Outstanding Service Awards

Commendation Write-up Examples

Below are various examples Outstanding Service Award (OSA) commendation write-ups. These examples have been provided for your reference and to help guide the information you provide. Just because you do not see an example below that reflects the service or act you are considering commending a Scouter for, please do not think that your Scouter will not be commended. There are countless outstanding acts and services that Scouters perform on a daily basis; the examples provided are just a snapshot of some of the more common activities.

Jane is an active member of the leadership team, who regularly attends all meetings and camps and assists in planning the program. She takes the time to talk with the youth, to find out what they want, and tries to implement their ideas into the program. In addition, Jane assists with the large group events, such as Apple Day, Scoutrees, Halloween and Christmas parties and the Annual Banquet. Jane is a definite team player, and has become a very respected member of her group.

My son is a Scout in the 1st Scout Lake Troop and he loves it. Susan runs such a great program for the kids and really makes an effort to incorporate their ideas. She really tries to make sure that every Scout feels like they are achieving goals and bettering themselves. My son was very shy and introverted before Scouting, spending most of his time playing video games. Susan’s energy and encouragement has really helped boost his self-confidence and grow into a more responsible young man. I can’t thank her enough and she deserves to be recognized for her dedication to the youth of the Troop.
I think that my Venturer Advisor should be recognized for his hard work. Every year he pushes us to plan a different and more challenging trip. We always think that it is impossible at the beginning of the year but Jim helps us break the planning into manageable pieces, and provides motivation and encouragement at just the right times. Our trips are always huge successes, and although he always credits us, we know that we couldn’t have done it without him.

I have been the Priest at St. Peter’s Church for over 20 years and we have been the sponsor of a Scout Group for well over 60 years. In my 20 years of being associated with this Church and Scout Group, I have never had the pleasure of meeting someone so passionate about Scouting as our current Group Commissioner, Bill. The amount of time and energy he dedicates to the Group is remarkable and his efforts have been rewarded with the Group doubling in size in the last 2 years. Not only has he grown the Group but he has also reengaged the entire Parish in Scouting and provided us with many valuable services. I can’t say enough good things about Bill's organizational ability, commitment, hard work and leadership. Please consider him for recognition.

I am the Group Commissioner of a brand new Group and I would like to recognize our Area Commissioner, Paulette. She has spent the last 3 months helping to mentor, coach and train almost every member of our Group. She has been a constant source of encouragement and advice. She drove 25 minutes each way, twice a week, for the last 3 months to make sure that we felt supported. We definitely wouldn’t have been able to get our little Group up and running so quickly if it wasn’t for her. Thank you!

I would like to commend one of the newest members of our Group, Melissa. She hesitantly joined as our Popcorn Coordinator in September and her involvement has now exploded. After running a successful and flawlessly organized popcorn campaign, she also stepped up to organize our Christmas Party, B-P banquet, bottle drives and swim-up. She has been able to coordinate these events unbelievably well and it has really contributed to our Group feeling more like a family than individual sections. We need more volunteers like Melissa!
John coordinated the 2011 Wilderness Challenge Camp which was attended by more than 200 youth from around the province. The camp provided opportunities for the youth to develop their leadership skills. A number of those who attended are now working towards the next camp.

JC has a particular computer skill set and a wonderful curiosity. His latest ventures that have assisted the entire Council were a spreadsheet that extracted the Years of Service information for GTC individuals marking their 5, 10, 15, etc. anniversaries, so that we had a single source from which we can allocate awards. The second is another spreadsheet that he produced that was a real challenge. He has linked several documents that will allow us to catch up on outstanding Warrants of Appointment for volunteers who have met the criteria. Again, the award process has become Council driven rather than waiting for requests. His extracurricular activities are appreciated.

I have worked with Dan in my roles as a Beaver Scout and Scout leader, coordinating many linking events, such that our group has quite a high rate of retention. I have attended the annual Area Cub camp held every spring for numerous years, eager to be a part of Dan’s team, even if only for a weekend. The excellent rapport between the Cub leaders in our group is a tribute to Dan’s leadership, and it is no surprise that our Pack has numerous leaders with 5-15 years of service, all staying with the same section and same colleagues.

As Group Commissioner, Rick is excellent at mentoring leaders, especially new recruits. He does a good job of recruiting new leaders (he currently has 6 Beaver Leaders working with him). He encourages the new recruits to take appropriate training and to become involved in the planning and execution of the program. He is also active in organizing and participating in fund raising activities. He insures that they are well-organized and that successful plans are in place.
Scott holds regular camps and winter events at his property as well and ensures that all the sections within the 3rd Scout Creek Group can enjoy events put on there, such as the annual Halloween campfires. As a leader within the Scout section, his skills and mechanical "know-how" offer great opportunities for the youth to learn practical skills, both in the workshop as well as outdoors. Many projects, ranging from turkey cookers to patrol boxes have been built at his shop. Scott has twice, with other leaders, taken the youth to Scotland from where they returned with many great stories of adventures with him as their leader. Scott assists with anything that needs to be done. This soft-spoken guy is loved by everyone, puts extra effort into everything he does, yet shies away from attention and never asks for anything in return.

Most of all, Kim has been a strong, yet behind-the-scenes, player in re-building 5th Scout Hill Group. At the end of 2003/2004, 5th Scout Hill was down to 14 Beavers and 4 Venturers, without anything in between (No Cubs or Scouts). As things stood, the group was on course to collapse. There was a small handful of 'rookie' volunteers willing to keep the group going, but an experienced, thoughtful person was required to guide and mentor them along the way towards rebuilding the group. Kim accepted the role of Group Commissioner and also the roles of mentor, coach, and informal trainer to what was then an inexperienced batch of Scouters (6+ years ago). As such, Kim has had a very strong and significant role in rebuilding the group to its present size of 4 thriving sections.

As a Cub Leader, Jim has provided an excellent program for the youth, with an emphasis on the outdoor aspects of Scouting. He provides excellent leadership to the leadership team for the Pack and ensures that members are receiving training and are respected for their abilities and ideas.