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**Bowie Community Outreach Committee
Selects James Morehouse
For the Malcolm “Skip” Popp Award**

The Malcolm “Skip” Popp Award is offered by the City of Bowie for Scouts and/or Scout leaders who have performed “extraordinary and distinguished community service, within Scout organizations in the City of Bowie.” Nominations must be made through Scouting units, who may nominate Scouts and/or Scout leaders within their groups. Community members are welcome to contact a Scout unit to recommend one of their members for nomination.

Malcolm “Skip” Popp was an active member of the Bowie community for many years and helped to organize a Cub Scout Pack at Buckingham Elementary School. In May of 1971, while on a camping trip with the Scouts, he successfully rescued a boy from the flood-swollen waters, but lost his life in the effort.

In June 1971, the Bowie City Council established an award to memorialize Mr. Popp’s act of heroism. The purpose was to “foster a tradition and spirit for the kind of service to Scouting and love of neighbor that Mr. Popp exemplified in his private and Scouting capacities.” The first medal was awarded to the Popp family in memory of Mr. Popp. Malcolm “Skip” Popp was placed in the City of Bowie Hall of Honor on May 21, 2000.

James Morehouse, Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 403, has been selected to receive the Popp Award for calendar year 2014. During the past year, Mr. Morehouse has helped 8 Scouts reach the rank of Eagle (for a total of 43 Eagles in 9 years as Scoutmaster). Eagle Scouts who have been mentored by Mr. Morehouse have led projects that have resulted in thousands of hours of service within the City of Bowie and the surrounding communities. His demonstrated leadership in Scouting has made a positive impact on his community and the City. For these reasons and more, Mr. Morehouse was nominated by his fellow Scouters to receive the award and has been selected by the Community Outreach Committee as the recipient for calendar year 2014..

The award will be presented to Mr. Morehouse on Monday, June 1 at 8:00 p.m. during a City Council Meeting. Prior to the meeting at 7:00 p.m., a reception will be held at City Hall in his honor. Scouts and leaders are invited to attend both the reception and the meeting. Attendance at the event can be confirmed by calling 301-809-3014.