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### **National Award Presented to Local Non-Profit Board Chair**

*Passionate volunteer leader and first female Board Chair of local Boy Scouts of America council presented with the region's highest annual award.*

JUNE 5, 2023 (Portland, OREGON) – The Boy Scouts of America has recognized local council Board Chair, Kaleen Deatherage, with the West coast region's highest annual award, the Silver Antelope.

For volunteers whose work affects the Scouting movement on the council, territory and national levels, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) bestows what is known as the “Silver family” of BSA awards. This includes the council-level Silver Beaver, regional-level Silver Antelope and national-level Silver Buffalo.

“Volunteers are what drives this movement and set the stage for greater community impact and individual personal growth for youth in our area,” said local Scout Executive and Cascade Pacific Council CEO, Gary Carroll. “And Kaleen continues to bring unparalleled passion and leadership to our organization, Scouting families and young people. She absolutely deserves to be honored with this award.”

“I love the Scouting movement and know the BSA has a bright future ahead, getting more kids unplugged, outdoors, and growing in confidence and leadership,” said Deatherage. “It’s an honor to receive this award but I am just one of thousands of adults who are helping local youth grow through Scouting. This award is truly for all these adult volunteers who give so much of their time, talent and treasure to our Scouts.”

Deatherage played a leadership role in integrating girls into the new Scouts BSA program in 2019, formerly known as Boy Scouts, that was previously only open to boys. Today, 18% of Scouts in the Cascade Pacific Council are girls.

As a veteran non-profit leader, Deatherage became the Council’s first female board chair in its 105-year history in 2021. She is currently the interim Executive Director of the Mazamas, a renowned outdoor leadership, mountaineering and training organization.

Deatherage began her Scouting adventure by attending Wood Badge, an advanced, national leadership course, in September 2009. Soon thereafter she was advising Scout units and volunteered for regional leadership positions. In 2016, Kaleen received multiple awards for her service including the council’s Silver Beaver award, one of the highest awards an adult volunteer can receive locally.



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#### **About the Cascade Pacific Council, Boy Scouts of America**

Cascade Pacific Council, BSA (CPC) guides nearly 8,000 girls and boys in 19 counties of NW Oregon and SW Washington. We offer an unparalleled program that teaches leadership and citizenship through fun and exciting adventures for the whole family. We invite all people to get involved in Scouting and are committed to creating a positive, safe, and welcoming environment for all, valuing diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences that will grow and strengthen our movement and continue to make us a valued contributor to the communities we serve. Find out more at <https://cpcbsa.org>

#### **Our Diversity Statement**

The Cascade Pacific Council, Boy Scouts of America fosters a culture of diversity and inclusion that makes it enriching to participate, volunteer and work in the Scouting program.

We invite all people to get involved in Scouting, mindful of the importance of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, gender identity, socio-economic status, religion, physical ability and political belief.

We are committed to creating a positive and welcoming environment for all, valuing diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences that will grow and strengthen our movement and continue to make us a valued contributor to the communities we serve. (Adopted by CPC Board, April 12, 2017)

#### **About the Boy Scouts of America**

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) provides the nation's foremost youth programs of character development and values-based leadership training, which help young people be "Prepared. For Life.®" The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. For more information on the Boy Scouts of America, please visit [www.Scouting.org](http://www.Scouting.org).