

Master Trail Builder

This award was established several years ago by the Los Angeles Area Council (now the Greater Los Angeles Area Council) to recognize continued service to the conservation programs of the USDA-Forest Service and the GLAAC. Receiving one is not a matter of completing a set of requirements, but of unselfish dedication to the conservation of our forests and trails. Jim Spencer, LAAC-HAT, was the initial recipient in 1998, in recognition of his 30 years of developing and promoting conservation and the Trail Boss training programs in the Angeles National Forest. The BSA (now Scouting America) National Council has also given a Jim a Hornaday Gold Medal for these activities.

Because of the cutbacks in Federal funding and the damage caused by fires and the weather in recent years, the efforts of Master Trail Builder Award winners have made major contributions to the continued availability of trails and campsites in the local mountains. Our Scout Units are major users of these important resources and, without them, their outdoor programs would be greatly diminished. Our thanks to them and to everyone else who contributes their time and efforts in trail and forest conservation activities.

Please contact David Ledford, Assistant Coordinator of Forest/Trail Conservation, for additional information about presenting it to other adult volunteers at (310) 373-2111 or by e-mail at gdledford@verizon.net

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