



## Keeper of the Flame Potawatomi District

The Potawatomi District established the Keeper of the Flame award to allow units to recognize individuals who have gone beyond the “expected” to further the unit’s program. The award is for those Scouters who come through consistently to make sure that the unit’s program is there for the Scouts. We want to recognize the unsung heroes who keep the flame of scouting in our units.

The award is open to all Scouters, however Potawatomi District’s Okama Award recognizes committee chairs. This award is a unit recognition that will be presented at the District Awards ceremony during the June

Roundtable. Units may nominate any active Scouter who has contributed significantly to the unit’s program. Recognize the man or woman who always seems able to find time to transport youth to activities, or organize a complicated activity and see it through to completion, or stands ready to pick up the slack when someone else gets ill, etc

The title comes from the Potawatomi Tribe. They were a part of the 3-Fires confederacy along with the Ojibwe (Chippewa) and Odawa (Ottawa). The Ojibwe, “puckered moccasin”, were the “Older Brother” and were considered the military leaders. The Odawa, “trader”, were the “Middle Brother” and were the traders and diplomats. The Anishnabe (Potowatomi), “the flame”, were the “Younger Brother” and were responsible for caring for the traditions and the home territory of the confederacy. They were known as the “Keeper of the Flame”.

**Unit:** Troop Pack Crew **Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Scouting Position(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Years of Service:** \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Description of service to scouting program (will be read at presentation of award): \_\_\_\_\_

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