



Kevin Kertzman

District Award of Merit

Our third Award of Merit recipient has more than 20 years of active contribution to the Scouting program as well as the larger community. At the Troop level, he's been an active adult leader in his Troop from the time his oldest son first joined. As Scoutmaster he set a great example for the boys of how to be not just good leaders but good men. He's been presented the Scoutmaster Award from the boys in the Troop, and his family awarded the Scouting Family of the Year. Since stepping down after five years as Scoutmaster, he's served as the Troop's Eagle Coach and has been instrumental in mentoring many Scouts in achieving their Eagle rank.

For the District, he's helped staff many Scouting events, such as Camporees and other activities. A Vigil honor member of the Order of the Arrow, he's a behind-the-scenes fixture in the kitchen at Order of the Arrow conclaves and training events. This is a tireless job that not many people are aware of, unless you happen to wander up to the chow window for another pork chop or an extra piece of carrot cake. He has also assisted with the Lodge Leadership Development training event.

In the community, he's a Second Degree Black Belt and karate instructor; an avid SCUBA diver, he's often served as a dive master, and he works with the annual "Christmas in May" event, helping Chaska residents who can't afford to do maintenance and repairs on their homes, as well as the annual "SayHey5k" community building event.

With so many contributions in Scouting and out, the Lake Minnetonka District is honored to present Kevin Kurtzman of Chaska Troop 174 with this Award of Merit.