

LEADERSHIP AWARD NOMINATION

IRON FORGE DISTRICT

PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH COUNCIL

Please use this cover form to nominate for any of the below listed awards.

One position nomination per form.

Nominations due by May 1, 2026.

Please select the award for which you wish to nominate:

- _____ Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster/Crew Advisor of the Year
- _____ Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmaster of the Year
- _____ Merit Badge Counselor of the Year
- _____ Spark Plug Award (Troop/Crew Level)
- _____ Spark Plug Award (Pack Level)
- _____ Shining Example Award (Troop/Crew Level)
- _____ Shining Example Award (Pack Level)
- _____ Eagle Scout Award (2 will be awarded)
- _____ Den Chief Award (2 will be awarded)
- _____ Donald T. Barnhart Spirit In Scouting Award

NOMINEE'S INFORMATION

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Leadership Position: _____ Unit #: _____

Nominated By: _____ Phone #: _____

Leadership Position: _____ Unit #: _____

E-Mail: _____ Signature: _____

Nomination Letter: (Additional sheets may be added or a separate typed page. Please list as much as you know about your Nominee's leadership. Please include specific examples.)

Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster / Crew Advisor of the Year and Cubmaster / Assistant Cubmaster of the Year

The recipient of these awards will best exemplify the principles of the Scout Oath and Law, as well as lead a program which is most consistent with the criteria listed below:

Leadership – Builds and maintains a strong leadership team at the unit level.

Training – Leads by example in training and ensures that all unit personnel are properly trained.

Advancement – Fosters and orchestrates a strong advancement program.

Exciting / Active Program – Plans and executes a strong activity program that is fun for Scouts as well as an ambitious outdoor program that supports Scouting.

Scouting Beyond the Unit – Supports the District and Council by attending roundtables, participating in District and Council events and fundraisers, and encourages volunteers to serve in District and Council positions.

Recruitment / Retention – Promotes Scouting through the elements above to both recruit new members and retain existing members.

Values – Lives the values of the Scout Oath and Law while preparing Scouts for their lives.

Merit Badge Counselor of the Year

The recipient of this award will best exemplify the principles of the Scout Oath and Law, as well as lead a program which is most consistent with the criteria listed below:

Leadership – Builds and maintains a strong leadership within Scouting.

Training – Leads by example in training and encourages personnel to be properly trained.

Advancement – Fosters and orchestrates a strong advancement program. Supportive to the Scout.

Scouting Beyond the Unit – Supports the District and Council by attending roundtables, participating in District and Council events / fundraisers, and encourages volunteers to serve in District and Council positions.

Values – Lives the values of the Scout Oath and Law while preparing Scouts for their lives.

Spark Plug Award

The recipient of this award will best exemplify the principles of the Scout Oath and Law, as well as lead a program which is most consistent with the criteria listed below:

This nominee can be a non-registered adult. This person is known to be *helpful, friendly, and cheerful* – spreading a positive attitude to those around him/her, continues to lift others' spirits, and recharges the team's energy.

Leadership – Builds and maintains strong leadership.

Training – Leads by example in training.

Scouting Beyond the Unit – Supports the District and Council by attending roundtables, participating in District and Council events / fundraisers, and encourages volunteers to serve in District and Council positions.

Recruitment / Retention – Promotes and supports the Scouting program.

Values – Lives the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Shining Example Award

The recipient of this award will best exemplify the principles of the Scout Oath and Law, as well as lead a program which is most consistent with the criteria listed below:

This nominee can be a non-registered adult. This person is known to be a mentor to others, sharing knowledge, tips, and being readily available to help others. This person encourages service in the community and works side by side with the team. This person is a *brave* leader, a *courteous* volunteer, and a *trustworthy* example of the Scout Oath and Law.

Leadership – Builds and maintains strong leadership.

Training – Leads by example in training.

Scouting Beyond the Unit – Supports the District and Council by attending roundtables, participating in District and Council events / fundraisers, and encourages volunteers to serve in District and Council positions.

Recruitment / Retention – Promotes and supports the Scouting program.

Values – Lives the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

District Eagle Scout of the Year Award

The recipient of this award will best exemplify the principles of the Scout Oath and Law, as well as meet the criteria listed below:

Earned Eagle during 2025. (Specify date Eagle earned)

Handling a challenge. (What was the challenge. How was it resolved?)

Extent and character of leadership in the Troop and community. (Provide examples.)

Project's impact. (Description of the project, who benefited, how did the recipient benefit?)

Originality of the project.

Level of skill employed to complete the project.

Den Chief of the Year Award

The recipient of this award will best exemplify the principles of the Scout Oath and Law, as well as meet the criteria listed below:

The criteria below should have been achieved within the past year.

Training: Completed Den Chief training. (Specify date trained)

Active member of Troop/Crew for 1 year. (Indicate tenure)

Served as a Pack Den Chief for 1 year. (Indicate tenure)

Helps Cub Scouts achieve the purpose of Cub Scouting. (Provide example.)

Leadership: Sets a good example in attitude and uniforming.

Recruitment: Mentor a Scout to become a Den Chief.

Retainage: Help Cub Scouts complete a rank and advance to the next rank.

Advancement: Has earned merit badges or at least one rank during tenure as a Den Chief.

Served as a volunteer at a Scouting event.

Donald T Barnhart Spirit In Scouting Award

Donald T. "Barney" Barnhart was an educated man, an Eagle Scout, who had a passion for Scouting, serving the community, and preserving the outdoors. Throughout his many years in Scouting, he held many leadership roles. He was awarded the District Award of Merit, The District Lifetime Service Award, and the James E. West Fellowship Award. He served his community as a member of the Izaak Walton League, a PA Game Commission Hunter Safety Instructor, and a PIAA/US Swim/NCAA swimming and diving official. He was an artist, an avid outdoorsman, and a golfer.

The recipient of this award should best exemplify the life that he led. The nominee should:

Be a registered Iron Forge District Scouter or was a Scouter at one time and is a supportive member of the Iron Forge District community.

Have a passion for Scouting – a yearning to see Scouts and Scouters flourish.

Seek to develop his/her leadership through continuing education.

Lead by setting the example.

Live by the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.

Participate in Iron Forge District activities, supports District events, and/or actively volunteers for the Pennsylvania Dutch Council.