



## Dave Durenberger – Troop 409

### Outstanding Scoutmaster

Since he accepted the position of Scoutmaster in his Troop, this Scouter has managed the role very well, coaching and mentoring the boys while letting them take charge. He's implemented an attendance and advancement tracking method which is second-to-none, and allows the Troop Committee to easily see if anyone is struggling or stalled. Using this information, he has been able to improve Scout retention. Last summer they switched with another Troop to sample a week at Camp Tomahawk; parents appreciated reading the boys' daily e-mail missives to see how things were going at camp; this was a new idea other Troops may wish to consider to keep parents updated throughout the summer camp week.

Excelsior's Troop 409 is home to Dave Durenberger, this year's Outstanding Lake Minnetonka District Scoutmaster.