



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 50

Pictured is Eagle Scout Jacob Van Horn.

# Van Horn honored as Troop 50's 19th Eagle Scout

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On Saturday, Jan. 12, Boy Scout Troop 50 bestowed Boy Scouts of America's highest rank during a ceremony honoring new Eagle Scout Jacob Van Horn. He is the son of Eric and Rebecca Van Horn, residents of Opelika. Van Horn is the troop's 19th Eagle Scout since its founding in 2012.

Originally a member of Troop 158 in Tula, Tenn. Van Horn joined Troop 50 in September 2016 after his family relocated to the Lee County area. During his tenure in Troop 50, he served as patrol leader, lead troop guide, senior patrol leader, junior assistant scoutmaster and currently serves as an assis-

tant scoutmaster.

Through his Scouting participation, he earned 22 merit badges. He was also elected for membership in the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's national honor society, and now serves as the Chattahoochee Lodge's camping promotions chairman.

For his Eagle Scout leadership service project, Van Horn planned and led volunteers to reconstruct two new arbors in the garden area of Loachapoka's Pioneer Park. Family, friends and fellow Scouts and leaders logged more than 259 service hours planning and constructing the project.

The new arbors, as well as new curb Van Horn and volun-

teers replaced adjacent to the arbors, enhance the experience and safety for visitors to the park's garden.

After completing the Eagle Scout rank requirements, which included planning and executing his service project, Van Horn appeared before the Saughatchee District's Eagle Scout Board on Oct. 16, 2018. He is among the three Troop 50 Scouts to earn the Eagle Scout rank during 2018.

Outside Scouting, Van Horn volunteers by building sets and costumes for Auburn Area Community Theatre productions. He plans to attend Auburn University this fall, where

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he will major in electrical engineering.

Since the first Eagle Scout was awarded in 1912, nearly 2.5 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 a seminal Eagle Scout leadership service project. During 2017 alone, 55,494 Boy Scouts earned Scouting's highest rank.

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](http://boyscout50.org).

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