

I am pleased to announce that Jacob Forbes is now Troop 339's newest Eagle Scout. Jacob completed all requirements for scouting's highest rank on December 14, 2020.

Jacob began scouting as a Webelo I and earned his Arrow of Light before bridging to Troop 339 in 2013. He served in the leadership roles of Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader.

He met the Eagle requirements earning 22 Merit Badges, camped 70 nights, hiked 188 miles, and worked more than 38 service hours. He has earned the National Outdoor Award for Camping with a gold emblem. Jacob led scouts in building 30 dog beds for the San Jose Animal shelter for his Eagle Project.

Jacob took advantage of this high-adventure troop and earned his 50-miler award by circumnavigating Catalina Island in a canoe on a 5-day journey covering 53 miles in the water from the Emerald Bay base camp. He was also a member of the Philmont 2019 722T crew working together to take a 12-day trek covering 80 miles.

The Scout Motto of "Be Prepared" and Slogan "Do a Good Turn Daily" are things he strives to live every day." No matter how big or small the action is, I try to help someone at least once a day. I always strive to be as prepared as possible for any situation, so that I can handle whatever comes my way." he said.

For Jacob, the Citizen in the Community/Nation/World merit badges are very meaningful. He states "through these merit badges, I've learned how I can better my community and the importance of world politics. One of the first merit badges Jacob earned was first aid. That sparked his career interest, and he is now studying to become an EMT and will pursue a degree in nursing.

In addition to his scouting Jacob was active in his Youth Group at Gateway City Church, and Football, Wrestling and Radio Club at Pioneer High School. He served those organization in leadership and mentor-ship positions where the scout values of being helpful and kind were evident to those around him. Jacob is currently Wrestling for Cuesta Community College in his Freshman year.

Please join me in congratulating Jacob Forbes for his achievement of the Eagle Scout rank!

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