy Scouts of America as volunteer Scouters.
4. Nominations will not be considered for current or former professional Scouters within five (5) years of their leaving employment with the BSA. Other council employees (part time or full time) are eligible to receive the Silver Beaver Award based on their volunteer service, not employed service.
5. Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.
6. Order Silver Beaver insignia using the regular Supply order form from the Supply Group distribution center.

RULES AND REGULATIONS of the BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Article X, Section 6, Clause 3 Silver Beaver Award

The Boy Scouts of America, acting through the National Court of Honor, may award the Silver Beaver for distinguished service to youth upon the following basis and procedure:

- a) Each local council may process their own annual allotment of Silver Beaver awards and shall send a list of Silver Beaver recipients presented each calendar year to the National Court of Honor no later than January 31 of the following year.
- b) The award is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered Scouters within the territory under the jurisdiction of a local council.
- c) As evidence of the award there shall be presented: a suitable certificate, duly authenticated by the Boy Scouts of America, pursuant to the action of the National Court of Honor; and a miniature Silver Beaver suspended by a blue, white, and blue ribbon to be worn around the neck.
- d) It shall be a general policy that no public announcements shall be made by the local council in advance of action by the National Court of Honor with reference to names presented for consideration.
- e) These awards shall be made to the recipients by the local council concerned in connection with its annual meeting or other public location.
- f) Each duly chartered local council shall be entitled to one nomination. Councils having more than 60 units shall be entitled to further nominations on the basis of one for each additional 60 units or fraction thereof in their territory, as of December 31 preceding the nomination, according to the records of the national office.
- g) Councils not using their full allotment in any year may accumulate the unused portion for use in any subsequent year.
- h) In extraordinary cases, the Silver Beaver Award may be made by the National Court of Honor to a Scouter upon the recommendation of the duly constituted Scouting authorities having supervision of one or more units of the Boy Scouts of America, located outside of the United States and not under the jurisdiction of a local council.