

## 2020 Silver Beaver Award Recipient February 9, 2021 Juanita Portz

Juanita began her adventure when she introduced scouting to her grandchildren. As soon as they became Cub Scouts, she stepped up to be the Pack 445 Treasurer. Shortly after, it became a family endeavor when her son became involved as a Den leader for the youngest grandchild. Her biggest joy is seeing the spark in the eyes of youth as they learn and grow through the scouting program.

She dedicated her time to ensure there were programs for the Cub Scouts in Cochise District by becoming a Cochise Day Camp Director. When the need arose, she joined the Commissioner staff. Juanita has served in multiple positions at the district level and always provided an avenue for communication between the Cochise District and Catalina Council. She is also incredibly involved with the first female troop in Cochise District as an Assistant Scoutmaster.

Juanita served in the United States Army for 22 years in the communication field and currently works part time with the High Frequency Gateway in Fort Huachuca, AZ. She also spends her volunteer time as an amateur radio operator for the RACES, ARES, and MARS programs.

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