

SYCAMORE DISTRICT



AWARD RECIPIENTS 2008

ACTION AWARDS

Roland Barns

John Berryhill

Brent Johnson

Lorne Katz

Mike Lumpp

Alan Marshall

John Mensendike

Frank Nevitt

Blair Piotrowski

Phil Schleifer

Kristi Skytte

Meg Struttman

Laura Tobin

Debbie Unti

DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT



Gregory Buck

This person receiving the Award of Merit started his Scouting career as an Assistant Cubmaster of Pack 150. He was in that position for 1 year and then took on the responsibility of being the Cubmaster for the Pack after the retiring Cubmaster moved on to a Boy Scout Troop. He became the Chairman for their Pack's Pine-wood Derby, for over five years.

When his youngest son joined Pack 153 at Westfield Elementary School in Algonquin, IL, this person assisted the new Pack in several leadership roles. When his oldest son crossed over to Boy Scout Troop 369 in Lake in the Hills, he assisted the Troop when the Scouts needed him at meetings, and on outings.

In 2004, his oldest son Gregory joined Troop 152, a newly formed Troop in Algonquin. Once again this person volunteered in various leadership roles to help out another Unit. He volunteered for many monthly outings, taking the Scouts to Summer Camp, High Adventure treks, and for the past two years to High Knoll in the Great Smoky Mountains.

He has served on the District Training Team by staffing many of the Districts training events including: Cub Scouts Leader Essential, Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO), Webelos Leaders Outdoor Training (WLOT), and Woods of Webelos. He has been willing to assist with most training events whenever needed. He has chaired Merit Badge Opportunity Days (MBOD) for Sycamore District. He will also Chair this event again this coming year for the District.

He has taken the practical side of Wood Badge Course C-23-07, and is currently working on completing his last Ticket items.

He like the rest of us in Scouting does not know how to say NO when asked to assist or support an event. He just, like the rest of us, believes in the youth who will be the leaders of tomorrow.

It gives me great pleasure in presenting Gregory Buck Sr. with the District Award of Merit.

Susan Clancy-Kelly

This Scouter has served Pack 757, in Cary, as their Pack Trainer, as a Tiger Cub and Webelos Den Leader. However, Pack 757 was not her first involvement with Scouting. She started long before Cary, Illinois, back across the pond in Ireland.

This Scouter joined the Sycamore District Committee and is presently serving on the Training Committee. She is a member of the District Training Team and serves as the coordinator of our New Leaders Essentials program. As a Trainer, she has staffed several training events, including New Leader Essential, Cub Scout Leader Specific, Webelos Leader Outdoor Training, Basic Adult Leaders Outdoor Orientation (BALOO), Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, and Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training. She also serves on staff at our Roundtables, and Council's POW WOW.

She has helped with the financial efforts in our District . . . You may have seen her at one or more, Friends of Scouting presentation.

For the past several years she has donated many hours to her community by serving as the Cary area coordinator for "Scouting for Food."

She has received the Tiger Den Leader Award, the Cub Den Leader Award, the Webelos Den Leader Award and the Sycamore District Action Award.

She attended Wood Badge in Ireland and earned her beads in 19??. She earned her Trainer's Wood Badge, also in Ireland, in 1990. She was trained for her committee position at the District Committee Workshop Training last year. The only Training that she needs now is the Boy Scouts of America's Wood Badge for the 21st Century.

If there is a Scouting activity in our District or Council, it is more then likely that you will see this recipient at that event.

On behalf of Sycamore District, it is with great pleasure that we present the District Award of Merit to . . . Susan Clancy-Kelly

Greg Dertz

This Scouter started his Scouting Leadership as a Den Leader for Pack 369 in Lake in the Hills. He crossed over, with his son, into Boy Scout Troop 369 . . . Where he has been registered as an Assistant Scoutmaster for over 15 years. He is a Merit Badge Counselor for his Troop and our District. He also serves as an Associate Advisor for Crew 369.

This person is very involved in his church in Crystal Lake, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.

He has been involved, for over 10 years, in running his Troop's Scouting for Food in the Lake in the Hills area. He organizes each year, the "Troop Leader Training" and the "Webelos to Scout" recruiting weekend for the boys in his Unit.

He loves High Adventure, especially when water is involved . . . canoeing and kayaking. He has taken youth to Canada, Lake Superior, and the Sylvania Wilderness. He has also been to Philmont . . . He completed both phases of his Wood Badge Course C-35-96.

A personal observation from one of his fellow Scouters . . . "Many of these Troop activities that he does are not because he had been asked, but because he wants to do them for the boys of our Unit. One look into his face during these outings or weekends, and you know why he has stayed in Scouting so long . . . For the pure enjoyment of providing the Scouting program to the youth of our community."

Along with all of his Troop and Crew activities, this person finds time to serve on the District Training Committee, the District Training Team, and has given presentations at various Roundtables. He is the coordinator for the District's "Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Training" and has served on the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster's Training team. He has served as a staff member for 3 Blackhawk Area Council Wood Badge Courses.

On behalf of Sycamore District, it is with great pleasure that we present the District Award of Merit to . . . Greg Dertz.

Randall (Randy) L. Goerd

The next outstanding recipient of the Sycamore District Award of Merit is a Charter Member of Troop #152 in Algonquin, Illinois. He has served on the Troop Committee for both Troop #369 and Troop #152. He has also taken on the responsibility of being the Adult Quartermaster for both troops, working enthusiastically with the Scout Quartermasters.

This recipient has been the Troop's Popcorn Kernel for the past four years and has also assisted at the District's Popcorn Distribution during the spring and Fall Popcorn sales. This recipient is known as Mr. Turkey for his succulent turkeys that he cooks at the Troop's November outing. He has also taken on the daunting task of being the Summer Camp Coordinator for three summers, with the challenge of leading forty-six Scouts to Canyon Camp this past summer.

The candidate has earned his Wood Badge beads, completing Course C-26-03 and was a member of Course C-25-08 staff. He was also a staff member of the Blackhawk Area Council's AirCamp 2005 held in Rockford, Illinois.

The candidate is a Merit Badge Counselor, not only working with Scouts from his own troop; but, also being a Merit Badge Counselor for the past five years at the Sycamore District's Merit Badge Opportunity Days. This exceptional candidate has also been a staff member at the last five Sycamore District Camporees.

Although his two sons are no longer involved in the Scouting Program, this deserving candidate is still giving of his time and talent to benefit the future leaders of America, in his quest to "make a difference" in the lives of today's youth.

It is my honor and privilege to introduce this Sycamore District 2008 Award of Merit Recipient who has NOT joined the team to merely sit on the bench!

Ladies and gentleman . . . Randall (Randy) L. Goerd.

Martin (Marty) Guzik

It is with great honor and pride that I present to you this evening, a very unique Scouter. It isn't often we meet someone who hasn't been introduced to the scouting program through their children, but rather volunteers personal time and talents for the benefit of others. This individual is always willing to step in when volunteers are needed to staff a program or take over when someone else can't. This person does the chosen tasks without complaint and adjusts as circumstances change.

This recipient's bio reads like a who's who of scouting with community involvement in the Citizen's Police Academy, National Severe Weather Spotter Training, Community Emergency Response Team, Knights of Columbus, and Toastmasters. Other scouting involvement besides sitting on the District Committee include Tiger Time, Pow Wow, Klondike, Woods of Webelos, Boy Scout Kickoff, Scoutmaster and New Leaders' training, camporees, pinewood derby, has been an FOS presenter for the past several years and has been a scoutmaster and assistant scoutmaster.

The need for personal training is important to this person as witnessed in the achievement of the 2007 Powder Horn Course, Commissioner's Basic Training, OKPIK, Youth Protection, Roundtable Basics, Troop Committee Challenge, Outdoor Leaders Skills and Scoutmaster Fundamentals. To top off this long list of accomplishments, the degree of Fellow, will be presented to him at Lord Baden-Powell University in March 2009.

On behalf of Blackhawk Area Council and Sycamore District, it is our sincere pleasure to present the District Award of Merit to Martin (Marty) Guzik.