

It is that time of year to start reflecting on all the efforts of volunteers across the council and districts as we prepare to select the Silver Beaver Class to be recognized at the Council Annual Recognition Dinner. Think about long tenured leaders, OA Chapter Advisors, Event/Activity Chairs, current/past District Committee Members, current/past District Commissioner Team members, etc.



The prestigious Silver Beaver Award was established in 1931 and is presented by the National Boy Scouts of America, to council, district, or unit volunteers for distinguished service to youth. This is the highest national award a local council can bestow upon a volunteer.

Recipients of this award are adult leaders who are 21 years old and registered in the Voyageurs Area Council and have made an impact on the lives of youth through service to the council. The Silver Beaver award is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, and dedication. The nature and value of noteworthy service of exceptional character could consist of a single significant action with extraordinary results, a plan of various activities contributing to the lives of a significant number of youths, or it may be results generated over an extended time with a relatively small group. There are no prerequisites such as District Award of Merit or Wood Badge. Anyone may nominate any registered Scouter to the council.

Nomination forms and instructions can be found by clicking on the link: [Silver Beaver Award Information](#). When submitting a nomination please complete the on-line nomination form. Council Registrar, Sue Meyer, may be able to assist in obtaining a nominee's scouting history. Questions related to the nominating process can be directed to Ernie Stauffenecker, Silver Beaver Committee at erniejans3@gmail.com or 218-341-1316.

The nomination form, along with all supporting material, can be emailed, mailed or hand delivered to:

Voyageurs Area Council Silver Beaver Selection Committee
3877 Stebner Road
Hermantown, Mn 55811

All nominations must be received no later than January 31, in order to be accepted. Nominations without all foundational information being included will not be accepted and will be returned to the nominator for further documentation.

For more information about the Silver Beaver Award, nomination process and forms click on this link: [Silver Beaver Nomination Information](#)