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ABS Eagle Scout 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

Jackson Carmichael

Congratulations to Jackson Carmichael for reaching his goal of becoming an Eagle Scout. Jackson is the son of Chad and Rebecca Carmichael and a member of Troop 810 in Vass, North Carolina.



Jackson's Eagle project involved renovating and redesigning the platform presentation of the American flag at Vass City Park.



His scouting journey provided him with the skills needed to be an effective crew leader on the troop's 2022 Philmont trek. He also used scouting skills learned to problem solve, delegate and plan daily hiking and camping activities during the troop's trip.

Jackson has learned to be involved in his neighborhood by helping with holiday events, participating in the local food banks, organizing student groups to participate in volunteer activities, and actively volunteering in his high school, middle school, and elementary schools. All these opportunities have helped him be a successful drum major in his school, serve as President of a service club, and lead a faith-based group in a Christian student organization.

The Association of Baptists for Scouting honors Jackson for his determination to lead and reach the Eagle rank.

Eagle Scout

Mario Anthony Carbonaro



The Association of Baptist for Scouting would like to congratulate Mario Anthony Carbonaro for earning the Eagle Scout rank. Mario is a member of Troop 88 in Carteret, New Jersey. The son of Joyce and Angelo Carbonaro.

He follows two brothers who are also Eagle Scouts.

His Eagle Scout project involved beautification of Woodbridge High School.

In addition to earning the Eagle Scout rank, Mario also earned 111 merit badges to achieve 18 Bronze, Gold, and Silver Eagle Palms. He also earned the two Novas, Fire Watch, Environmental Protection, World Conservation, National Outdoor Achievement, and Conservation Good Turn Awards. He is NYLT trained and serves as his troop's Senior Patrol Leader. He is also active in the semiannual collection of food and donations at the Calvary Baptist Church in Carteret.

Mario's determination to reach his scouting goal is amazing. The Association of Baptists for Scouting is proud of Mario's success and wishes him the best as he moves forward to future goals.



Eagle Scout Collin Jay Davis



Congratulations to Collin Davis for reaching his goal of Eagle Scout. Collin is a member of Troop 223, chartered by Helena United Methodist Church in Timberlake, North Carolina. He is the son of Jim and Sharon Davis.

Collin's scouting experiences include diligently leading his Troop as Senior Patrol Leader and Quartermaster. He has given 111.8 hours of community service, plus 239.5 hours while completing his Eagle project. He earned 37 merit badges while working toward Eagle. Collin is a member of the Order of the Arrow within the Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge. He has received the BSA National Outdoor Award for Camping and the Old North State Council Camp Cherokee Tommy Murrury Honor Camper Award. He graduated from high school in May 2023.

Collin's Eagle project was titled the "Playground Pergola". Gateway Baptist Church, Collin's church, had a playground for kids but there wasn't shade around the area for the adults to sit while the kids



played. Collin built a 12x12 foot pergola with bench swings for people to relax and watch the kids, and possibly hold small group Bible studies. He was assisted by church members, friends, Troop members, and family. Weather did not deter Collin and his group while building the pergola. Neither snow nor misty rain delayed the work. The project has been an asset to the church and community.

Association of Baptists for Scouting is proud of Collin's leadership and the hard work he demonstrated during your years in scouting.

Eagle Scout Jamison Greaves



Congratulations to Jamison Greaves for earning the Eagle Scout rank in January 2023. Jamison is a member of Troop 7019 in the Cascade Pacific Council in Salem, Oregon.

Jamison led members of his troop and family to paint over 50 fire hydrants in the South Salem area. Many of the hydrants were dirty and the lack of paint made them hard to find. Jamison saw a need to clean and repaint these hydrants to make them more visible to first responders.

The Association of Baptists for Scouting is proud to recognize Jamison for his dedication and perseverance needed to reach the rank of Eagle Scout.



Eagle Scout Connor Hofmann

Congratulations to Connor Hofmann of Troop 19 in Salem, Oregon for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Connor is a member of Troop 19, chartered by Bethany Baptist Church. He is the son of Mark and Jamie Hofmann.



Connor started his scouting journey as a Tiger Cub. After earning his Arrow of Light award, he crossed over to Troop 19. He has held numerous leadership roles, including patrol leader. He attended NYLT and is a member of the Order of the Arrow.

Connor's Eagle project allowed him to partner with a local neighborhood garden, Ellen Community Garden. He and his team rebuilt and re-enforced numerous broken and damaged garden beds, making them functional for the next planting season. This allowed more people of the community space to plant and harvest their own produce along with having some beds designated for donations to a local food bank.



The Association of Baptists for Scouting is proud to recognize Connor Hofmann for his success in earning the Eagle Scout rank.



Grandfather, Father, Daughter, and Son

**Congratulations to the Parry Family for having
three generations of Eagle Scouts.**

The Association of Baptists for Scouting is honored to recognize Grace and Ethan Parry, the third generation Eagle Scouts. Grace and Ethan earned the rank of Eagle Scout on September 29, 2022.



Eagle Scout Ethan Parry

Congratulations to Ethan Parry, a member of Troop 7019 in Salem, Oregon, in the Cascade Pacific Council. He is the son of Kellie and David Parry.

Ethan's Eagle Scout project involved building a large, paved patio at the Dallas United Methodist Church to help the church meet their need to gather outside safely. The church wanted to provide an area for outdoor services as well as to have a place for the community to use for group meetings.

The Association of Baptists for Scouting is proud to recognize Ethan for reaching the rank of Eagle Scout and serving his community. Congratulations on a job well done.





Eagle Scout Grace Parry

Grace Parry was the first girl to reach the rank of Eagle Scout in Troop 9019 in Salem, Oregon, in the Cascade Pacific Council. Grace is the daughter of Kellie and David Parry.

Grace's Eagle project involved helping The Drop In, a youth service for homeless youth and young adults. The organization provides meals, toiletries, and clothes to those in need, as well as support for life skills. Grace recognized The Drop In needed help from the community because of the increase in homeless youth and young adults they were serving. She believed she could address the issues in two ways: collecting clothes and toiletries; and educating the community about the mission of The Drop In. She accomplished her goals by organizing neighborhood drives, soliciting companies for donations, and creating an Amazon List for virtual donations. Her goal was to collect 1000 items, but she was able to donate 6000 items to the center. She wanted to inspire the community to help youth receive the material resources as well as the educational and emotional support needed. Grace added notes to clothes items to encourage those receiving the items that they have worth and are accepted in Salem.

The Association of Baptists for Scouting is honored to recognize Grace for earning her Eagle Scout and demonstrating her empathy toward helping others. Congratulations on a job well done.





Eagle Scout

Andrew Collin Steen

The Association of Baptists for Scouting would like to recognize Andrew Collin Steen of Troop 95 in Seabrook, Texas for achieving the Eagle Scout rank.

Andrew's Eagle project benefits the League City Animal Shelter. The shelter had moved to a new location and needed a catch pen for animals and dog toys.

Andrew made 25 toys that consisted of 3-inch PVC pipes that were 1-foot long. Holes were drilled in each pipe and clean out caps glued to the ends of the pipe, so that staff at the shelter could put a treat in the tube. The dogs can work to get the treat out. These toys help with the dog's anxiety during their time in the shelter.

He also constructed a 12x6 foot catch pen to help to introduce the dogs to the play area safely, or to separate dogs that might become aggressive. The pen was made from standard cyclone fencing with a gate. The supplies were donated by Tim's Fencing.

Andrew received additional support from his Troop, family, and friends.

Congratulations, Andrew! ABS is proud of your determination to reach your goal.





Eagle Scout Jaxson Wilson

The Association of Baptists for Scouting would like to recognize Jaxson Wilson for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Jaxson is a member of Troop 72 at Bethel Baptist Church in Lincolnton, North Carolina.

Jaxson's Eagle project was an outdoor podium and altar at his church. He dedicated it to Harrill and Jean, "grandparents" to the troop. Since the pandemic, Jaxson noticed that people were scared to be indoors, in crowds, or around other people in general. He was inspired to build a safe, open place for people to have time with Jesus and visit the altar without fear. The people have no crowd to dodge and come as they are without being judged. It has been used many times since its completion.



Congratulations, Jaxson, for observing and finding a need that you could address to help people worship outside safely. We are proud of your dedication to scouting and achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. We are especially pleased to see how you care and respect your duty to God. What an amazing example!



John 14:6

