

**Three Trails District
Patrol of the Year Award
2026 - Nomination Form**

The Outstanding Patrol of the Year Award for the Three Trails District, Heart of America Council, recognizes a Scouts BSA patrol that has demonstrated exceptional use of the patrol methods through leadership, teamwork, outdoor skills, and service to troop, district, and community. The outstanding patrol demonstrates commitment to the ideals of Scouting by living the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

This award honors a youth leader who guides their troop with integrity, enthusiasm, and responsibility. The recipient exemplifies the Scout Oath and Law in both word and action, fosters a strong sense of teamwork and inclusion, and plays a key role in delivering a high-quality troop program. Through effective communication, planning, and mentorship, they empower fellow Scouts, support youth-led leadership, and contribute meaningfully to the success and growth of their unit.

The Outstanding Senior Patrol Leader stands out not only for their leadership within meetings and outings, but also for their dedication to service, personal growth, and helping others succeed. This award celebrates a Scout who truly embodies the spirit of leadership at the heart of Scouting in the Three Trails District.

Nominee Information

Patrol Name: _____

Unit Number: _____ Chartered Organization: _____

Street: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Patrol Leader First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Nominator Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Relationship to Nominee (Scoutmaster, Scout Leader, Committee Member):

Submission Instructions

Submit completed form and supporting materials to both:

Three Trails District Executive

Kevin Kramer

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Three Trails Advancement Chair

Bob Crance

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Subject Line: **Three Trails District Award Nomination**

Submission Deadline: _____

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Eligibility Confirmation

(Please check all that apply)

- ☐ The patrol must be a registered Scouts BSA patrol within a troop in the Three Trails District
- ☐ The patrol must have been active for at least six months during the nomination period
- ☐ The patrol must consist of at least four active Scouts

Evaluation Criteria (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

1. Patrol Participation

Describe how the patrol consistently participates in troop and district activities as demonstrated by regular attendance at troop meetings, participation in campouts and outdoor activities, attendance at district or council events, and active involvement in patrol meetings and planning:

2. Patrol Leadership and Teamwork

Describe how the patrol demonstrates effective youth leadership and teamwork as demonstrated by how the Patrol Leader effectively leads the patrol, by shared responsibilities among patrol members, by use of positive communication and cooperation, and by strong patrol identity, traditions, and esprit de corps:

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3. Outdoor Skill and Adventure

Explain how the patrol demonstrates proficiency in outdoor skills and embraces adventure through camping and hiking participation, development of outdoor skills, demonstrated safe camping practices, participation in patrol cooking and campsite organization, and participation in high-adventure opportunities when appropriate:

4. Service and Citizenship

Provide examples of how the patrol serves its troop, chartered organization, school, and community demonstrated through service projects completed, conservation efforts, Good Turn activities, and support of troop service initiatives.

5. Advancement and Personal Growth

Describe how the patrol encourages individual growth and advancement by actively working toward rank advancement, actively engaging in Merit badge completion, mentoring New Scouts and encouragement of skill development:

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6. Scout Spirit

Describe how the patrol demonstrates the ideals of Scouting through living the Scout Oath and Scout Law, positive attitude and sportsmanship, respect for others, and welcoming and including all Scouts:

7. Patrol Initiative and Innovation

Describe how the patrol goes beyond normal expectations by creating unique patrol traditions, planning special activities, recruiting and retaining members, solving challenges through youth leadership, and by demonstrating creativity in supporting troop programs:

Optional Supporting Materials (Attach if applicable)

- ☐ Letters of support
- ☐ Attendance records
- ☐ Advancement statistics
- ☐ Service Records
- ☐ Event Participation statistics
- ☐ Additional documentation

Signature

I certify the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that the Scout meets the expectations of the Outstanding Senior Patrol Leader of the Year Award.

Scoutmaster Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____