



Harold Schirmer serves as the Chartered Organization Representative for Community Christian Church in Lincolnshire, Illinois, which sponsors Pack, Troop, and Venturing Crew 78. The church has supported Scouting since the 1960s, and Harold strengthens that partnership through his role on the church's Board of Elders. He also serves as a Community Coordinator on the Northeast Illinois Council Membership Committee.

Born in Evanston, Illinois, Harold began Scouting in 1972 with Pack 155 in Northbrook. In 1976, he was among the first Scouts in Troop 68, where his father served as Scoutmaster. After the troop disbanded, he joined Troop 67 in 1980.

Harold planned to attend the 1979 World Scout Jamboree in Iran, helping fund the trip by delivering the Chicago Tribune before school. When the event was canceled, he joined the Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan camp staff, serving from 1979 to 1984. He was active in the Order of the Arrow, serving twice as Lodge Treasurer and earning the Vigil Honor in 1982. He later achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

After graduating from Glenbrook North High School, Harold earned a degree from Monmouth College and an MBA in Finance from the College of William and Mary. His career includes work in federal government operations research and with the MBA Enterprise Corps, supporting Eastern Europe's post-Cold War transition. During the 1990s, he spent two years in Moscow, becoming conversationally fluent in Russian and traveling extensively across the former Soviet Union, Central Asia, and China—experiences that shaped his appreciation for cultural adaptation.

As a Chartered Organization Representative, Harold connects families, Scouting America programs, and the church, often introducing Scouting to families new to the program and promoting NEIC scholarships for those in need.

Professionally, he has held roles with the U.S. Army, Department of Agriculture, Price Waterhouse, and Securitas. For the past 20 years, he has worked in global finance and accounting roles with CNH Industrial.

Harold lives in Lincolnshire with his wife, Sarah, and their son Richard, an Eagle Scout and freshman at Ohio Wesleyan University. He remains active with Troop 78, leading multiple winter campouts in 2026, including a Snow Base outing where Scouts slept under the stars in five-degree weather.