

## **Allan Arntson**

## **District Award of Merit**

Our next recipient of the District Award of Merit has been a registered Scout leader in the Lake Minnetonka District since 1989. His many leadership roles include Committee Chair, Committee Member, Scoutmaster, Merit Badge Counselor and Den Leader, and has been trained in all those areas. He has also taken much supplemental training to support his Troop with outings and high adventure treks. Five years ago, he was approached to serve as a Unit Commissioner to help his Troop with membership; his assignment was to help build up the feeder Pack, which in turn would potentially help the Troop grow. After doing a terrific job at School Night for Scouting, he later added two more Cub Scout Packs to his assignment. Two years ago he added Assistant District Commissioner to his responsibilities, and provided some great support to the District Commissioner with the Units.

When the post of District Commissioner was left vacant early this year, he stepped in as Interim District Commissioner and was most effective, quickly learning the role and assessing the needs of the many Units in the District; and in just the past couple weeks, has been formally named our new District Commissioner, and is now actively recruiting a solid and talented Commissioner and Roundtable team to cover and support the needs of the Units. He's earned the Commissioner Award of Excellence for Unit Service; the Boy Scout Leader Training Award; the Commissioner's Key and Scoutmaster's Key among others.

The Lake Minnetonka District is pleased to recognize Allan Arntson with this Award of Merit.