

Lytle honored as Troop 50's 15th Eagle Scout

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On Nov. 5, Boy Scout Troop 50 bestowed the Boy Scouts of America's highest rank during a ceremony honoring new Eagle Scout Aiden Brian Foreman Lytle. He is the son of Harry "Billy" and Barbara Lytle of Auburn.

Lytle joined the Boy Scouts in 2014 after earning Cub Scouting's Arrow of Light. As a member of Troop 50, he has served in leadership positions that have included troop chaplain's aide and lead troop instructor. Through his Scouting participation, he has earned 29 merit badges to date, qualifying him for a bronze Eagle palm at the time of his ceremony. He also has accrued 53 nights of camping, 103 hours of community service and 38 hiking and backpacking miles.

For his Eagle Scout leadership service project, Lytle enhanced the display of historical items in the Lee County Historical Society's McLain Building. This included cataloging undocumented historical items; identifying, tagging and photographing more than 450 uncatalogued items; and constructing a wooden bench to provide visitors with seating on the building's front porch. His project accrued 129 volunteer hours from planning to completion, including the 46 hours he spent personally planning, leading and supervising



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Pictured is Eagle Scout Aiden Brian Foreman Lytle.

ing the various stages of the project.

After completing the Eagle Scout rank requirements, which included planning and executing his service project, Lytle appeared before the Saugahatchee District's Eagle Scout Board on Sept. 19. He is among the four Troop 50 Scouts to earn the Eagle Scout rank in 2017, and the 16 Scouts to earn the Eagle Scout rank since the troop's founding in 2012.

Since the first Eagle Scout was awarded in 1912, more than 2.4 million Boy Scouts have completed the Eagle Scout's performance-based rank requirements, which currently include serving in progressive leadership positions, demonstrating outdoor and Scouting skill competencies, earning at least 21 merit badges and planning and executing an Eagle Scout leadership service project. During 2016

alone, 55,186 Boy Scouts earned Scouting's highest rank.

Lytle is a ninth grader at Auburn Junior High School and is a member of Auburn United Methodist Church.

Troop 50 is chartered by the Auburn Rotary Club and meets Monday evenings at First Presbyterian Church in Auburn. For more information about the troop, visit boyscout50.org.