

January 3, 2024

Coastal District Unit Leaders

You are cordially invited to attend the Coastal District Recognition Banquet to be held Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 6:00 PM. We hope to see all registered Leaders, their guests and spouses, from Packs, Troops, Ships, Venture Units, Explorer Posts, all District Committee members, Unit and District Commissioners.

This is to celebrate the success of our District units and leaders with recognition awards. Awards this year will include the District Award of Merit, if nominated, and Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, Advisor and Skipper of the year. Additionally, we'll recognize those who qualify and apply for any of Scouting's Square Knot awards. Those who attend district meetings on a regular basis will be eligible for a Frequent Faces Award, there is no need for a nomination in this category. *We know that each unit has one or more leaders who make your program better. Each unit should submit at least one individual for an award.*

These links may help you <u>Adult Awards</u> <u>Award Central</u>. The most "popular" awards available are generally: Den Leader Training Award, Scouters Training Award, Cubmasters Key, and District Award of Merit. Scouting Service Stars and Scouters Veteran Award are also available. We may only give one District Award of Merit per year based on the number of units we have in the Coastal district.

All award submissions (District Award of Merit, Unit Leader of the Year, Square Knots and special recognition awards) with complete supporting documentation and the cover sheet "Award Nomination Form" (attached) must be submitted in a separate email to Coastal Committee Chair Mike Cherne at <u>mike1cherne@yahoo.com</u> no later than February 9. This date will allow time for processing and any necessary approvals. Past recipients of the District Award of Merit will meet after our scheduled district meeting February 22 to select this award. The District Award of Merit is confidential, please do not advise a nominee of their nomination.

This year the banquet will be held at the 1800 Mexican Restaurant located at 5926 New Jesup (US 341) Highway, Brunswick, GA, at 6 PM with program to follow. Everyone will order from the menu and make payment to the restaurant. Please register by March 8 using the link provided. Cost per person is \$5.00. This will help to cover the costs of the awards and a special commemorative patch.

Award nomination forms are attached to the email. If you are seeking a knot award, please utilize the nominations forms found on line. Remember to email award submissions to Mike Cherne by February 9 and register for the awards banquet by March 8, 2024.

To register <u>https://scoutingevent.com/099-CstlBanquet</u> Banquet and award submission questions, call Mike (912) 223-9048. Knot award questions, call Greyson (770) 885-1238.