

Each year the Capitol Area Council recognizes individuals and organizations that have made Scouting and Exploring opportunities available to youth. I need your help to nominate individuals and organizations from your district for these awards. There are three awards:

- **The Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award** recognizes outstanding service by an adult individual or by an organization for demonstrated involvement in the development and implementation of Scouting opportunities for youth from rural or low-income urban backgrounds. The nominee has made a significant contribution while acting as an advocate for rural or low-income urban youth, encouraging outreach to improve their conditions, and sensitizing Scouting's and America's leadership to these conditions.
- **The ¡Scouting Vale la Pena! Service Award** recognizes outstanding service by an individual or an organization for demonstrated involvement in the development and implementation of Scouting opportunities for Hispanic/Latino youth. The nominee has made a significant contribution while acting as an advocate for Hispanic/Latinos, encouraging outreach to improve their conditions, and sensitizing Scouting's and America's leadership to these conditions.
- **The William H. Spurgeon III Award** recognizes individuals and organizations contributing significant leadership to the Exploring program.

Our council can select multiple recipients for each award. Separate nomination forms for each award give more detailed selection criteria; you may find these forms at www.bsacac.org/volunteer_awards.

We need your nominations by **January 15, 2017**. Recipients will be selected by the end of January and will be recognized at an Outreach Awards Reception on March 23. The chairman of our council selection committee is Ron Luke, District Committee Chairman for Waterloo District (rluke@rpcconsulting.com). Davis Fox will provide staff support (davis.fox@scouting.org). Either of them can answer your questions.

These are important BSA national awards and there are many individuals and organizations from all around our council that deserve recognition. Please take the time to nominate those individuals and organizations from your district.

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