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# ABS Today

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## *ABS Eagle Corner*

*Association of Baptists for Scouting would like to recognize the following scouters for reaching the highest rank in Scouting. Congratulations for a job well done.*

# Eagle Scout Nickolas Hunter Dion

The Association of Baptists for Scouting is proud to recognize Eagle Scout Nickolas Hunter Dion. Nickolas is the son of Jonathan and Ashlie Dion and a member of Troop 134 in Douglas, Massachusetts, a part of the Heart of New England Council.



Nickolas' Eagle project consisted of raising money to make three collection boxes for the community to be used to retire United States' flag. He placed them strategically around Douglas to help ensure retired flags could be disposed of properly.

During Nickolas' years in Scouting, he has earned over 60 merit badges and the Conservation Good Turn award, the Arrow of Light, the religious emblem, Honored Camper award, World Conservation award, Den Chief Service award, and the Baden Powell Patrol Award. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow. He has served as Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Den Chief. He is currently the Junior Assistant Scoutmaster and Troop Guide.

At 18, he plans to register as an adult leader and continue mentoring the younger scouts and be a part of the Scouting organization.

Nickolas is an active member of Bellingham Bible Baptist Church where he serves as a Sunday School assistant, sings in the choir, and has attended several youth rallies and conferences. Nickolas is planning to go on a missionary trip next summer with his church.

Nickolas' future includes attending Gordon College in the fall to study Biology. After completion of his Bachelor of Science, he desires to go to veterinary school.

Congratulations, Nickolas for reaching your goal of Eagle Scout. May your Scouting skills be useful throughout life as you find ways to help others as God leads you.





# Eagle Scout JennaLeigh Grace Huff

The Association of Baptists for Scouting recognizes JennaLeigh Grace Huff. She is a member of Troop 308G in the Heart of Texas District, Longhorn Council in Waco, Texas and the daughter of Alisha and Tommy Huff. She attends Renew Church in Waco, Texas.

JennaLeigh writes, “As a 15-year-old ninth grader, my journey in Scouting has been filled with adventure, growth, and incredible memories. I have had to overcome many challenges in my life-being deaf, legally blind, and living with cerebral palsy, epilepsy, eosinophilic esophagitis, autism and ADHD. My parents call me a ‘spicy enchilada’. I have learned to embrace my spice because it’s helped me not only survive but thrive.”



JennaLeigh joined Scouting in August 2019 to experience the fun her brother, an Eagle Scout, was having in the program.

She has attended many campouts, hiked Lover’s Leap and Hart Peak, fly-fished after trekking to Waite Phillips’ hunting cabin to name a few.

For her Eagle Project, JennaLeigh partnered with the National Women in Agriculture Garden in Waco to build compost bins to support their mission. Her work has made a difference in the garden and her community.

JennaLeigh was able to reach her goal without special accommodation for her disabilities. Scouting has taught her resilience, leadership and service. It has prepared her for the future.

JennaLeigh plans to remain active in her troop by continuing to serve as Chaplain Aide, attend Worth Ranch summer camp and explore Swamp Base and take a high-adventure trek in Alaska in 2026.

Congratulations, JennaLeigh. May God continue to lead you as you use your Scouting skills to make a difference in your world.







# Lion to Eagle Scout

## Connor Michael Stanton



The Association of Baptists for Scouting proudly recognizes Eagle Scout Connor Michael Stanton. Connor earned the rank of Eagle on June 23, 2025. He is a member of Troop 3, of the Virginia Headwaters Council in Louisa. He is the son of Brandi and Mark T. Stanton.



Connor's Eagle Project involved creating a prayer garden with an area for displaying the United States flag at his church cemetery, Berea Baptist Church.

Connor has been a part of scouting since the age of 5. During this time, he has earned many belt loops, merit badges, learned life skills. In his own words, "Scouting has allowed me the opportunity to lead and find my voice while being a den chief, assistant senior patrol leader, and a patrol leader. It has given me the core values and principles that I will forever carry with me through

life."

Connor is presently enrolled in advanced English and Science courses in high school. Upon high school graduation, Connor wants to join the military to pursue a dream of either being a Para Jumper or a K9 handler.

His ultimate vision for life is to help others and give back to the community. Although plans change as one matures, he wants to ensure the "values and perspective gained through scouting will forever remain in my mind and heart."

Congratulations, Connor. May God continue to guide you as you strive to "embody the scout oath by doing my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law, to help other people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight".





# Eagle Scout Isabella Stubbins

Association of Baptists for Scouting recognizes Eagle Scout Isabella Stubbins. Isabella is a member of Troop 1921 of the Sam Houston Area Council in Cypress, Texas and the daughter of Cynthia and Mark Stubbins.

Isabella's Eagle Project involved leading 20 volunteers in renovating the exterior of ABBA's House, a local nonprofit that provides essential support to refugees, particularly women and children in crisis. She partnered with area companies, like Lowe's, Chick-fil-A, Pizziolo Pizza and Jersey Bagels for donations to support the effort. With over 200 hours of combined work with her team and collecting donations Isabella transformed the space into a more welcoming and supportive environment. The renovation included installing stairs and lattice, painting the exterior, and creating and installing new signs. The ABBA's House is a place refugees can call home during their initial two months in the U.S., offering housing and support as they transition into their new environment.



Through scouting, Isabella has earned the Baptist Religious Award, demonstrating her strong faith and commitment to serving others. Scouting has allowed her to exchange stories and neckerchiefs with scouts in Argentina, attend NYLT and participate in the Order of the Arrow. She looks forward to attending NAYLE at Philmont this summer and earning all 139 merit badges.



Isabella has held many leadership positions including scribe, patrol leader, senior patrol leader, bugler, and instructor in her troop. Congratulations, Isabella for reaching Eagle. May God continue to guide you as you serve in your community and the world.