

**TEQUESTA DISTRICT**  
**Advancement & Recognition Committee**  
*District Awards 2007 for 2006*

Dear Fellow Scouters:

Tequesta's Annual Recognition Dinner is practically around the corner. Save this date of Friday May 18, 2007 open. The Annual Recognition Dinner will be held at 1405 SW 107 Ave Miami Florida Royal Ballrooms across from FIU campus. It is at that time that we recognize our volunteer leaders who have been nominated, by their fellow Scouter, for the various Tequesta District awards.

As the National Council has established it, the District Advancement & Recognition Committee is Responsible for the adult recognition awards at the district level, making sure that the guidelines are clearly Established and that all adult volunteers, who wish to nominate other fellow Scouters, have that opportunity.

The Chairperson of the District Advancement & Recognition Committee, (e-mail) **Jorge Montes** [j4montes@bellsouth.net](mailto:j4montes@bellsouth.net) phone (305) 559-2140 has appointed various sub-committees as follows:

***FLEUR DE LIS*** (Submission of letters deadline is no later than May 11, 2007)

This is a one-time Certificate of recognition for exceptional service to the Scouting program performed on a regular basis. For this award, all you need to do is to submit a letter of recommendation for Scouters for your unit to the District Commissioner **AJ Naranjo**, email: [aj\\_naranjo@yahoo.com](mailto:aj_naranjo@yahoo.com), phone cell (786) 554-1051.

***TRAINING WARDS*** (Submission of letters deadline is no later than April 20, 2007)

The various training awards, please submit your recommendation or the appropriate form and send to: e-mail to **Danny Rivas** [vw405029@aol.com](mailto:vw405029@aol.com) phone (305) 551-8622 or **AJ Naranjo**, email: [aj\\_naranjo@yahoo.com](mailto:aj_naranjo@yahoo.com), phone cell (786) 554-1051.

***SILVER AKELA*** (Committee selection no later than April 20, 2007)

This is an award to recognize Cub Scout adult leaders for outstanding service to the Tequesta District. A Point system, and not a letter of recommendation or nomination, is used to determine this award. Points are received for attendance and leadership at district/council events, which involve Cub Scouts, over three (3) years. In addition:

- a) The candidate must be a registered Boy Scouts of America leader for at least three (3) consecutive years.
- b) The candidate must have developed an exceptional activity in favor of Cub Scouting.

The Silver Akela Committee for 2006 is chaired by **Danny Rivas** [vw405029@aol.com](mailto:vw405029@aol.com) phone (305) 551-8622 or **Constance M. Ryan**, [Connie@starhouse.org](mailto:Connie@starhouse.org), phone (305) 668-9236 if you know of any Cub Scout leader who should deserve consideration for this award, please contact them.

***JOE MAGRUDER CAMPING AWARD*** (Committee selection no later than April 20, 2007)

This is a rotating trophy to be kept by the winning Troop for one year and a permanent wall plaque, both to will be presented at the District Recognition Dinner to the troop that has had the most nights of qualified camping during the year ended December 31, 2006 and must include one (1) long-term campout. Troops must use the designated forms, and may be requested from the Camping Committee Chairperson. Who will also determine the winning unit. The Camping Committee Chairperson is (e-mail) **Gary McGraw** [McGraw@compuserve.com](mailto:McGraw@compuserve.com) phone (305) 661-5273 or Fred Kimball [fkimball@smcc.us](mailto:fkimball@smcc.us) phone (305) 238 8381.

***CUBAN ROYAL PALM*** (Committee selection no later than April 20, 2007)

Known as "*La Palma Real Cubana*" was created several years ago by a group of Cuban Scout leaders with the purpose of rewarding those who:

- a) Have been registered and active in the Scouting movement for at least three (3) consecutive years.
- b) Have developed an exceptional activity in favor of Scouting.
- c) Have worked in favor of a sincere understanding and true cooperation between Americans and Hispanics for a mutual respect and deep consideration between the two cultures, in order to obtain a true fellowship with an always-prevailing love and brotherhood.

If you know of any Scouter, deserving to be considered for this award, submit a letter of recommendation fully explaining how your nominee has met the criteria established for this award, (e-mail) to **Jorge Montes** [j4montes@bellsouth.net](mailto:j4montes@bellsouth.net) phone (305) 559-2140 or **Robin Burr** e-mail [robin@quantumleap.net](mailto:robin@quantumleap.net) (305) 443-0394 or fax (305) 447-0745 who will chair the Committee.

***DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT*** (Committee selection no later than April 20, 2007)

This is the highest Council award at the District level and it is available to any registered Scouter who Render service of an outstanding nature at the District level. The requirements are:

- a) A nominee must be a registered Scouter
- b) A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth.
- c) The nature and value of “noteworthy service to youth” may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large number of youth, or it may have been given to a small group over an extended time.
- d) The nominee should have contributed some type of service to youth outside of Scouting as well. Consideration should be given to the nominee’s position and the corresponding opportunity to renders, outstanding service beyond the call of duty. The nominee’s attitude and cooperation with the district, division and/or council is to be taken into consideration.

The nominations must be made using the prescribed form issued by the Boy Scouts of America.

(<http://www.sfcbsa.org/PDF/DistrictAwardofMeritNom.pdf>) A letter of recommendation may be attached to the nominating form but will not be a substitute for it. The forms should be sent to District Chairman: **Angelica (Kiki) Zayas** email: [AngelicaZayas@MiamiSAO.com](mailto:AngelicaZayas@MiamiSAO.com) cell: 305-926-5451 or **Sharon Fischer** [sfischer@aol.com](mailto:sfischer@aol.com) phone # (305) 223-9263. Only official BSA nominating forms, received by **Angelica Zayas** will be accepted. The District is limited to one award for every 25, or fraction, registered units.

***EXCEPTIONAL SCOUTER AWARD*** (Committee selection no later than April 20, 2007)

The exceptional Scouter knows that Scouting is...many good things to everyone individually and each person sees Scouting differently. They try to understand each person’s needs and actively tries to help them by passing on to them their knowledge and Scouting skills. They must:

- a) Exemplify the Scouting spirit.
- b) Have worked at district level for at least (3) years
- c) Have performed meritoriously in their job.
- d) Can be relied on to do what they say they will do.
- e) Attend all district meetings regularly
- f) Are always available to help in district affairs
- g) Are fully trained, including Wood Badge
- h) Staffed district training courses.
- i) Served as Scoutmaster for at least three (3) years.
- j) Always do a little more than the job requires.
- k) Have earned the District Award of Merit
- l) Stay in touch with boys and understand them.

The recipient of this award for 2005 was given to Mignon Castineira, and for the recent prior years Dr. Juan Garcia for 2004, Norman Silber for 2002, Carlos Moreno for 2001 and Phil Lecours for 2000. This award is very objective in the criteria required before awarding it, so if there are no Scouters meeting the entire criteria, from (a to l) no award will be made by the Committee. The Committee will Chaired by Carlos Moreno, 1219 S.W. 139 Pl. Miami, FL 33184, e-mail [CarlosBSA@aol.com](mailto:CarlosBSA@aol.com) phone (305) 220-0014

***SCOUTER’S SPOUSE AWARD*** (Submission of letters deadline is no later than April 20, 2007)

Usually given to a spouse, who is not actively involved in Scouting at the unit, district or council level, but is be tolerant of his/her spouse’s involvement. The person may be registered with South Florida Council but

not actively involved in Scouting.

If you know of any spouse deserving this award, after making sure the nominee is not actively involved in Scouting, notify it to **Jorge Montes** [j4montes@bellsouth.net](mailto:j4montes@bellsouth.net) phone (305) 559-2140 or Robin Burr e-mail [robin@troop7.org](mailto:robin@troop7.org) (305) 443-7973. It is the responsibility of the nominating person, and not of the Advancement & Recognition committee, to verify that the nominee is not actively involved in Scouting.

Yours in Scouting

Jorge L Montes  
Advancement Committee Chair  
BSA/Tequesta District