

2026 Mid-Year Edition



ABS Today

A Publication of the Association of Baptists for Scouting



ABS Eagle Corner

Association of Baptists for Scouting recognizes the following scouters for earning the highest rank in Scouting, Eagle.

Congratulations for a job well done!

Eagle Scout William Crader

The Association of Baptists for Scouting is proud to recognize William Crader for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. William is a member of Troop 134 in the Natural State Council, Crowley's Ridge District. He is the son of Marsha and Travis Crader.

For his Eagle project, William redesigned, remodeled, and restocked Cathedral Baptist Church's food pantry. He led a group of 12 volunteers, who provided over 200 hours of service, to update the food pantry, including painting, building additional shelves, and stocking the pantry with additional food. They were able to collect over 1,500 food items and raised \$900 to supplement the church's food resources. The renovation allows the church to provide additional help to insecure individuals within the community.

Scouting has provided William with opportunities to hold many



leadership roles. He has been an assistant patrol leader, a patrol leader, an assistant senior patrol leader, a senior patrol leader, and Den Chief for Pack 1225. William's highlights in Scouting has included being the senior patrol leader and leading his troop as crew leader at Sea Base. William is proud of the numerous opportunities that were offered to him that

helped him learn and grow as an individual while in scouting.

William's father has been an integral part of his Scouting experience from Tiger Cub through Eagle Scout. His dad is currently Committee Chair in the council. William has also enjoyed experiencing Scouting with his younger brother, Luke, who is currently at Star rank.

Congratulations William. May God continue to guide you as you enter the next stage of life. May your scouting knowledge assist you as you serve others.



Eagle Scout

Andrew James Cross

The Association of Baptists for Scouting proudly recognizes Andrew James Cross for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Andrew is a member of Troop 714 of Circle Ten Council, in Plano, Texas. He is the son of Julie Cross.

Andrew's Eagle Project involved designing and leading the construction of a weatherproof community Bible Box for Trinity Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The project created a permanent location where community members can freely access Bibles and faith-based materials.

Through the years Andrew has held many positions within his troop, including librarian, assistant patrol leader, instructor, and patrol leader of the Black Hawks Patrol. Scouting has helped shape Andrew's character and instilled in him the values of integrity, discipline, leadership, service, teamwork, preparedness, responsibility, perseverance, and leading by example.

Andrew is deeply grateful for the mentorship, encouragement, and support he received throughout his Scouting journey. Above all, Andrew gives glory and honor to God for guiding him every step of the journey. His life verse is Psalm 56: 3: "When I am afraid, I put my trust in You."



Congratulations, Eagle Scout Andrew Cross. The Association is honored to acknowledge your achievements. May God continue to guide you as you enter the next stage of your life. May you find your Scouting skills valuable as you serve others for Him.

Eagle Scout Mariano Pegarido Grino IV

The Association of Baptists for Scouting recognizes Mariano Pegarido Grino IV for reaching the rank of Eagle Scout. Mariano is a member of Troop 68 in the Patriots Council in Union, New Jersey. Mariano is the son of Charina P. and Mariano P. Grino III.



The idea for Mariano's Eagle Project came while visiting his sister's middle school. Mariano has a sister, Ariana, with Down Syndrome. While visiting the middle school where Ariana would be attending in the Fall, a faculty member mentioned that the school's courtyard would be a great place for the Special Education cooking class to have a raised garden bed. One of Ariana's hobbies is gardening. She has enjoyed working in the school's garden. Mariano's Eagle project allowed him to give back to the school that shows great care for students with special needs like Ariana. The project provides educational and environmental benefits for the students and facilities.



Scouting has allowed Mariano many opportunities to learn and grow. Some of the events that stand out for Mariano are taking CPR with his mother; NYLT; Jersey 360 Jamboree where he enjoyed the military displays, especially the helicopters; summer camps; river tubing; camping; Klondike; hiking in Gettysburg; learning to safely shoot a rifle; doing volunteer work for the local food pantry to name a few. Mariano is a member of the Order of Arrow.

Mariano has held many leadership roles in Scouting. He has been the assistant patrol leader, scribe, quartermaster and instructor.

After graduation from high school Mariano looks forward to studying and becoming a successful civil engineer and traveling the world.

Congratulations, Mariano Grino for reaching the rank of Eagle. May God continue to guide you. May your Scouting skills benefit as you serve others for Him.