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Pictured is Eagle Scout Nicholas Emil "Nick" van Zuk.

Zuk honored as Troop 50 Eagle Scout

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On Sunday, Aug. 12, Troop 50 bestowed the Boy Scouts of America's highest rank during a ceremony honoring new Eagle Scout Nicholas Emil "Nick" van Zuk. He is the son of Rose-Marie Zuk and the late Dr. Gary Zuk of Auburn. Zuk is the troop's youngest Eagle Scout.

After earning Cub Scouting's Arrow of Light, Zuk joined Troop 11 before later transferring to Troop 50 in 2015. Since then, he has served as patrol leader, assistant senior patrol

leader, senior patrol leader, lead instructor and currently junior assistant scoutmaster.

Through his Scouting participation, he has earned 39 merit badges to date, qualifying him for a bronze, gold and silver Eagle Palm at the time of his ceremony. He also has accrued more than 75 nights of camping, 100 hours of community service, 100 hiking and backpacking miles and 20 paddling miles.

Zuk received the troop's 2017 James J. Baird, Jr. Honor Scout Award; was inducted into the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's

national honor society; served as a youth counselor at Camp Half Moon at Camp Frank G. Lumpkin; and earned the BSA Mile Swim Award. He completed National Youth Leadership Training, an intensive, six-day leadership development program, which provides Scouts with leadership skills and experience applicable to both Scouting and other situations demanding leadership.

In addition to various troop-related outings and campouts,

