



PHOTO COURTESY BOY SCOUT TROOP 50

Eagle Scout Joseph Vollenweider is Boy Scout Troop 50's 20th Eagle Scout since its founding in 2012.

# Vollenweider honored as Troop 50's 20th Eagle Scout

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## Service project

On Sunday, Nov. 24, Troop 50 bestowed Boy Scouts of America's highest rank during a ceremony honoring new Eagle Scout Joseph Vollenweider.

Vollenweider is the son of Glen and Margaret Vollenweider of Auburn. He is the troop's 20th Eagle Scout since its founding in 2012.

Vollenweider joined Troop 50 in April 2014 after earning the Webelos rank and the Arrow of Light as a Cub Scout in Pack 29. During his tenure in Troop 50, he has served in several leadership positions leading up to patrol leader, lead troop guide, assistant senior patrol leader, senior patrol leader and his current position as junior assistant scoutmaster.

Through his Scouting participation, he earned 26 merit badges and was elected for membership in the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's national honor society.

For his Eagle Scout leadership service project, Vollenweider planned and led volunteers to build a larger debriefing space at the Auburn University Challenge Course. Family, friends and fellow Scouts and leaders logged more than 72 service hours planning and constructing the project.

The new debriefing area features six foldable benches that alternate between serving as benches for the debriefing area and as picnic tables for groups participating in the challenge course.

After completing the Eagle Scout rank requirements, which included planning and executing his service project, Vollenweider appeared before the Saugahatchee District's Eagle Scout Board on Sept. 17, 2019. He is among the two Troop 50 Scouts to earn the Eagle Scout rank during 2019.

Vollenweider is an 11th grader at Auburn High School, where he

is active in the Engineering Club and Technical Student Association. He and his parents worship at Auburn United Methodist Church, where he is an active leader of the church's youth group and member of the youth choir.

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 2018 alone, 52,160 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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