

Tonia Elvir-Nazar (Troop 191 Spark Plug of the Year)

Ms. Tonia has embodied the word "spark plug" in our unit since her son joined a couple of years ago. She took over as popcorn kernel two years ago and the troop had the largest sales likely in its history. She has also helped the scouts organize a conservation project at Horsetooth cleaning up graffiti at Rotary Park. We love her energy and her positive, get it done attitude.

Robin Richardson (Committee Chair of the Year) WON!

Robin is an outstanding Committee Chair, and it's been a pleasure to work with her these last two years. She keeps the Committee meetings organized and flowing well, and she has a good balance between allowing people to be heard without allowing them to dominate the meeting.

Robin is very supportive of our Scouts. She makes sure that our Youth and Adult applications get recorded quickly (something her predecessor didn't do well) and makes herself very available for Scouts needing signatures on their Eagle projects and applications. She frequently sits on Boards of Review, too.

Robin also organized our Spaghetti Dinner and Auction which is one of our big fundraisers for the year. It's a very significant undertaking that requires several weeks of planning--finding the venue, arranging for food, encouraging Scouts to get donations, recording the auction items, making bid sheets, recruiting volunteers for checkout, and more. She delegates the responsibilities well, but there is still a big effort involved.

She's also done a great job of managing our Troop ICL commitment. As an example, she just set up a "Colorado Gives Day" site for Troop 191.

Finally, Robin organizes several service opportunities with the Food Bank of Larimer County throughout the year. The Scouts (and families) really enjoy helping at the Food Bank--it's become one of our Scouts' favorite service projects.

I'm sure there are a lot of other things I'm forgetting, but the bottom line is that we're really fortunate to have Robin as our Committee Chair!

Mike Keenan-Harte (ASM of the Year) WON!

Mike has been an Assistant Scoutmaster in our unit for more than five years, and he has done a lot of great things for the Scouts in our Troop. He counsels several Eagle Required Merit Badges including Cooking and Camping.

One of the things that he's best known for in our Troop is that he has organized our annual Awesome Sauce camp out for most of the years he has been involved with the Troop. As the name implies, the theme of the camp out is to elevate camp cooking to an art. Over the years he's lead this event, he has elevated the Troop's excitement, and, as a result, the Scout's cooking skills.

Sadly, 2019 was his last year of leading the excursion, though, as his son is nearing the age of 18. Even so, he has identified a successor and begun training him.

In addition to leading Awesome Sauce, Mike has assisted with our ILST sessions, documented our Troop Merit Badge process, led our summer camp contingent, and been a great example of leadership and values for our Scouts.

Jennifer Bacon (Scouter of the Year) *Nominated*

Over the last two years, Jennifer has taken on several responsibilities within our Troop. One of the biggest ones has been to organize our Troop Guides in order to help integrate our new Scouts into the Troop.

When new Scouts bridge into our Troop in the spring, some of our Troop Guides, operating under Jennifer's guidance, help our new Scouts to complete the requirements for their Scout rank and to prepare for their first few camp outs. Working with the Troop Guides helps the new Scouts get used to working with older Scouts to learn new skills and to get comfortable asking the older Scouts to test/approve their work on requirements.

Jennifer is someone I can always rely on. She attends most of our Troop camp outs, and she helps with whatever needs doing. This year, she attended Wood Badge with two of our other ASMs, and she's already started working on her ticket.

One of her big ticket items is to work with all of the Troop Guides in the Troop (not just the ones who help with the new Scouts in the spring) to help them engage more successfully and enthusiastically in their important role within the Troop. She has already begun organizing monthly Troop Guide meetings.

In addition to all of the above, Jennifer also took over the role of Crew Advisor for our Venturing Crew. She is truly a blessing to all of us in Troop (and Crew) 191.