

It is my pleasure to announce that **Nicholas Langley of T339 has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout!** Nick completed all requirements for scouting's highest rank on January 11, 2021 while also adding a bronze palm to his record.

Nick began scouting as a Cub Scout in first grade with Pack 335 in San Jose. He earned his Arrow of Light before bridging to Troop 339 in 2014. Nick regularly attends weekly troop meetings with a near perfect six-year attendance record.



As a young cub scout, Nick was given the honor to escort his cousin, Drew to the stage to receive his Eagle

rank from T339. That inspirational ceremony was the moment that he set the personal goal of achieving Eagle scout too. The Astronomy merit badge holds special meaning to him. It was the first badge he earned, and he felt like it was the first step on his own path to Eagle.



Nick joined the troop as a happy and reserved scout. He credits the program with helping him to communicate and interact more easily with others in person. The Eagle project was especially helpful in learning to type and receive emails with adults and businesses.

He embodies the scout law to be friendly and helpful. Nick treats everyone with respect and is known for his compassionate soul. Nick says he strives to “make someone smile when I can” and to be reverent is to “love everybody how they are”. This was evident when he was asked about the highlight of his time in scouting. He could have reflected on the ultimate Philmont scout trek but that was not top of mind. **His highlight was assisting another** scout who was very homesick at camp. He spent quiet time with him throughout the week and encouraged him to look forward to a special hike he had arranged. Nick convinced him to rise at 3am for a hike to see the sunrise from a mountain top on the last day of camp Emerald Bay. The smile he received that day and hearing the scout excitedly tell others about the hike is the scouting memory Nick cherishes.

Nick leads by example. He took initiative to create photo sharing for the troop and created many presentations. On the tasks that no one wants to do, he is the first to respond **“Why not? I’ll do it”**. While in troop 339, he served as Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader.

Nick’s other passion is baseball. He played four years at Leigh High School without conflicts with scouting. He is also active in his youth group at Meno Church, San Jose.



His contribution to his community was building a **tribute monument to Canine Officers**. The location is undisclosed until approved by SJPD when the pandemic subsides. His Eagle Project was ambitious and challenging to manage with few able to gather at one time.

He met the Eagle requirements earning 26 Merit Badges, camped 72 nights, hiked 299 miles, and worked more than 68 service hours outside his project. He also has earned a 50 Miler award, and the National Outdoor Award for Camping.

Nick plans to study engineering and continue playing baseball in college. He is remaining active as an adult in T339 and plans to give back by serving as an Assistant Scoutmaster while in college.

We are lucky to have him as an example of scouting's finest.

Nancy Smith
T339 Committee Chair