

# TROOP 205

Apple Valley, Minnesota  
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## Press Release

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### Apple Valley Scoutmaster Gains National Recognition

**Atlanta, Georgia, May 30** -- Troop 205 Scoutmaster, Kay Stewart, was honored today for her success as Scoutmaster in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). She was one of only 43 other Scoutmasters from across America who were invited to the Boy Scouts of America Annual National Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia to receive this recognition.

Stewart found herself to be part of a group of Honored Scoutmasters with a total of 357 years of experience as Scoutmasters and 701 years of experience in Scouting. 76% of this Scoutmaster group were Scouts themselves when a youth and 32% attained the rank of Eagle Scout. These Scoutmasters have assisted 535 Scouts to reach the rank of Eagle. Stewart has assisted over 25 Scouts to reach the rank of Eagle since becoming Scoutmaster of Troop 205 in January of 2002.

This isn't the first time Stewart has been recognized for her accomplishments as Scoutmaster of Troop 205 in Apple Valley. In 2005, the City of Apple Valley recognized her youth work in the city with a "Make a Difference" proclamation. In 2006, Stewart received the Silver Beaver Award from the Northern Star Council. The Silver Beaver Award is the highest award a Council can present to one of its volunteers. To further highlight Stewart's accomplishment in attending the BSA National Meeting, it should be noted that she was the only Scoutmaster selected to attend from the Northern Star Council. Currently the Northern Star Council is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest Council in America.

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**Boy Scout Troop 205 of Apple Valley, Minnesota** is a unit of the Boy Scouts of America. Its local sponsor is Apple Valley Legion Post 1776. The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated to provide a program for community organizations that offers effective character, citizenship, and personal fitness training for youth. Specifically, the BSA endeavors to develop American citizens who are physically, mentally, and emotionally fit; have a high degree of self-reliance as evidenced in such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness; have personal values based on religious concepts; have the desire and skills to help others; understand the principles of the American social, economic, and governmental systems; are knowledgeable about and take pride in their American heritage and understand our nation's role in the world; have a keen respect for the basic rights of all people; and are prepared to participate in and give leadership to American society.