

# Troop 50's Stanford receives Eagle Scout rank

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Andrew Stanford, Boy Scout Troop 50's newest Eagle Scout and the son of Rob and Lysha Stanford of Auburn, was presented the Boy Scouts of America's highest rank at a ceremony on Nov. 1 at Auburn United Methodist Church. He is among the three Troop 50 Scouts to earn the Eagle Scout rank in 2015 and the eight who have earned their Eagle since the troop's founding in 2012. He also is a second-generation Eagle Scout; his father earned the Eagle Scout rank in 1993.

Stanford is a founding member of Troop 50, has served two terms as its senior patrol leader and received its inaugural James J. Baird Jr. Honor Scout Award earlier this year. Through his Scouting participation, he earned 25 merit badges and accrued more than 150 nights of camping and 120 miles hiking and backpacking. In 2011, he became a member of the Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouting's national honor society, 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.

His Eagle Scout leadership service project involved constructing an observation deck overlooking the creek at Pick Elementary School in Auburn. Teachers will use the space as an outdoor classroom for the school's science curriculum. Stanford's project accrued more than 160 volunteer hours from planning to completion, including the 40-plus hours he personally spent planning, leading and supervising the various stages of the project.

A senior at Auburn High School, Stanford is a member of the AHS marching band, as well as an active member of Auburn United Methodist Church's youth ministry programs and Elevate youth choir. He is employed part time with the City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Department as a recreation leader at the Wire Road Soccer Complex. After graduating high school this May, he anticipates attending Auburn University, where he plans to major in a communications field.

Troop 50 is chartered by the Auburn Rotary Club and meets each Monday at First Presbyterian Church in Auburn. For more information about the troop, visit [boyscout50.org](http://boyscout50.org).



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