

## Gathering Waters Awards Summary & Past Recipients

This document summarizes the awards that are given by the Gathering Waters District to recognize adult Scouters/volunteers. All nominees (except Distinguished Sponsorship) must be registered and trained leaders, to be considered for nomination. Individual units are encouraged to also recognize their volunteer leaders at the unit level. **Past recipients of each award are listed below the award descriptions.**

**District Award of Merit:** Presented to an individual who has rendered noteworthy service to youth. This may consist of a single plan or actions that contributes vitally to the lives of a large number of youth or to a small group over an extended period of time. This award may be presented to no more than three individuals per year, in our district.

\*See list of past winners at the bottom of this document.

**Distinguished Sponsorship of Scouting:** Presented to the organization, local business or company that selflessly displayed outstanding support to the Scouting program of the Gathering Waters District.

2020: Elks Lodge #676 in Neenah/Menasha

2021: St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Menasha, American Legion Post 106 in Seymour, Doc's Harley-Davidson in Bonduel, CCRS Warehouse in Menasha, and Poplar Hall in Appleton

2022: Combined Locks Advancement Association, Congregational United Church of Christ, and VFW Electric City Post 3319

2023: First English Lutheran Church in Appleton

**Cubmaster of the Year:** Awarded to the Cubmaster who has exemplified the training they received in providing quality leadership to their Pack. The nominee must be fully trained for the position they are serving and have proven their superb leadership as reflected in the program of their unit. Typically awarded to one person per year but depending on the quality of the nominees there may be two awards in a year. Unit JTE scores and Roundtable attendance, will be considered in this determination.

2020: Brendan Marston (Pack 3045/3074)

2021: Jody Rasmussen (Pack 3061) and Walter Nawrot (Pack 3081)

2022: Jackie Geier (Pack 3177)

2023: Tom Wolfert (Pack 3135)

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**Scoutmaster of the Year:** Awarded to the Scoutmaster who has exemplified the training they received in providing quality leadership to their Troop. The nominee must be fully trained for the position they are serving and have proven their superb leadership as reflected in the program of their unit. Typically awarded to one person per year but depending on the quality of the nominees there may be two awards in a year. Unit JTE scores and Roundtable attendance, will be considered in this determination.

2020: Trent Yurk (Troop 3)

2021: Bob Hackl (Troop 117)

2022: Bob Charapata (Troop 6114)

2023: Leah Schwartz (Troop 177)

**Dedicated Service:** Awarded to Scouters with a minimum of three years registration. The award is given to Scouters who have displayed outstanding service to the Gathering Waters District or to an individual unit in sustaining the Scouting program. Each unit may nominate one individual per year for this award.

2020: Lisa Van Handel (Pack 3045/3074 & 6114), Andrea Mendoza (Troop 2), Casey Jones (Troop 177), Will Morrison (Pack 3006), Stacy Wolter (Pack 3017), Tim Olsen (Troop 59)

2021: Dale Vannes (Troop 32), Greg Breaker (Troop 36), Bob Charapata (Troop 6114), Mary Jarrett (Troop 1), Jay Hutchinson (Troop 77), Bob Hackl (Troop 117), John Engel (Troop 12), Jacki Spilman (Troop 59), Ron DuVernay (Troop 135), Trisha Schneider (Troop 50), Jennifer Grumann (Troop 59), Nancy Ellenbecker (Troop 2), Thomas Hiles (Pack 3017)

2022: Dave Anderson (Troop 6002) Brad Blazek (Troop 117) Dennis Havard (Troop 117), Gary Holz (Troop 2), Dan Judd (Troop 9), Neil O'Connell (Troop 2), Matt Schultz (Troop 12), Michael Thunes (Troop 8), Rachael Yogerst (Pack 3177)

2023: Joel Schroth (Troop 50), Justin Oliphant (Troop 3), Lisa Van Handel (Troop 3), Eric Matthewson (Pack 3036), Eric Remter (Troop 117), Jenny Mooney (Troop 77), Nick Voigt (Troop 9), Ted Striley (Troop 6114), Greg Schneider (Pack 3017), Mike Glatczak (Troop 59), Jennifer Grunman (Troop 59), Jennifer Gardner (Pack 3059), Joshua Nigbor (Troop 2), Neal O'Connell (Troop 2), Jane Suprise (Troop 12)

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**Spark Plug:** Awarded to Scouters who demonstrate leadership ability, enthusiasm, and Scouting spirit to an individual unit. No limit to how many can receive this per year, but an individual can only earn this award once.

2020: Michael Glatczak (Troop 59), Stacy Wolter (Pack 3017), Will Morrison (Pack 3006), Walter Nawrot (3081), Kalyn Coulthurst (Pack 3122), Jody Rasmussen (Pack 3061), Thomas Hiles (Pack 3017), Nancy Ellenbecker (Troop 2), Casey Jones (Troop 59)

2021: Kalista Eckstein (Pack 3045/3074), Sara Zitzke (Troop 6114), Dan Skrypczak (Troop 73), Matt Saindon (Troop 1), Brad Tumas (Pack 3132), Rosie Thiel (Pack 3032), Jay Ramer (Pack 3137), Andrea Mendoza (Troop 2), Don Milbach (Troop 31), Kevin Hinz (District Training Chair), Matt Schultz (Pack 3132), Ross McVey (Troop 8), Jason Flanner (Pack 3038), Dave Bedrosian (Troop 36)

2022: David Bruno (Pack 3135), Ryan Glover (Pack 3059), Carissa Johann (Pack 3039), Jessica Karls (Pack 3016), Jeremy Prast (Pack 3081), Mike Prosser (Pack 3077), Gary Holz (Troop 2), Dan Judd (Troop 9), Neil O'Connell (Troop 2), Matt Schultz (Troop 12), Michael Thunes (Troop 8), Rachael Yogerst (Pack 3177), Paul Rasmussen (Pack 3039), Eric Remter (Troop 117), Joe Tenor (Pack 3061), Charlie Voissem (Pack 3009), Missy Wilson (Pack 3050), Tom Wolfert (Pack 3135)

2023: Rick Cleven (Troop 117), BJ Dorschner (Pack 3081), Shana Hietpas (Pack 3059), Travis Hietpas (Pack 3059), Hillary Johnson (Pack 3009), James Johnson (Pack 3017), Ron Litsheim (Troop 2), Charlie Luedtke (Troop 77), Eric Mathewson (Pack 3036), Kent Pauli (Troop 12), Mackenzie Prast (Pack 3081), Bailey Rose (Troop 77), Dena Saylor (Troop 6114), David Schott (Troop 2), Dean Seefeldt (Troop 36), Noah Smith (Troop 117), Kathy Vanesky (Pack 3081)

**Rookie of the Year:** Awarded to scouters registered for one year or less, showing outstanding enthusiasm and progress in their scouting position (including training). The recipient has excellent unit meeting and/or Roundtable attendance and is also involved with their unit in Gathering Waters district events.

2020: Nick Voigt (Pack 3104) and Kelsey Richart (Pack 3105)

2021: Tony Manoni (Pack 3045/3074), Jenni Mooney (Troop 77), Jen Ebben (Pack 3002)

2022: Renee Charapata (Troop 6114), Alicia Olson (Pack 3135), Eric Remter (Troop 117)

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Rookie of the Year 2023: Toni Buhrow (Troop 2), Michelle Caldwell (Troop 2), Rick Clevon (Troop 117), Jackie Geier (Troop 6177), Ryan Glover (Pack 3059), Craig Konrad (Pack 3036), Jennifer Liesch (Troop 77), Charlie Luedtke (Troop 77), Sharon Moeller (Troop 36), Crystal Romberg (Pack 3081, Terry Sherman (Troop 6114)

**Chairman's Award:** Award provided to an individual who has given extensive support and leadership to the Scouting organization. Awardee is selected by the District Chair. There is only one award per year.

2020: Jason Flanner (Pack 3038/Troop 38)

2021: Paul Shrode (Past District Chair)

2022: Ron Litsheim (Troop 2)

2023: Rachael Cabral-Guavara, WI Senator from Appleton

**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.

2024: Ron Litsheim, Joel Schroth, Matt Schultz

2023: Trisha Schneider, Jeremy Searl, Stacy Wolter

2022: Miki Gould, Ross McVey

2021: Ian Schiesl

2020: Michael Van Handel, Leah Schwarz, Paul Shrode, Dave Grimm Jr.

2019: Brendan Marston, Alyssa Dudkowski, John Ponczoch, Will Croff

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<b>1971</b>	Jeanne Kiefer	<b>1986</b>	Brad Stellrecht	Brian Patri	James Hyatt
Tom Hollenbeck	Robert Hoerner	Sue Pfau	Bruce Williams	Ruth Cristiano	Elizabeth Stern
Pat McCormick	William Milback	Bill Brehm	<b>1997</b>	Kathy Olson	Al Archer
Dick Mykel	<b>1978</b>	Ken Salm	Dave Benton	Steve Barnett	Christopher Platten
William Steffens, Sr	Merv Farmer	John Perry	John Block	Annette Wilken	<b>2012</b>
<b>1972</b>	Pete Houk	<b>1987</b>	Mike Goodnight	<b>2005</b>	Pat Clayton
Dorothy Allcox	Donna Timmers	Dutch Vandenberg	Debbie Loney	John Duba	Ralph Wells
Theda Andres	Roy Valitchka	Sheri Vandenberg	Bill Nettekoven	Aaron Burmeister	Dan Overesch
Clayton Welson	Ken Williamson	<b>1988</b>	Craig Peterson	Dave Sutton	Dave Rutten
Bud Otis	<b>1979</b>	Shirley Huycke	John Swanson	John Cristiano	<b>2013</b>
Bob Shindhelm	Chester Dietzen	Bob Pawlowski	<b>1998</b>	Steve Bongers	Kathy Croff
Jim Schmidt	Harold Breaker	Mike Weaver	Greg Breaker	Harold Ellsworth	John Ptaszynski
William Franz	Jan Seis	Keith DeLeeuw	Steve Cochrane	<b>2006</b>	Paul Shrode
<b>1973</b>	Lloyd Peterson	<b>1989</b>	Gary Dougherty	Raquel Strayer	Mary Jarrett
Derna Elton	Ralph Mahn	Gary Banks, DDS	Gary Holz	Pete Fronsee	<b>2014</b>
Richard Grapentine	Sheldon Niquette	Faith Quick	Brad Johnson	Pete Abraham	Eric Davidson Sr.
Ralph Johnson	<b>1980</b>	Dave Engel	Bob Laha	Shawn Loveless	Jeff Jones
Larry Manske	Hazel Bruss	David Brandt	Terry Wray	Steve Lutzewitz	Mike Rospenda
Gene Regenfuss	John Chaganos	<b>1990</b>	<b>1999</b>	Cheryl Salzman	Joel Schroth
Norm Sanders	Bob Cheek	Mike Quinn	John Day	<b>2007</b>	<b>2015</b>
Bob Spielbauer	Lois Fredricks	Jay Breyer	Deb Langacker	Amanda Heyn	Kenneth Lee Stingle, Jr
Howard Veldman, Sr	Verna Hibbard	Molly Fink	Larry Peterson	Ray Rock	James Hove
Kathleen Weber	Arnold Reis	<b>1991</b>	John Schultz	Don Krause	Etienne Mejia
<b>1974</b>	<b>1981</b>	Arlie Canfield	Bob Vondracek	Mike Venturino	Brian Rose
Tom Allcox	Tom Kreif	Jan Banks	<b>2000</b>	Paul VanLaarhoven	<b>2016</b>
Jim DeGroot	Delores Umlauf	Lyle Ratzburg	Bill Haggard	Dave Rohan	Daniel Donovan
Ed Elton	Duane Umlauf	Dick Boetcher	Jeff Hahn	<b>2008</b>	Bob Walter
Roger Hietpas	Fred Hrubycky	Art Langoff	John Lasswell	Larry Peterson	Scott Lamers
Sheridan Huss	Mary Weyenberg	<b>1992</b>	Keith Pankratz	Mark Renfro	Joe Tenor
Tom Nooyen	<b>1982</b>	Laurie Overesch	Bob Ernst	Mike Kopiske	<b>2017</b>
Ralph Paul	Duane Hanson	John Bax, MD	Michael Anderson	Jill Kellner	Christopher Meyer
<b>1975</b>	Nick Milbach	Bill Beschta	<b>2001</b>	Cheri Suthner	Leah K. Schwarz
Dan Coenen	Dorothy Milbach	Pat Lynch	Will Croff	Mitch Nelson	Robert D. Strelow Jr.
Carol Garvey	Bill Butler	<b>1993</b>	Carl Butzen	<b>2009</b>	Steve Keller
Don Kramer	Carl Gussert	Steve Earl	Steve Callaway	Kendra Lindsay	<b>2018</b>
Don Oudenhoven	<b>1983</b>	Wesley Fietzer	Susan Schultz	Duane Hille	Paul Heuring
Ralph Tellock	Tony Trembl	Marie Lackore	Pauling Huven	Paul Verhagen	Michael Van Handel
Howard Whitehead	Don Olm	James Lintner	James Ryberg	Connie Rohan	Dale Vannes
<b>1976</b>	Bill Breyer	<b>1994</b>	<b>2002</b>	Jim Weiland	Adam Vetter
Donna Glunn	Jim Newlun	Dave Behling	Mark Bachhuber	Bret Buxton	<b>2019</b>
Kermit Muenster	Marcia Trembl	Bruce Boyd	Kathy Collins	<b>2010</b>	Gary Holz
Bob Paynter	<b>1984</b>	James Dempsey	Gregory Fox	Stephanie Newby	Andrea Mendoza
Charles Petters	Arlin Johnson	John Johnson	Kevin Garrett, MD	Bob King	Ian Schiesl
Lucy Valitchka	Herb Lythjohan	Sharon Kinnard	Carol J. Quinn	Anthony Snyder	<b>2020</b>
Dave VanEperen	Joe Daust	Linda Stuart	<b>2003</b>	Dave Wilke	Jeremy Searl
Fran Vissers	Carol Pingel	<b>1995</b>	Barb Belmont	Erv Hemb	Matt Schneider
<b>1977</b>	<b>1985</b>	Jay Roe	Bob Woelful	Kevin Summers	Rosie Thiel
Richard Andres	Linda Pelot	Wendy Stellrecht	Rory Moore	Carrie Lehner	
Ginny Botzet	Bob Lyle	<b>1996</b>	Spencer Daines	<b>2011</b>	
Elmer Haas	Sharon Newlun	Karen Lager	<b>2004</b>	Jerome Dold	
Frank Heckrodt	Larry LeMathieu	Ned Olson	Steve Haunschild	Douglas Brown	

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### Gathering Waters District Award of Merit Summary:

#### **2021**

John Engel, Trisha Schneider, Dan Skrypczak

#### **2022**

Thomas Hiles, Jody Rasmussen, Sarah Zitzke

#### **2023**

Robert Hackl, Kevin Hinz, Ron Litsheim