**Al Best – SDM-Support**

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**Wood Badge Patrol / Critter:** BobWhite SE-55 (1975), Bear SR-267 (1998)

**Scout Unit:** Troop 700

**District:** Cardinal

**Years in Scouting**: 45

**Highest Rank:** Eagle

**Current Registered Position:** Committee Member

**Other Positions in Scouting and for how long?** Assistant Scoutmaster 20+ years, Venturing Associate Advisor 5 yrs. Cadet and Senior Girl Scout leader 3 years.

**Occupation?** Biostatistician in the MCV Dental School

**Who’s in your family?** Barbara (wife), Ryan (son), Korinne (daughter in law), Anna (daughter)

**What is your favorite Scouting event?** Canoeing in Canada

**What do you most enjoy doing?** Snorkeling and canoeing

**What is your best Scouting memory?** My daughter earning Venturing Silver Award

**If you had unlimited time and resources, what would you choose to do?** Take Scouts Canoeing in Canada

**What is your favorite food or meal?**  Rib-eye steak (medium rare), baked potato with cream cheese, fresh green beans, Cabernet Sauvignon

**What is your proudest Scouting achievement?**  Leading crews to three BSA High Adventure Bases: Northern Tier, Seabase, Philmont.

**What is your favorite childhood memory?** Camping on the shore of Traverse Lake in Michigan with my family—every year until I was 14.

**What is something about you that would surprise other people?** I learned about first aid for arterial bleeding after sticking my Bowie knife through the hand of a fellow Scout.