

2019 Lake Minnetonka Volunteer Recognition



Outstanding Assistant Scoutmaster -- Neal Dalton

Our next Scouter is a trained Wood Badger who serves as both an Assistant Scoutmaster for his Troop, and also as a Merit Badge Counselor. What makes him special is that he doesn't simply do what is required for each role, but excels in what is required.

Whenever working with the Scouts, he makes his merit badge and rank advancement sessions so interesting, the Scouts can't help but walk away with useful knowledge they retain. Consequently, he is a sought after individual in both roles. He has the superior ability to see when a Scout is struggling with a problem -- whether it's homesickness at summer camp, interaction with other Scouts, or difficulty in completing a requirement -- then arriving at a workable solution. He is also adept in working with Scouts to change sometimes unacceptable behavior.

He has served as the adult coordinator for many outings and other activities, including a recent geocaching weekend, and has attended virtually every campout for the past three years -- over thirty outings in all! He assists with District Camporees when asked, and serves as a Merit Badge Counselor for many of them. He was instrumental this year in organizing the Launch-Bot and STEM activities at the winter camporee.

For all he does, the Lake Minnetonka District is please to honor Neal Dalton of Plymouth Troop 570 as an Outstanding Assistant Scoutmaster.