

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

The Scoutmaster of the Year Award in the Three Trails District of the Heart of America Council recognizes a Scoutmaster who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, dedication, and impact in delivering the Scouts BSA program at the troop level. Overall, the Scoutmaster of the Year Award celebrates a leader whose commitment, character, and service leave a lasting and meaningful impact on Scouts, their families, and the Scouting movement.

This award honors a registered Scoutmaster who goes beyond basic expectations to create a healthy, youth-led troop environment. The recipient demonstrates consistent application of the patrol method, provides meaningful outdoor experiences, and empowers Scouts to grow in leadership, character, and personal responsibility.

A key focus of the award is the Scoutmaster's ability to mentor youth leaders, helping Scouts develop confidence, decision-making skills, and a commitment to serving others. The recipient is someone who supports advancement and retention and ensures that every Scout has the opportunity to succeed and benefit from the program regardless of rank progression.

In addition to troop success, the Scoutmaster of the Year is recognized for modeling the Scout Oath and Law in both word and action. The recipient serves as a trusted role model to youth and adults alike, maintaining a positive, inclusive, and respectful culture within their unit.

The award also reflects service beyond the troop, including active participation in district and council events, support of other leaders, and contributions to the broader Scouting community.

Nominee Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Street: _____ City: _____
State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: _____
Email: _____

Unit Number: _____ Chartered Organization: _____

Years Registered as Scoutmaster: _____
Total Years of service in Scouting (if known): _____

Nominator Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Relationship to Nominee (Committee Member, Parent, etc.): _____

Submission Instructions

Submit completed form and supporting materials to:

Three Trails District Executive
Kevin Kramer
kevin.kramer@scouting.org

Three Trails Advancement Chair
Bob Crance
bob.crance@gmail.com

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

Submission Deadline: _____

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Eligibility Confirmation

(Please check all that apply)

- ☐ Registered Scoutmaster in good standing with the Boy Scouts of America
- ☐ Completed Scouts BSA Leader Position Specific Training for Scoutmaster
- ☐ Current Safeguarding Youth Training
- ☐ Completed Hazardous Weather Training
- ☐ Minimum of two years serving as Scoutmaster
- ☐ Active within Three Trails District

Evaluation Criteria (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

1. Troop Program Quality

Describe how the nominee delivers a strong, youth-led troop program following the patrol method, maintains a regular outdoor program, and demonstrates strong annual planning, etc.:

2. Advancement & Retention

Describe how the nominee achieves consistent advancement through all ranks and is achieving good retention across all ages:

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3. Youth Leadership Development & Training

Explain how the nominee trains and mentors youth leaders, promotes supplemental youth leadership training, and builds a Scout-led decision-making culture:

4. Adult Leader Development

Describe how the nominee recruits and develops strong adult leaders, and otherwise supports adult leaders:

5. Scout Spirit & Character

Provide examples of how the nominee exemplifies the Scout Oath and Law, serves as a positive role model, and promotes an inclusive, respectful troop environment:

6. District & Council Involvement

List how the nominee achieves unit participation in district and council activities (events, roundtables, leadership roles, etc.), provides leadership for district and council activities, and supports Scouting beyond the unit:

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7. Service & Community Impact

Describe the troop's involvement in service projects and community engagement under this Scoutmaster:

Overall Impact Statement

(Required)

Provide a compelling summary of why this individual deserves to be named Scoutmaster of the Year:

Optional Supporting Materials (Attach if applicable)

- ☐ Letters of recommendation
- ☐ Testimonials from Scouts or parents
- ☐ Unit performance metrics (advancement, retention, etc.)
- ☐ Additional documentation

Signature

I certify the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Nominator Signature: _____

Date: _____