



## DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT



The District Award of Merit is the highest honor a district can bestow upon one of its volunteers. Any registered adult leader can be nominated to receive this award. The operative word is **NOMINATED** – in order for a volunteer to receive the Award of Merit he/she must be nominated by someone who knows of their dedication to Scouting. The process requires just a little bit of effort on your part but the joy you will receive when you watch your nominee presented with this special recognition is worth the small amount of time needed to collect the necessary information and to complete the form.

Each district is limited to only one Award of Merit per 50 units, so this is a rare and special honor.

The nomination form can be downloaded from the Golden Spread Council website at <http://www.goldenspread.org/Forms/Forms.htm>. The next step is to fill out the form to the best of your ability. Do NOT ask your nominee to provide you with the requested information – we want our recipients to be completely surprised when they receive the award. Information can be obtained from your nominee's family, friends, unit and the Scouting community.

Your district has many adult leaders who are worthy of the District Award of Merit but they will never receive the award if they are not nominated. Please! If you know of a dedicated Scouter who should be nominated for this high honor do not assume that someone else will nominate them. Take a minute now, go to the council website, and download the nomination form. Then encourage all of your fellow Scouters to support your nominee by writing letters of endorsement that can be submitted with your form.

**The deadline to submit District Award of Merit nominations is Friday, November 12, 2011.** A selection committee of volunteers will meet soon after the deadline to select the recipients. Please submit District Award of Merit nomination forms to the Scout Service Center at 401 Tascosa, Amarillo, TX 79124. For questions, contact your District Executive.

And finally, encourage all of our Scout families, leaders, and community members to attend the district's annual recognition banquet.

