

Troop 50's Perry receives Eagle Scout rank

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Robert Perry, the son of Jim and Jill Perry of Auburn, was presented the Boy Scouts of America's highest rank at a ceremony on April 23 at Auburn United Methodist Church. After appearing before and being approved by the Saugahatchee District's Eagle Scout Board on September 15, 2015, Perry became one of three Troop 50 Scouts to earn his Eagle in 2015. Since its founding in 2012, Troop 50 has guided nine young men to earning Boy Scouting's highest award.

A founding member of Troop 50, he served previously as an assistant patrol leader, patrol leader and troop guide. Through his Scouting participation, he earned 25 merit badges and the God and Church Protestant religious emblem. He accrued more than 80 nights of camping and 100 miles hiking and backpacking, which included a 12-day excursion in 2014 to Philmont Scout Ranch, the BSA's largest national high-adventure base in Cimarron, New Mexico. He became a member of the Order of the Arrow, the national Boy Scout honor society, in 2011, and in 2012, he completed the BSA's National Youth Leadership Training, a six-day course equipping Scouts with leadership skills and experience applicable to both Scouting and personal situations.

Perry also is the newest Eagle in a family that includes three other Eagle Scouts: his brother, Chris Perry of Auburn, Eagle Class of 2009; and uncles Bill Perry of Lawrenceville, Ga., Eagle Class of 1977; and Fred Perry of Lawrenceville, Ga., Eagle Class of 1970.

For his Eagle Scout leadership service project, Perry constructed two large raised planter boxes at Pick Elementary School, where students enjoy a large-scale, outdoor gardening environment as part of their studies about the plant growth cycle. Perry's



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Robert Perry of Troop 50 earns the rank of Eagle Scout.

project accrued 187 volunteer hours from planning to completion, including the 50 hours he spent personally planning, leading and supervising the various stages of the project.

A senior at Auburn High School, Perry is a member of the National Honor Society and Anime Club, as well as an active member of Auburn United Methodist Church's youth ministry programs, and a former soccer player who competed through Auburn Parks and Recreation and Thunder soccer programs. He is employed part time at Niffer's Place in Auburn. After graduating this May, he will attend Auburn University, where he plans to major in computer science.

Since the first Eagle Scout was awarded in 1912, more than 2.25 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 21 merit badges, and leading

and completing a seminal Eagle Scout leadership service project.

The Boy Scouts of America's 2015 Eagle Scout class included 54,366 Eagle Scouts — 6.6 percent of all eligible Scouts. Last year's class was the fourth-biggest Eagle Scout class in history and represented a 4.9 percent increase over the number of young men who earned the Boy Scouts of America's highest advancement rank in 2014. Perry is one of 59 Scouts in the Chattahoochee Council, which is based in Columbus, Georgia, and encompasses Lee County, to earn the Eagle Scout rank in 2015.

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.

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