



Raritan Valley District Awards – Nominations are due by March 22, 2019

District Award of Merit

The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts or Exploring divisions in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils. The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district or Exploring division level. The award is made available annually on the basis of 1 for each 25 units or fraction thereof. The district or Exploring division need not present all awards to which it is entitled each year. It is not appropriate to nominate a Scouter who has already received this award. A professional Scouter may not receive this award based on professional service. However, a professional Scouter who also serves as a volunteer may be eligible based upon volunteer service.

The Mary Tomchuk Servant Leader Award

This award will be awarded to an adult leader who best represents what it means to be a *servant leader*; those who consistently focus on the well-being of others and dedicate themselves to the individual development of those around them. The concept of *servant leadership* is a key component of BSA leadership training programs – TLT, NYLT, NAYLE, and Woodbadge.

"The servant-leader is servant first... It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve *first*. Then conscious choice brings one to aspire to lead. That person is sharply different from one who is *leader* first, perhaps because of the need to assuage an unusual power drive or to acquire material possessions...The leader-first and the servant-first are two extreme types. Between them there are shadings and blends that are part of the infinite variety of human nature."

"A servant-leader focuses primarily on the growth and well-being of people and the communities to which they belong. While traditional leadership generally involves the accumulation and exercise of power by one at the "top of the pyramid," servant leadership is different. The servant-leader shares power, puts the needs of others first and helps people develop and perform as highly as possible."

Ron Catlin "Cub Scouter" Award

This award recognizes the efforts of a Cub Scout volunteer who has significantly contributed to the furtherance of Cub Scouting in the district.

George Kosta "Scouts BSA Scouter" Award

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John Schaub F.T. D. Award

This award is given to a person who has been a tireless, diligent worker "For the District".

John Denninger Award

This award is given in recognition of outstanding service by Scouters in the district who, because of concentrated work in a comparatively restricted area, might not receive due recognition or other honors from the National Council.

Raritan Valley Hero Award

These are people who do that little bit (or a whole lot) extra to make scouting happen in your unit. Each unit has at least one. Each unit is invited to select one volunteer to be recognized as one of Raritan Valley's Heroes.

Scoutmaster of the Year / Cubmaster of the Year:

This award recognizes a Scoutmaster and Cubmaster of the year who have done an outstanding job of leading their Troop/Pack.

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