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ABS Eagle Scout Corner



Association of Baptists for Scouting recognizes the following Eagle Scouts for achieving the highest rank in Scouting. Congratulations for a job well done.



Eagle Scout Amelia McKinzie Beck

Congratulations to Eagle Amelia Beck of Troop 18G, Norwela Council in Shreveport, Louisiana. Amelia is the first female Eagle in her District and fifth in the Council. She is the daughter of Dana H. Beck and Angela

S. Beck. She is proud to her Eagle 30 years to the month after her father earned his in 1992.

Amelia's Eagle project involved developing and coordinating the building of four benches for the courtyard at her church, Trinity Heights Baptist Church in Shreveport.

Amelia's Scouting career has allowed her to learn leadership skills, ethics, self-confidence, and citizenship skills that will apply for the rest of her life. She was the first Senior Patrol Leader of her Troop before stepping down and becoming the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader after the troop was established.

Amelia is a member of the High School Honor Band, National Honor Society, and an active member of her high school Falcon Academy of Medical and Engineering Exploration (FAME) program. Amelia plans to attend the University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM) and become an orthodontist.

Association of Baptists for Scouting is proud to recognize Eagle Amelia. Her determination to reach her goal and lead her troop is amazing.



Eagle Scout Samuel J. Nichols

The Association of Baptists for Scouting is honored to recognize Samuel Nichols in Troop 229 of Winamac, Indiana for completing the requirements for Eagle Scout. Sam is the son of Melissa and Stacy Nichols. He is a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Knox, Indiana.



In his scouting career Sam was able to attend the 2019 World Jamboree, do a twelve-day trek at Philmont Scout Ranch, attend the 2022 National Order of the Arrow Conference at University of Tennessee and work on the 2022 summer camp staff at Camp Buffalo. He will return to Camp Buffalo this summer as Outdoor Skills Director. He is currently an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 229 and serving as Order of the Arrow Vice Chief of Inductions in Takaschin Lodge.

Sam's Eagle Scout project involved building a kitten enclosure for Pulaski Animal Center in Winamac, Indiana. The animal center was unable to accept kittens and help find homes due to a lack of space and safe housing. Sam was able to generate funding for the project through private



donations. Plymouth Tube of Winamac donated steel for the frame. Sam designed the 4x6x6 foot enclosure and led scouts and leaders to construct, paint and install the kitten enclosure. Congratulations Sam for achieving this amazing goal.



Eagle Scout Ezra Bedgood

Congratulations to Ezra Bedgood on earning the rank of Eagle Scout in February 2023. He is the son of Angela and Steven Bedgood and a member of Troop 26 of the Indian Nations Council in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Ezra's Eagle Scout project consisted of building handicapped accessible garden beds and benches for the local food shelf's community garden. The garden beds enable people of every ability level to grow and harvest their own fresh produce. The beds help the food shelf's community to grow more food and earn more grants to help people in need.



Ezra's scouting experience goes beyond the Eagle project. Throughout scouting Ezra learned to be more comfortable in uncomfortable situations as he had the opportunity to serve as the Troop's chaplain. In one situation with extremely limited notice, he



prepared and executed a program for over three hundred individuals. Even when it was deeply challenging, Ezra gave his best and earned the Troop's first "Outstanding Chaplain Award" for making his role an example for others.

The Association of Baptists for Scouting is proud to honor Ezra Bedgood for his determination and dedication to being the best he could be and reaching the rank of Eagle Scout.

Eagle Scout Drew Martin

The Association of Baptists for Scouting would like to congratulate Drew Martin for reaching the rank of Eagle Scout. Drew is a member of Troop 12 in the Andrew Jackson Council in Jackson, Mississippi. He is the son of Mandy and Josh Martin.



Drew writes: "My Eagle Project was at Buried Treasures Home in Byram, MS where a few of my fellow scouts and I built two benches. Buried Treasures Home is a Christ centered, transitional residence for women coming out of incarceration and/or addiction. The benches we built were supposed to be for the women that live on campus to sit near the playground to watch their visiting children play.

But when we finished the benches, the women told us that they would rather have them on the shore of the lake. Now they are able to enjoy the early morning sunrise." Congratulations, Drew, for your determination and success in reaching your Scouting goal.





Eagle Scout Jason Charles Stine

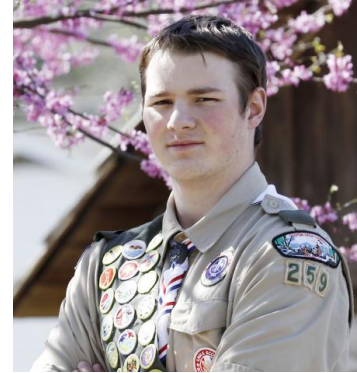
Congratulations to Eagle Jason Charles Stine, a member of Troop 19 in the Cape Fear Council in Wilmington, North Carolina. He earned the Eagle Scout Rank on December 12, 2022. He is the son of Michael and Michelle Stine.

Jason's Eagle project benefited the First Baptist Church of Wilmington Activity Center. The church staff wanted some outdoor picnic tables to be used at different group gatherings. Jason researched picnic table designs, created a projected estimate, and had it approved by the Cape Fear Council and FBC Activity Center staff. He obtained donations and prepared "kits" with the required materials. He then led Troop 19 members in assembling and staining five, 8-foot-long picnic tables. These tables will be utilized by the children and student ministries of the church, as well as other community groups.

Jason has served Troop 19 as Assistant Scout Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, and most recently as Scribe. He has attended National Youth Leadership Training in 2022. He will serve on NYLT staff in 2023 as Patrol Guide. He is an Ordeal Member of OA, Klahican Lodge #331. Jason will be attending Philmont Scout Ranch in June 2023 with fellow Troop 19 members. Along with scouting, Jason plays on the school soccer and tennis teams.

The Association of Baptists for Scouting applauds Jason for his determination to reach his Scouting goal.

Eagle Scout James Whitledge



The Association of Baptist for Scouting would like to honor James Whitledge for earning the rank of Eagle. James is the son of Sharon and Darrell Whitledge. He is a member of Troop 259 of the Quapaw Council in Sherwood, Arkansas.

James enjoyed being in scouting from an early age. As a Cub Scout he earned the highest honor, the Arrow of Light. Since entering Boy Scouts at 11 years of age, he has earned the required 21 merit badges plus many other badges.



James' leadership abilities have grown since entering Scouting. His positive attitude shines through even in the most challenging circumstances. This was apparent on the troop's backpacking trip at Philmont, New Mexico. The ten-day hike through the mountains with his troop was a challenge but add drenching rain daily that doesn't give you time to dry out and you have the difficulty of keeping spirits high. James' scout leader left the summit praising James on his ability to remain in control of his exhaustive spirit and to rally the boys to continue hiking.

James' Eagle project involved organizing a crew of scouts and volunteers to tear down the fence line at Reed's Bridge Battlefield Heritage Park. He arranged for the pick-up and transporting of the rotten wood to the dump.

Congratulations on your determination and leadership in Scouting that helped you reach the goal of Eagle Scout. We are proud of you.





Eagle Scout Logan Wendel

The Association of Baptist for Scouting recognizes Logan Wendel for his advancement to Eagle. Logan is a member of Troop 224 in Brunswick Georgia. He is the youngest member in the history of the troop to reach Eagle.

Logan is the son of Tracey and Alan Wendel. He is an eighth grader at Glynn Middle School where he plays percussion in the school band. He is active in his church, First Baptist Church of Brunswick, where he erected sun sails to provide shade at the church playground for his Eagle project.

We are proud of your determination to reach your goal. Congratulations, Eagle Logan Wendel.

