

2019 Lake Minnetonka Volunteer Recognition



Outstanding Assistant Scoutmaster -- Chris Simmer

This superhero's Scouting career began when his older son joined Cub Scouts, and he served as Den Leader, and later Cubmaster in the Pack. When his son moved up to the Troop, he became an Assistant Scoutmaster and served in the role of Outdoor Chair for over a decade. When his first son earned Eagle and aged out, this bold Scouter started all over again with his younger son in Cubs, and who himself recently aged out as an Eagle Scout.

Over the past twenty years, he's had a significant impact on literally hundreds of Scouts and has a large collection of Eagle Scout mentor pins to attest to it. Among the many tidbits of Scouting wisdom he imparted to the youth, there was one they all seemed to remember -- "never wear shiny shorts!"

Over the years, he could always be counted on to assist with any merit badge focusing on the outdoors, to be there for any Scout who needed that one last-minute requirement completed, or simply a quick lesson on how to tie a good fishing knot.

For his many years of service to his Troop and the hundreds of young men whom he influenced, his Troop owes him a huge debt of gratitude, and his wife a profound apology for monopolizing his time all those years!

It is therefore with great honor the Lake Minnetonka District recognizes Chris Simmer of Excelsior Troop 409 as an Outstanding Assistant Scoutmaster.