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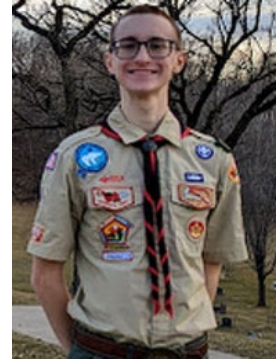
## *ABS Eagle Scout Corner*



*Association of Baptists for Scouting would like to recognize the following Scouts for earning the highest rank, Eagle Scout.*

# Eagle Scout

## Liam Reese Dewanz



The Association of Baptists for Scouting is proud to recognize Eagle Scout Liam Dewanz from Cannon Falls, Minnesota. Liam is the son of Sara and Daniel Dewanz and a member of Gamehaven Troop 39 of Cannon Falls.

Liam's Eagle Project involved restoring the Col. William Colvill Monument in Cannon Falls Community Cemetery. He regouted the stairs and banisters and arranged for the east side of the monument hill to be cleared of shrubs, garbage, undergrowth, unwanted trees, and trimmed the remaining trees, allowing for the hill to be mowed and trimmed to match the



west side. Liam organized and contracted all the work with local vendors. He also worked with an artist to recreate the 1<sup>st</sup> Minnesota Regiment flag from the Civil War to be flown under the US flag at the monument.

Liam is a homeschool sophomore, participates in the Cannon Falls High School Band, and attends Rochester Community Technical College in the Post Secondary Options program in the pursuit of a career as a pilot.

Liam's fondest scouting memories include summer camps and BSA High Adventure Programs. He has participated in the Forest Corp program at Northern Tier Scout Base in the Boundary Waters of Minnesota, in a 12-day hike at Philmont, ridden 40-mile dog sledding winter adventure at Northern Tier and 40 hours of conservation work while studying conservation practices.

Congratulations, Liam, on a job well done. May God continue to guide you as you use your skills to serve others.



# Eagle Scout Tyler Joseph Grosjean

The Association of Baptists for Scouting proudly recognizes Eagle Scout Tyler Joseph Grosjean. Tyler is a member of Troop 8 in the Greater Colorado Council and the son of Lt. Col. Chris Grosjean and Aleena Grosjean.

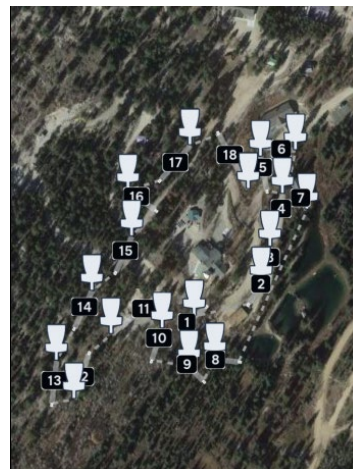
Tyler's Eagle Project involved installing a Frisbee Golf course to provide an additional activity for the Christian camp, Spring Canyon Retreat Center in Buena Vista, Colorado.

Tyler's highlights in Scouting are NYLT and his Order of the Arrow membership. He staffed NYLT for two years as a Troop Guide and the AYCL of programs. Tyler was recently nominated to be a candidate for the Vigil honor. His favorite part of scouting was helping younger scouts and passing on his knowledge and love of scouting.

During his scouting career Tyler has been Quartermaster, Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Order of the Arrow Representative, Buffalo Mountain Lodge Vice Chairman and Chairman of Elections, member of the Ceremonies team for the Order of the Arrow. Tyler has worked at Camp Alexander in Lake George, CO.

Tyler hopes to attend the Air Force Academy after he graduates from high school in 2025.

Congratulations, Tyler, for a job well done. May God continue to guide you and help you use the skills you have learned to serve Christ and others.



# Eagle Scout

## Aidan Luke Kuczka



The Association of Baptists for Scouting proudly recognizes Aidan Luke Kuczka for reaching the rank of Eagle on April 27. He is a member of Troop 2220 in Stafford, Virginia.

Aidan is the son of Chad and Renee Kuczka. He is a 2024 graduate of Brooke Point High School.



Aidan's Eagle Project involved gathering his fellow Scouts at the charter church, Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, to construct 6 benches for his youth group at his home church, Ramoth Baptist Church. The benches will be used by the church and community for various events held at Aidan's church

throughout the year.

When asked about his favorite part of Scouting, Aidan mentioned the Scout campouts, sleeping on a battleship, and getting to share his Scouting adventure with his best friends since fourth grade, (Aiden, Josh, and Sean). They were able to create many special memories that will last a lifetime. Congratulations, Aidan, for your determination to complete your goal. May the skills you learned be useful as you continue to serve God and others throughout your life. A special thank you to all who supported and encouraged you through your Scouting years.





# Eagle Scout Alexander Lindsey

The Association of Baptists for Scouting recognizes Eagle Scout Alexander Lindsey of Troop 3, Pine Burr Area Council in Petal, Mississippi, a chartered troop of Cartersville Baptist Church. He is the son of Kendra and Anthony Kite and Jimmy Lindsey.

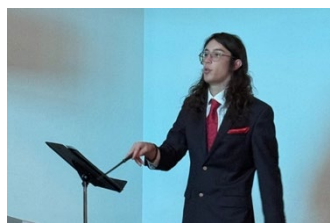
Alex organized a musical concert to perform at a local retirement home for his Eagle Project. This required gathering 20 people, including band students, to perform an hour-long concert. To prepare for the concert, Alex learned to conduct, choose the music, listen to suggestions from his volunteers, create medleys and hold practices with the group. For a special surprise, the scouts distributed silk roses to the ladies during the song “Can’t Help Falling in Love”. Following the concert the group interacted with the residents and answered questions.

Highlights from Alex’s scouting experiences include the 2024 Philmont High Adventure, helping others with their Eagle projects, helping young scouts as they entered scouting, and winter camping to name a few.

Alex’s leadership positions have included patrol leader, troop guide, bugler, chaplain aide and senior patrol leader. He wants to continue in scouting and become an assistant scoutmaster.

Alex intends to pursue a doctorate in music. “I am excited to see what my life will become.”

Congratulations, Alex. May God continue to guide you as you use your scouting skills to serve Him and others.



# Eagle Scout Ben McKenzie



The Association of Baptists for Scouting is proud to recognize Eagle Scout Ben McKenzie of Wesson Boy Scout Troop 125 in Wesson, Mississippi. Ben is the son of Wayne and Heather McKenzie.

Ben's Eagle Project involved becoming a partner with BillionGraves.com to photograph, GPS locate and catalog to a national database all graves in the Zion Hill Baptist Church Cemetery in Wesson, Mississippi.

At 7, Ben joined the Wesson Cub Scout Pack 125. He earned the Arrow of Light. He crossed over to Troop 125 in 2017 and began the journey to Eagle. He was elected to the Order of Arrow in 2019.

Ben is currently serving as Chaplain Aide and Senior Patrol Leader for the Troop.

Ben is a dedicated member of Zion Hill Baptist Church in Wesson. He is also active in First Priority (a Christian organization at his school), FCA, band, soccer, and tennis at Wesson Attendance Center, where he is Junior Class President.

Congratulations, Ben. The journey to Eagle takes commitment, that you have demonstrated by reaching your goal. As you look to the future, may you listen to God's direction, honor Him, and find ways to continue to use your scouting skills to help others.



# Eagle Scout Corbin Padgett

The Association of Baptists for Scouting recognizes Corbin Padgett for earning the rank of Eagle. Corbin is the son of Christie and Jeff Padgett in Killen, Alabama.



Corbin's Eagle Project aided Joe Wheeler State Park in Alabama. His team built four wood benches to place along the hiking trail, an information kiosk, and updated the fencing in the parking area. Corbin planned, raised funds, purchased materials, and led his peers to complete the work.

Corbin began his adventure in Scouting as a first grader. He is a member of BSA Troop 153 of



the Greater Alabama Council in Killen, Alabama. He plans to register as an adult volunteer to continue working with Scouting.

Corbin is an active member in his youth group at Greenhill Baptist Church. He graduated from Rogers High School in May 2024 and is considering enrolling at Northwest



Shoals Community College or beginning an Electrician apprenticeship program.

Congratulations, Eagle Scout Corbin Padgett! The Association of Baptist for Scouting is proud of your success. May your scouting skills help you continue to serve God and others.

# Eagle Scout Gavin Walker

The Association of Baptists for Scouting proudly recognizes Eagle Scout Gavin Walker. Gavin is a member of Troop 8 of the Andrew Jackson Council, Jackson, Mississippi, a ministry of First Baptist Church. Gavin is the son of Jason and Leslie Walker.



Gavin's Eagle Project consisted of building and installing hitching posts at each end of the equestrian trail at Longleaf Trace (3 total), giving riders a place to secure their horses when taking a break or loading/unloading for the day. His team also cleaned the primitive campsite at Carson Station along Longleaf Trace.

Gavin has earned all the adventure belt loops and pins while in Cub Scouts and has earned 134 Scouting merit badges. His goal is to complete the remaining 5 within the next year.

Gavin's leadership roles in Scouting include Den Chief, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol leader, and Senior Patrol Leader.

Gavin has been awarded the Order of the Arrow, Duty to God Award at Sea Base, God and Country award, Historic Trails Award, and 8 National Honor Patrol awards to name a few.

Gavin is a member of Whitesand Baptist Church in Prentiss, Mississippi, where he enjoys participating in activities with his youth group and helping with projects.

Congratulations, Gavin, for achieving the Eagle Scout rank. May God guide you as you use your Scouting skills to serve others.

