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ABS Eagle Scout Corner

Association of Baptists for Scouting would like to recognize the following scouts for reaching the rank of Eagle Scout. Congratulations for a job well done.



Eagle Scout Evan Boxley

The Association of Baptists for Scouting is proud to honor Evan Boxley of Troop 3070 in Cherry Hill, New Jersey for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Evan is the son of Broderick and Ayanna Boxley; and brother to Makayla, his key supporter, a senior at Amherst College.

Evan's Eagle project was to design and lead a team to build training and enrichment ramps for dogs at the local dog shelter. The ramps help enrich the minds of the dogs and keep them healthy until they are adopted. During the project, Evan was able to raise an additional \$2700 to donate to the shelter.



Evan's scouting experiences have helped him learn when to seek coaching, how to overcome setbacks, and ways to lead a team. His leadership in scouting included troop guide and assistant senior patrol leader.



Evan is a senior at Cherry Hill High School West, where he maintains a 4.0 grade point, is a member of the AFJrROTC where he is the Support Squadron Commander. He plays the trombone in the Symphonic/Jazz Band and runs cross country. His other interests include animal medicine, dentistry, human medicine, environmental science, aeronautics, and gardening.

Evan was the 2014 Make-a-Wish Kid recipient, who beat the odds, and a 2016 American Heart Association Survivor of the Year. His faith in Christ has grown through his lifetime and has benefited from prayers from pastors and congregants in several churches.

Congratulations, Evan, for reaching the rank of Eagle Scout. May God continue to guide you.

Eagle Scout Ethan Hall Case



Association of Baptists for Scouting recognizes Ethan Hall Case from Troop 85 in Florence, Mississippi for earning the rank of Eagle Scout.



For his Eagle Project, Ethan chose to complete a walking path behind the Congregational Methodist Headquarter in Florence, that had set for 2 years unfinished. The completed project is now open to the public.



In the 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ years Ethan has been in Scouting, he has completed his Arrow of Light, Religious Emblem Award for "God and Me" and "God and Family". achieved the Triple Crown High Adventure Award by completing treks at Philmont, Summit, and Sea Base. He earned the Duty to God Award at all 3 adventure camps. Ethan has completed 60 merit badges, camped over 95 nights, hiked 220 miles, and participated in over 175 hours of community service. He is a brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow in the Sebooney Okasucca Lodge. He has held the positions of Assistant Senior Patrol, Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Den Chief, and Scribe.

Ethan is part of a scouting family. His mom has been Den Leader, served on the Eagle Scout Committee, and currently is Scoutmaster of Troop 85. His stepfather has been Den Leader and is currently Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 85. His brother and sister are Eagle Scouts.

Ethan is a junior at Florence High School and a member of the FHS Big Red Band, playing tenor saxophone. He attends Pinelake Church in Brandon, Mississippi.

Scouting has taught Ethan the importance of serving God and his community. Congratulations, Ethan, on a job well done. Thanks to all who supported Ethan and helped him reach his goal. May God continue to guide you.

Eagle Scout Bryce Patrick Clancy

The Association of Baptists for Scouting proudly recognizes Eagle Scout Bryce Patrick Clancy from Troop 215 in Bethel Park, Pennsylvania. Bryce is the son of Peggy Ann and Michael Clancy.



Bryce's Eagle project involved the construction of a fire pit and enclosed gravel area near the Bible Chapel Church in Rostraver, Pennsylvania. The project's purpose was to provide a community



gathering area for members of the church and surrounding neighborhood. It creates a welcoming environment where people can connect, socialize, and enjoy various activities fostering a stronger sense of community and improving the lives of the church members and residents.

Congratulations, Bryce, for your persistence to reach the rank of Eagle Scout. Thank you to all who supported and encouraged

Bryce and helped him reach his goal. May God continue to guide you.



Eagle Scout Gavin Michael Clancy

The Association of Baptists for Scouting is honored to recognize Eagle Scout Gavin Michael Clancy from Troop 215 in Bethel Park, Pennsylvania. Gavin is the son of Peggy Ann and Michael Clancy.

Gavin's Eagle project benefited the Bible Chapel Church in Rostraver, Pennsylvania. Gavin was responsible for designing and constructing four benches which were placed around the church's fire pit. He engraved an inspirational word on each of the benches: "Secure", "Accepted", "Forgiven", and "Empowered". The first letter of each spelled out "SAFE" which is a cornerstone concept for The Bible Chapel. The seating provides a place for the community members to gather, socialize, and connect. In addition, the benches present a place for people to sit for outdoor worship.

Congratulations, Gavin, for dedication to complete the requirements for Eagle Scout. Thank you to all who supported Gavin and helped him reach his goal. May God continue to guide you.



Eagle Scout Cavan Clary

The Association of Baptists for Scouting is proud to recognize Eagle Scout Cavan Clary. Cavan is an active member of Troop 955 in the Atlanta Area Council. He is the son of David and Danna Clary.



Cavan's Eagle project consisted of adding handrails and ramps to a nature trail platform bridge and building benches for McFarlane Park.

Scouting has been an important part of his life since joining Cub Scouts in 2011. He earned his Arrow of Light before transitioning to Boy Scouts. Cavan has completed a total of 80 nights of camping, and hiked a total of 268 miles, paddled 18 miles, and provided 46 hours of service to the community. He has held the highest leadership positions in scouting, including Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Patrol Scribe, Troop Guide and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. He completed National Youth Leadership Training and has been inducted into the Order of the Arrow.



The highlight of his scouting adventure was spending 12-days backpacking over 80 miles at the Philmont Scout Ranch in northern New Mexico.

Cavan also spent a week at Sea Base in the Florida Keys scuba diving.



Cavan is a senior at Pope High School in Marietta, Georgia, where he has been a part of the school's marching band and is currently a section leader. He is an active member of the youth group at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church and has participated in multiple church mission trips. Cavan plans to attend Mississippi State University in the Fall to study Mechanical Engineering.



Congratulations Cavan Clary for a job well done. Thank you to all who helped Cavan reach his goal. May God continue to guide you.



Eagle Scout Brayden Gabriel Lacer

The Association of Baptists for Scouting is proud to recognize Brayden Lacer for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Brayden is a member of Troop 264 in Shelbyville, Kentucky and the first scout in his troop to earn the Eagle Scout. He is the son of Bobby and Eileen Lacer, both former Scout leaders.

Brayden began his journey to Eagle Scout as a Tiger Scout in first grade. Scouting has given him many opportunities to learn leadership skills and how to serve others.



Brayden's Eagle project involved building a mobile indoor/outdoor Gaga Ball Pit for Shelby Christian Church to meet a need of the church for the last few years. The pit can be easily disassembled and transported inside or outside, depending on the weather and time of year.



Brayden is a senior at Shelby County High School in Shelbyville, Kentucky. He is a member of the school choir, a student ambassador, and a three-sport letterman in soccer, lacrosse, and eSport. He is an active service member with the Kentucky Army National Guard and a volunteer firefighter with the Shelby County Fire Department. Brayden is an active volunteer within his community, specifically volunteering with non-profits that focus on youth who deal with mental or physical disabilities or terminal illnesses.

Congratulations to Brayden for reaching his goal of Eagle Scout. Thank you to his family and troop for supporting Brayden during his scouting years, especially Val Hoy, his Scout Leader for the last 9 years. May God continue to guide you.

Eagle Scout Samuel Latham

The Association of Baptists for Scouting is proud to recognize Samuel Latham for reaching the rank of Eagle Scout. Samuel is a part of the West Tennessee Area Council, Troop 205, in Jackson, Tennessee. He is the son of Jennifer and John Latham.



Samuel's Eagle project involved revamping the outdoor recreation areas at Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson. A new fire pit with a seating area, horseshoe pit, washer pit, and rebuilding the volleyball court were the focus of the project. The area will allow church and community members a place to gather for fellowship and fun. Samuel dedicated the project to his grandfather and two great uncles who attended the church as youth. All three of the men were Eagle Scouts.



Through Samuel's scouting journey, he has completed three religious emblems and will begin the fourth emblem this coming spring. He is a Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow where he was elected Vice Chief of Service for the Ittawamba Lodge. He has attended summer camp for the last five years and served as the Senior Patrol Leader for the West Tennessee Area Council Contingent that attended the National Scout Jamboree in 2023. He has completed the National Youth Leadership and Den Chief Training as well as earning conversation and STEM awards. He is currently serving as Troop Guide, assisting younger scouts to develop leadership skills and earn their advancement ranks.

Outside of scouting, Samuel adheres to the scout oath and law. He is an active member of his church youth group where he spends many hours volunteering for church and community projects. He is a prolific writer and speaker, representing his community in Washington DC with an essay on youth violence. He is the state champion in Microsoft PowerPoint and placed third in the national Microsoft competition.

Congratulations Samuel Latham for reaching your Scouting goal. Thank you to all that have supported Samuel and helped him reach his goal. May God continue to guide you in the next chapter of your life.

Eagle Scout

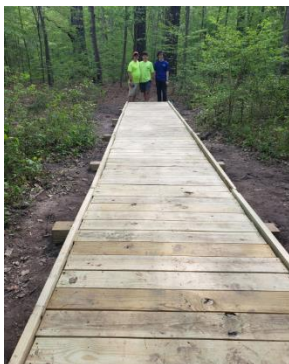
Robert Simmons III



Congratulations to Robert Simmons III for completing the requirements for Eagle Scout. Robert is a member of Troop 63 in Virginia Beach and the son of Jennifer and Robert Simmons.

Robert completed 27 merit badges and served in a variety of leadership roles while working on the Eagle requirements.

Robert's Eagle project involved planning, fundraising, and constructing a thirty-two-foot footbridge in Marshview Park for the City of Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation. The bridge expanded over a low area in the park that experiences flooding in the fall and winter. Numerous plants and tree roots were removed to construct the bridge. The city required the work to be done in a weekend, which was a challenge. The city provided general plans. Robert used an AutoCAD with 3D rendering to generate specific plans for the project. Once the plans were completed and money and materials acquired, the team worked two weekends offsite to preassemble the bridge into three sections that were light



enough to be carried to the site for installation in one weekend. Four scouts were needed to carry each section to the bridge's location. The cost of materials for the construction was donated by the family. The total project hours were over 300. Robert was told the bridge would be part of a larger project to provide a mountain bike trail system.

Robert is a senior at Colonial High School and has a passion for playing the electric guitar, building, and scouting. He plans to enter the University of Virginia in the Fall of 2024 to study mechanical engineering.

The Association of Baptists for Scouting is proud to recognize Robert Simmons III. Special words of thanks go to Robert's family and friends who encouraged him throughout his scouting journey. May God continue to guide you.



Eagle Scout Elijah West

Congratulations to Eagle Scout Elijah West. Elijah is a

member of Troop 333 of Huntsville, Tennessee. Elijah is the Senior Patrol Leader, the first Eagle Scout in his troop, a Virgil Member of the Order of the Arrow, and the Chapter Chief.

Elijah is the son of Stephen and Patricia West and attends Scott High School. He is a member of the band's drum line. Bull Creek United Baptist Church is his home church where he plays the cajon in the choir.

Elijah chose to restore a dilapidated cemetery in Huntsville for his Eagle project. When Elijah and his team began, one would not have recognized the land as a cemetery in the middle of Old Huntsville. The gravestones that had not been completely lost, were buried, or hidden by the undergrowth. As the team of scouts and adults were working to clear and restore the cemetery, they found graves that told the history of the town through the stories of the people buried there.



Today the cemetery is an area rich with town history that can be told through the restored gravestones.



The Association of Baptists for Scouting is honored to recognize Elijah West. Thank you to all that supported Elijah through his scouting years and helped him reach his goal. May God continue to guide you.