

Local Mentor Receives Scouting's Highest Volunteer Award

Local youth mentor Erin Scheuerman of the Tuality District of the Cascade Pacific Council, Boy Scouts of America was presented the prestigious volunteerism award on February 22, 2018 at a special recognition ceremony in her honor.

The Silver Beaver Award is the top award that a local Boy Scout council can bestow upon a volunteer mentor. Recipients are selected by confidential nominations of adult peers, and only one award may be presented for every 60 troops, making it a prominent honor.

Erin Scheuerman is a den leader from Pack 860. Erin involves herself with many community programs so that she can best serve her local youth. Being a mentor and a hand in bettering the lives of people in her community is very important to her. Erin has been involved with the Vernonia Soccer Club as the registrar and board member for five years. She also volunteers in the Vernonia School District where she served on the parent club and the high school site committee. When she sees a place where she can help her community become a better place Erin makes sure to give it her all. Within the Vernonia School District she is a main organizer in helping to continue fundraising operations to keep band and music in the school when funding was cut. She is also commonly volunteering in the classroom and school outings as a chaperone. Beyond the local school district, Erin is actively involved with her church where she is serving as her branch's Relief Society president. For three years Erin served in the Young Women's presidency, and for five years



as a counselor in Primary. Erin also volunteered as a "Ma" for her church's Pioneer Youth Trek, where they reenacted the experience of crossing the plains as it was in the 1840s and pulled an 800-pound handcart during the three-day journey. When Erin is not volunteering for the community, she works as a practice manager for the Vernonia Dental Clinic.

Erin has worked with the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of Vernonia since 2004 and has remained a den leader and troop committee member for 14 years. It was due to Erin's intervention that her pack could continue being chartered. She took on the youth so that they would not get lost in the system. Erin also has attended Wood Badge as a member of the Buffalo Patrol and has since been honored to serve on four Wood Badge staffs. Erin also serves as committee chair for the Tuality District Camporee.

"Since it was organized in 1910, Scouting has been dedicated to providing a fun, educational program for youths that instills values, healthy living, character development, and lifelong learning," said Matt Devore, Scouting's Chief Executive. "These mentors continue to provide outstanding service to youths, communities, and families."

The Cascade Pacific Council, Boy Scouts of America, fosters a culture of diversity and inclusion that makes it enriching to participate, volunteer, and work in the Scouting program. We invite all people to get involved in Scouting, mindful of the importance of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, gender identity, socioeconomic status, religion, physical ability, and political belief.

We are committed to creating a positive, safe, and welcoming environment for all, valuing diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences that will grow and strengthen our movement and continue to make us a valued contributor to the communities we serve.

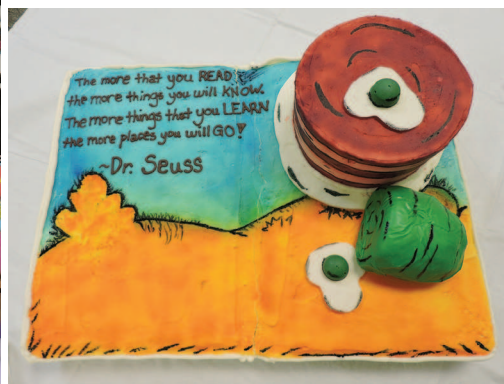
The Boy Scouts of America continues to positively affect the lives of our youth and help prepare them for life's challenges. Locally, Cascade Pacific Council has over 10,000 adult mentors helping shape the lives of over 25,000 youth associated with its programs. Those desiring information about Scouting programs for youth may find it online at www.cpcbsa.org or by contacting the council office at (503) 226-3423.

Dr. Suess Birthday Celebration



Families gathered at the Vernonia Library on March 1 for the 4th Annual Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration. There was cake along with a special appearance by the Cat in the Hat, who read *Green Eggs and Ham* and posed for photos with his friends. There were also crafts, a scavenger hunt, and goodie bags.

The event was sponsored by the Friends of the Vernonia Library.



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