

# NOR'EASTER E-NEWS



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## REFLECTIONS ON THE SEASON

As we close out another year, I wanted to take a minute to thank YOU for making the amazing Scouting program possible. Over 700 adult volunteers plus countless supportive parents help develop future leaders that are good citizens and uphold the values in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. We are teaching young men and women important life skills like setting goals, working with others, and overcoming challenges. These are skills they will use for the rest of their life.

We have a lot to celebrate this year including nearly 600 Scouts attending summer camp, nearly 25 Eagle Scouts (and projects to the community), 16.5 tons of food collected for those in need, and numerous other exciting activities like the Winter Splash Bash, several camporees, STEM activities, and the Cub-a-Ree Carnival among many others.

However, with all these amazing things we are doing for kids, Scouting is still the best kept secret in town. **Here is my challenge to you.** Tell your Scouting story! Talk to a neighbor or friend about the great experience your family is having. Encourage other families to join the program! Word of mouth is still the best way to get others to join; we need you to help us spread the word!

Thank you for everything you do. Have a wonderful holiday season from all of us at the Northeast Iowa Council!

Carl Bobis  
Scout Executive / CEO

## CAMP STAFF OPENINGS

We are looking for youth (14+) and adult staff for the 2024 camp season! Employment dates are June 3 - July 19 with a break from June 30 - July 4. Please visit <https://scoutsiowa.org/camping/cskstaff/> for more information and to apply online. Interviews will be held in December and January (zoom option available). The camp leadership will contact you to set up a time. Any questions? Contact Camp Director Tom Mayer at [tjcmayer@gmail.com](mailto:tjcmayer@gmail.com).

### Current openings

- Aquatics Director (21+)
- BASE Camp Director (18+)
- Trading Post Manager (18+)
- Eagle Quest Director (18+)
- Handicraft Director (18+)
- Trading Post Instructor (16+)
- General youth staff (15+)
- Counselor-in-Training (14) (unpaid)



# NORTHEAST IOWA COUNCIL'S AWARD NOMINATIONS WANTED

## AWARD NOMINATIONS NOW ACCEPTED

“Serve Them—A great leader once said, the higher you get in an organization the more it is your duty to serve the people below you rather than having the people below serve you. The key is to serve their growth, their future, their career, and their spirits so they enjoy work, life, and being on your bus.” — Jon Gordon, The Energy Bus

Is there a leader the quote above reminds you of? In Scouting, many volunteers are needed to deliver a quality program to our youth. Here's your chance to call our your Scouting friends and submit nominations to recognize those volunteers; they get some pretty cool knots to wear too.

The Scouter Appreciation Dinner is YOUR chance to help recognize our outstanding leaders. Nominations are open for:

**Cub Scouter of the Year:** This award is available to a new or experienced leader of a Cub Scout Pack. Nominations should be submitted to the district awards selection committee.

**Scouts BSA Scouter of the Year:** This award is available to a new or experienced leader of a Scouts BSA Troop. Nominations should be submitted to the district awards selection committee.

**Venturer of the Year:** This award is available to a new or experienced leader of a Venture Crew. Nominations should be submitted to the district awards selection committee.

**District Award of Merit:** This award is available to any registered Scouter who renders service of an outstanding nature on a district-wide level. This is a Council award presented by each District.

**Silver Beaver Award:** This is the highest honor a Council can bestow upon a volunteer. It is a National recognition, awarded at the Council's request. Nominations for this award should consist of service from a volunteer that measures far above the norm of expectations. The candidate must have noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth within the Council.

Nominations are currently open through January 11 for district and council-level awards that recognize excellence in volunteer Scouters. These awards serve as a platform to honor those who have made a significant impact on the Scouting programs. We urge you consider nominating someone you know.

### How to nominate:

Visit <https://scoutingevent.com/178-AppreciationDinner> to find the paper and online nomination forms.

All nominations are due January 11.

Please contact Melissa Neuhaus at [melissa.neuhaus@scouting.org](mailto:melissa.neuhaus@scouting.org) or 563.556.4343 with questions.

# EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIPS



Applications for Eagle Scout scholarships are now open through January 31, 2024. In all, there are 9 scholarships available from the National Eagle Scout Association.

Scholarships are awarded to Eagle Scouts who have shown active participation in school, Scouting activities, and community service, and who demonstrate they understand the fundamentals of service to community, service to Scouting and their character. They should also demonstrate that, if they have a financial need, what distinguishes their financial need from others.

Find more information about the specific scholarships and how to apply at [nesa.org/scholarships](https://nesa.org/scholarships).

Need tips to write a successful scholarship essay? Visit

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2023/11/15/expert-tips-for-writing-a-successful-scholarship-essay/>

## GLENN A. & MELINDA W. ADAMS SERVICE PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Glenn A. & Melinda W. Adams Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award recognized valuable service of an exceptional nature by an Eagle Scout to a religious institution, school, community or other entity through completion of an Eagle Scout project.

Eagle Scouts of the Northeast Iowa Council are encouraged to apply for the award through January 31, 2024. One Scout will be selected by the council NESA committee as the council's Glenn A. & Melinda W. Adams Service Project of the Year Award winner. Find the application at <https://nesa.org/awards-and-recognition/service-project-of-the-year-award/>. Applications can be turned in to the Council Service Center through the mail at PO Box 732, Dubuque, IA 52004 or by email to [carl.bobis@scouting.org](mailto:carl.bobis@scouting.org).

The council winner will be forwarded on for consideration of the National Service Territory award. Territory winners receive \$300 for their future educational purposes or to attend a national or international Scouting event or activity. One of the territory winners will be elected as the national award recipient and will receive \$3,500 for their future educational purposes or to attend a national or international Scouting event or activity.



**"Through this award, Melinda and I wanted to shine a spotlight on the incredible work Eagle Scout candidates are doing in service to others."**

Glenn Adams  
Distinguished Eagle Scout and Past President of the National Eagle Scout Association



## COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER CLOSURE

The Council Service Center will be closed for inventory December 22, 2023 through January 1, 2024

\*We will reopen Tues, Jan 2nd at 9am\*

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## Northeast Iowa Council, BSA Winter Weather Policy

In times of inclement weather, it is Northeast Iowa Council's policy that when the Dubuque Community School District cancels due to unsafe driving conditions, the Council Service Center and Trading Post will be closed. Please call ahead to make sure the service center is open before stopping, as we may have to close early or open late due to weather conditions affecting the safety of traversing our driveway.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 17 | Order of the Arrow LEC Mtg
- December 22-January 1 | Council Service Center Closed for Holidays & Inventory
- January 2 | Dellaykee District Roundtable
- January 2 | Scout Ski & Snowboard Night at Sundown
- January 4 | Dubuque District Roundtable
- January 6 | Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet
- January 15 | Council Service Center Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr Day
- January 18 | Scout Ski & Snowboard Night at Sundown



## Stuff your Scout's stocking with **COLORED PINEWOOD DERBY WHEELS**

Green, Purple, Glow-in-the-Dark,  
Orange, Pink, and Blue

