

2019 Lake Minnetonka Volunteer Recognition



Glowing Ember Award
James Walker Troop 5330 - Chanhassen – Girls

When Jim Walker found out that Boys Scouts of America was going to be open for girls troops, Jim came to a committee meeting and requested to be the Scoutmaster for the girl troop (Fall of 2017). This was before all the details had been ironed out. He had faith in the Boys Scouts that everything was going to be good. -- Talk about a person up for challenge!!! He new the end point but the path was yet to be defined.

Over the course of the following year as the ""path"" was getting plowed and paved by Scouting BSA, Jim filled out the paper work and submitted it early to try and secure the 1st Girl Troop position (even before the paper work could be submitted).

Since February, Jim has become a beacon of leadership as Scoutmaster for the girls in Troop 5330. The girls in Troop 5330, which has 8 registered scouts, are having fun and taking on all challenges and rewards of Scouting. In addition, I have witnessed Jim setup the troop so that it is truly youth led with the girls deciding the activities and direction for the troop. When I asked one of girls what they thought about the troop, the reply was, "This is so exciting that we are deciding what we want to do, following the patrol method, and being the first girl patrol in Chanhassen. I'm having fun and I'm glad Jim is our Scoutmaster."