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Council Scouters Honored at the Annual Recognition Dinner

Lincoln Trails Council awarded Randal Beck, John Fischer, Rick Tucker, and Norman Wilson with the Silver Beaver Award in a ceremony held April 19th during the Council Volunteer Recognition Dinner in Mattoon. The Silver Beaver is the highest award a council can bestow upon a volunteer. T

Randal Beck began his Scouting career in 1962 and worked his way up to the rank of Life Scout. Randy was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in 1965 and is currently a Vigil Honor member of Woapink Lodge. Randy is currently serving as the Council's training chairman as well as an Assistant Scout-

master with Troop 202 in Decatur. He has completed Wood Badge training and served on the staff for Wood Badge courses. Randy has been involved with many different community organizations including the Breakfast Optimist Club of Decatur and the Northwest Baseball Association. Randy is currently an Associate Professor of Mathematics at Millikin University in Decatur.

John Fischer started as a Boy Scout and has continued in the program for many years. Through his time in Lincoln Trails Council he has served as a Tiger Cub Coach, Cub Scout Den Leader, Webelos Leader, Committee Member, and Scoutmaster. John also served as the Railsplitter District Chairman. He is currently a District Member at Large in the Railsplitter District. John is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. John is involved in many different activities outside of Scouting including Knights of Columbus and the Decatur Swim Club.

Rick Tucker has served for nearly 20 years as a volunteer Scouter including terms as a Cub Scout Den Leader, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Venture Crew Adviser, and Venture Crew Associate Adviser. Rick served as the Cubmaster of Pack 20 in Decatur and eventually took on the role of Scoutmaster for Troop 20. Rick left Troop 20 in 2005 and became as Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 81 in Decatur where he still serves today. Rick is a Vigil Honor member of Woapink Lodge and has served as the Chief Illini Trail Adviser for the past 5 years. Rick has helped staff many training courses over the years in Lincoln Trails Council and has been an adult adviser for Brownsea NYLT for over nine years. Outside of Scouting Rick has been a volunteer for booster clubs and a coach in the Hess Park Baseball League.

Norman Wilson is a long time Scouter heavily involved in the Two Rivers District. Throughout his many years of volunteer service he has been a member of Pack and Troop 98 sponsored by the First Christian Church in Herrick. For the Two Rivers District, Norman has served as the Camping Chairman and Roundtable Commissioner. He is a recipient of the District Award of Merit and the Arrowhead Honor for Commissioner Service. Norman has served as the Climbing Director at Rhodes France Scout Reservation since 2007. He is currently the Chief of the Herrick Volunteer Fire Department and an active member of the Herrick First Christian Church.

Also during the dinner Dave Salogga or Troop 104 in Decatur was presented the George Meany award for his service to Scouting. The George Meany award is a national recognition presented by the AFL-CIO Executive Council to adult union members who make significant contributions to their community through Scouting. Dave is the 20th recipient in Lincoln Trails Council. The council also recognized members of the 2008 class of Eagle Scouts with a commemorative Eagle Scout Council Shoulder Patch. Rovena Knight, Council Executive Board Member, was presented the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Service Award for her outstanding work with the Scoutreach program in Lincoln Trails Council.



Norman Wilson, Randy Beck, John Fischer, Rick Tucker



Richard Nolte & Rovena Knight



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