

**GARY WHEELER RECOGNIZED AS MEDFIELD FOUNDATION
2009 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

The Medfield Foundation proudly recognizes Gary Wheeler as its 2009 Volunteer of the Year for his work as the Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 10.



Gary Wheeler has served as Medfield Boy Scouts Troop 10 Scoutmaster for the past three years. He organized, planned, and attended the weekly meeting, monthly overnights, scoutmaster conferences and Patrol Leaders council meetings with the older boys, who run the troop. For the last 6 years Gary has attended Squanto Summer camp for the troop's week long overnight camp stay. Last summer Gary lead a contingent to the boundary waters of Minnesota for an 80 mile canoe trip. At last year's Klondike Derby his patrols came in first and second, and at the Massachusetts Jamboree his patrols earned the Baden Powell award, in both instances not only because Gary inspired the boys, but also because the boys have learned from his example and carefully organized their activities.

Gary's tireless efforts and leadership have fostered a remarkable level of pride and accomplishment in the troop and led to an unprecedented number of scouts achieving the prestigious rank of eagle - eight this year alone. Gary has successfully interested the older boys so that they stayed involved. Thomas Lueders, put it this way: "when I worked to earn the rank of Eagle, Mr. Wheeler was there to help me every step of the way to make sure that I truly earned and deserved the honor."

Gary was always available to help any scout and any parent. He inspired everyone associated with Troop 10 with his own commitment, dedication and enthusiasm. Gary made sure things happened right, kept notes constantly to improve things, adjusted on the fly, and most importantly Gary kept the boys motivated. Simply put, the scouting program under Gary's leadership changed the lives of his scouts and their parents.

The Medfield Foundation will present the award at a reception at the Kingsbury Club from 4:00 - 6:00 PM on April 4, to which the public is invited.