

## **Black River DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT**

**The Deadline for submitting nominations is April 3, 2012**

The District Award of Merit is a National BSA Award. Awardees are determined by the District Higher Awards Committee from a list of individuals who are nominated by their fellow scouts. On the back of this letter are the names of the District Award of Merit honorees since 1971. As you can see, the District has presented as few as one and as many as five awards in a given year. Unfortunately, when the number of awards has been small, it is not necessarily because there are not worthy people out there. More often than not it's because NOBODY THINKS TO NOMINATE SOMEONE THEY KNOW.

Please take a moment to think about the Cub Scout and Boy Scout Adult Leaders, and Venture Crew Advisors you know in the District. Is there anyone you consider to be an outstanding example of someone who "goes above and beyond" for the Unit, District and Community? If there is, please fill out a District Award of Merit Nomination form and turn it in before the deadline! It is important that an application should not be abandoned because of a lack of accessibility to training or background information. Provide as much information as you have. [Note: If someone has already received this award, he or she cannot receive it again.]

**We strongly urge EVERY UNIT to submit at least one name for the District Award of Merit**

The awards will be presented at the Black River Annual Meeting/District Dinner on May 16<sup>th</sup>. It is hopeful that the recipient, nominator and guests will attend to accept the award.

Richard Preuss  
Black River District Recognition Chairman

## DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT Recipients

<b>West Morris District</b>					
1971	Sarah Howard	Theodore Nolan	Robert Peterson	Clarence Walton	
1972	J. Beckett	Harry Hansen	Joan McClellan	Rupert Tarbell	Richard Whitner
1973	Ken Jacobsen	Norm Miller	Chet Norris		
1974	Alice Belcher	James Jarvis	Dale Mertz	Lawrence Voneck	
1975	Vivian Berg	Frank Epps, Jr.	Lee McClellan	Bill Miller	
1976	Dick Couch	Howard Neu	Zeke Robbins		
1977	Allen Boyd	Phyllis Grippoldi	Robert Taggart		
1978	Kay Cherkove	Pete Smalley	Roy Varcoe		
1979	Harold Cresta	John Phelps	Ray Vonderhide		
1980	Barbara Abrusci	Bob Puder			
1981	Robert Birrell	Gary Maffia	Tom Power		
1982	Ken Abrahamson	Tom Sullivan	Robert Wolff		
1983	Dick Randolph	Charles Spingler	Clara Wolford		
1984	Al Green	Ted Greenblat			
1985	Joel Levin	Bob Pereillo	Jim Pruner	Jim Visioli	Carl Zipfel
1986	Don Beach	Bruce Black	Ted Bremer		
1987	George Castellitto	Bill Smith	Paul Welsch		
1988	Joseph Donald	Mary Ruth Lareau	Dave Teichman		
1989	Tom Ciborski	Dennis Corbisiero	Will Sawyer		
1990	Noreen Ciborski	Howie Liebmann	John C. Scheri		
1991	Rev. Robert Mason	Rodney Dayley	Norman Fowler		
1992	Stuart Bauer	Arnold Kline	Terry Murphy		
1993	Bob Conlon	Bob Koehler	Ken Lareau		
1994	Valerie Abella	Temple Ratcliffe	Mary Ann Simonenko		
1995	Larry Gersten	Tony Lorenc	Dave Thonie	Debbie Wickham	
1996	Al Hellwege	Dan Winans	Steve Jensen		
1997	Charlie Crawford	John J. Scheri	George Telschow		
1998	Jon Hanna	Ray Copley			
1999	Glenn Treier				
2000	Russ Jones	Pete Mullaney	Dick Preuss		
2001	Fred Mundhenk	George Peck	Kitty Reinhard	Rich Schrum	
2002	Bob Blaskopf	Pat Foley	Paul Zuzik		
2003	Dave Curtis	Neal Eisner	Dave Marihugh	Linda Westenberger	Andy Monka
<b>Black River District</b>					
2004	Howard Gordon	Elsie Hemmings	Chris Santomassimo		
2005	Alan Thomson	James Kowalak	Todd Novaky	Jim Maguire	
2006	David Greeley	Victor Jacksier	Dave Michaeli	Jay Thomson	
2007	John Kenlon				
2008	Joseph Black	Ernie Diccico	Archer Jones	Joseph Lettorale	
2009	Tony Cretella	Theodore Edgar	Bern Macones	Ed Modugno	
2010	Stephanie Benfante	Diann Evans	Richard Weber		
2011	Elizabeth Draper	Michael Merritt	Linda Telshow		