

## Boy Scouts: Hammond receives Whitney M. Young Award

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Northeast Texas/Southeast Oklahoma Trails Council of Boy Scouts of America honored long-time BSA leader and officer Harlan Hammond with the Whitney M. Young Jr. Award for “unselfish service to the youth of America.”

The mission of BSA is to “prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the BSA Oath and Law.”

The Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award, given in honor of the American civil rights leader, recognizes outstanding services by an adult individual or an organization for demonstrated involvement in the development and implementation of scouting opportunities for youth from rural or low-income urban backgrounds.

David Hamilton presented the award to Hammond Saturday, March 1, at the annual NETSEO Council Banquet.



Hammond has been involved in scouts most of his life, having achieved Eagle Scout rank in his youth. As an adult, he has served in numerous BSA leadership and service capacities including as an assistant scout master, scout master, trek leader for BSA Jamboree, BSA Jamboree staff and been a wood badge course staff, the last as a scout master. He currently serves as Troop 69 Committee chairman and as vice president for properties for NeTSeO Council.

In order to receive the Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award, recipients must be nominated by someone in the council, then be approved by that council’s officers or nominating committee. An application is filled out and submitted by the local council to the BSA Multicultural Markets Team at the national office for approval. The award is presented at all levels of the BSA organization including the executive board, district scouters and unit personnel, as well as to people of all races and income levels.