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Pictured is Eagle Scout Creighton Wesley Wilson Williams.

Williams honored as Troop 50's 13th Eagle Scout

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On April 30, Boy Scout Troop 50 bestowed the Boy Scouts of America's highest rank during a ceremony honoring Creighton Wesley Wilson Williams. Williams is the troop's first Eagle Scout of 2017 and its 13th since its founding in 1912. He is the son of Wes Williams and Sara Doornbos of Auburn.

Williams previously served his troop as an assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, troop instructor, troop guide and senior patrol leader. He currently serves as the troop's junior assistant scoutmaster and will serve as senior patrol leader for the Chattahoochee Council's 2017 National Jamboree contingent. To date, he has

earned 26 merit badges and accrued more than 50 nights of camping, 100 hours of community service, 40 hiking and backpacking miles and 15 paddling miles. In 2016, he completed the Boy Scouts' National Youth Leadership Training, a six-day course equipping Scouts with leadership skills and experience applicable to both Scouting and personal situations.

For his Eagle Scout leadership service project, Williams and the volunteers he led accrued 182.5 volunteer hours enhancing the Auburn Celebration Grove at the city of Auburn's Kiesel Park. Together, they established a new

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trailhead and installed an informational kiosk. They also created a navigational system that includes new tree plinths and a corresponding web page listing the trees that comprise the Auburn Celebration Grove and those for which the trees are named, a dedicated geocache and new benches for relaxation and mediation.

In addition to receiving his Eagle Scout recognitions, Auburn City Council Mayor Pro Tem Ron Anders presented a proclamation from the city of Auburn de-

claring April 30 as “Creighton Wesley Wilson Williams Eagle Scout Day” in Auburn.

This summer, in addition to attending the National Boy Scout Jamboree at The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in West Virginia, which will attract more than 40,000 Scouts and leaders, he will participate in a 12-day backpacking expedition at Philmont Scout Ranch, the Boy Scouts’ largest national high-adventure base, which is located in Cimarron, New Mexico.

Since the first Eagle Scout was awarded in 1912, more than 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. Less than two percent of all Boy Scouts complete the requirements for the Eagle Scout 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.