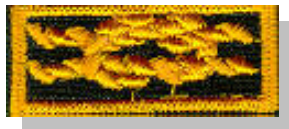


William T. Spurgeon Award



The William H. Spurgeon III Award is the highest recognition for individuals and organizations contributing significant leadership to the Exploring program.

Background

The William H. Spurgeon III Award was developed in 1971 in honor of the man who is regarded as the major leader in the development of special interest Exploring. Spurgeon, a business executive at the Irvine Company in Southern California, personally organized many special-interest posts in the 1960s. He served for many years as a member of the National Council Executive Board and National Exploring Committee. His pioneering efforts led to the present Exploring program. He devoted much of the late 1960s to promoting Exploring and is particularly remembered as a dynamic speaker for Exploring Impact Plan luncheons across America. Spurgeon passed away in 1970.



Lapel Pin

Purpose

The award is designed for council use to recognize individuals or organizations contributing significant leadership to the Exploring program. The award is also presented regionally and nationally.

Awards to Individuals

The council may present the **Spurgeon Award** to men and women who have rendered outstanding leadership to the Exploring program either as an Explorer post adult leader or as a district, division, or council Exploring adult volunteer. Each council may determine the criteria and procedure for granting the award; therefore, each council develops its own nomination form. A suggested nomination form is attached.

Awards to Organizations

The council may present the **Spurgeon Award** to schools, businesses, industries, labor unions, governmental agencies, civic clubs, fraternal groups, and other community organizations that have demonstrated an outstanding record of providing significant leadership to the Exploring program. Each council may determine the criteria and procedure for granting the award; therefore, each council develops its own nomination form. A suggested nomination form is attached.



Recognition Plaque

Design a local ceremony and order the award (No. 17433) from the National Distribution Center for presentation.

Selection Procedure

The **Spurgeon Award** selection committee is part of the program function of the local Learning for Life committee. Through proper public relations, focus attention on the winner and his or her accomplishments.

This award may or not apply to career Posts in Learning for Life. This award is presented to adult Exploring leaders, businesses, and organizations at both the local and national level for service in support of the Exploring program. Only holders of individual awards may wear the knot (not officers or employees of a firm that received the award).

Candidates for this award must be nominated. Self-nomination disqualifies the candidate.