





## Service Unit – Sonoma Valley #103 2012 Adult Recognitions

Everyone likes to feel appreciated for their volunteer service. Whether in the form of a simple thank-you for a small job well done or a formal commendation for years of faithful service in a key position of an organization, such acknowledgment is a signal to the recipient that she or he is noticed and appreciated--that she or he is....**RECOGNIZED!**

### How to Nominate Someone for an Award

1. **Complete the required form listed after each award.** Clearly state the personal achievements of the candidate, and specifically state the reasons that the candidate's achievements meet the criteria for this particular award.
2. **Recruit additional people to write the required letters of endorsement (this only applies to the *Outstanding Leader* award):** Be sure to communicate the deadline for submission and to whom they should return the completed letter.
3. **Return** all forms and endorsement letters to **Carol Short 707-292-6538** (Service Unit Adult Recognitions Chairperson) by **Friday March 16, 2012**. Forms can be mailed to Sonoma Girl Scouts- Awards, PO Box 299, El Verano, CA 95433

### Service Unit Awards include:

-  **The Outstanding Volunteer** is a national award, and it is awarded by service units at local service unit meetings. Click here for the Outstanding Volunteer Nomination Form: ([http://www.girlscoutsnorcal.org/documents/AR\\_Outstanding\\_Volunteer\\_Nom.doc](http://www.girlscoutsnorcal.org/documents/AR_Outstanding_Volunteer_Nom.doc)) **This is the last year this award will be offered as GSUSA has new awards planned for 2013 including a Volunteer of Excellence Award.**
-  **The Outstanding Leader** award is also a national award, Please submit the nomination form along with two letters of endorsement. Click here for the Outstanding Leader Nomination Form: ([http://www.girlscoutsnorcal.org/documents/AR\\_Outstanding\\_Leader\\_Nom.doc](http://www.girlscoutsnorcal.org/documents/AR_Outstanding_Leader_Nom.doc)). **This is the last year this award will be offered as GSUSA has new awards planned for 2013 including a Volunteer of Excellence Award.**
-  **The Leadership Development** program was developed by GSUSA to promote continuing enhanced education to volunteer adults working with girls in the troop setting. For more information and the application for the pin click here for Leader Development Pin Application form: ([http://www.girlscoutsnorcal.org/documents/AR\\_Ldrship\\_Dev\\_Pin\\_Leaf.doc](http://www.girlscoutsnorcal.org/documents/AR_Ldrship_Dev_Pin_Leaf.doc)). **This is the last year this pin will be offered by GSUSA.**
-  **Years of Service Pin** Recognition for number of years of **active** service as an adult member. Pins are available in 5-year increments: 5, 10, 15... For 20 years and above, volunteers are recognized at one of the Adult Recognition Ceremonies.  
Email: [SonomaGirlScouts@gmail.com](mailto:SonomasGirlScouts@gmail.com) with your name and you number of years of Service

- 🍃 **Numeral Guards (Years of Membership)** Recognition for number of combined years as a girl and adult member. Pins are available in 5-year increments; 5, 10, 15, 20, 25... For 30 years and above, recipients are recognized at one of the Adult Recognition Ceremonies. **Be sure to include the names/years of any of the girls in your troop.**

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- 🍃 **Green Angel Award** The service unit's volunteer-approved adult volunteer who brought Girl Scout program to her/his service unit in the most creative or innovative way for the year. (Examples would be special service project, unique sponsorship, etc.). Click here to complete the Service Unit Adult Recognitions Form:

[http://www.girlscoutsnorcal.org/documents/Servie\\_Unit\\_Nomination\\_Form.pdf](http://www.girlscoutsnorcal.org/documents/Servie_Unit_Nomination_Form.pdf)

- 🍃 **Family of the Year Award** Minimum of three years of outstanding service, such as, supporting their troop, camps, special events, product sales, or have fulfilled other significant roles. All types of families are eligible (single parent, guardians, etc.). Click here to complete the Service Unit Adult Recognitions Form:

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- 🍃 **Father of the Year Award** This year's volunteer-approved, most outstanding father, who seemed to always be there when the troop or the service unit needed him. Click here to complete the Service Unit Adult Recognitions Form:

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- 🍃 **Rookie of the Year Award** Which first time leader stands out in the Service Unit? Let's recognize them for their efforts. Click here to complete the Service Unit Adult Recognitions Form. Be sure to check the "Other" Box and write in **Rookie of the Year**.

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- 🍃 **Business of the Year Award** Is there a business in the community that provided support to your Troop and/or the Service Unit as a whole. Click here to complete the Service Unit Adult Recognitions Form. Be sure to check the "Other" Box and write in **Business of the Year**.

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- 🍃 **Troop of the Year Award** Which Troop went above and beyond, showcasing their Leadership skills in putting on events, workshops, etc. that benefited the entire Service Unit. Click here to complete the Service Unit Adult Recognitions Form. Be sure to check the "Other" Box and write in **Troop of the Year**.

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When and how the recipient is recognized will make the expression of gratitude memorable. We will honor all award recipients at our May Scout Shout:

**Service Unit Court of Awards**  
**Monday, May 14, 2012 – 6pm at Altimira**