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# Eagle

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about the Boy Scouts and achieving the rank of Eagle. Caplins, district commissioner for the Western Shore District that covers St. Mary's and Calvert, is an Eagle Scout and frequently helps young men in his district work toward their Eagle badges.

Caplins said his Eagle project was planting 150 trees and building a staircase up a steep embankment at a church in Baltimore County where he grew up.

Eagle projects must be community-based and have to be approved by the organization, church or school that is selected for the project before a Boy Scout can begin to draw up plans to do the task, Caplins said. It's a difficult job that can take between 100 and 300 hours to achieve.

A Scout must earn 21 merit badges before he can work toward the Eagle badge, Caplins said. He must also serve six months in a troop leadership position, participate in a Scoutmaster conference and successfully complete an Eagle Scout board of review.

Eagle projects work every facet of a young man's leadership and academic abilities, Caplins said. The Scout must execute the project by himself with only some advice from his Scoutmaster.

"A Scout has to have drive, passion and a willingness to do what it takes," he said. "Eagle Scout projects are real-life activities and they're challenging. Some projects are very challenging. They require a lot of effort."

It doesn't stop there, however, Caplins said. When the project is finished, the organization must sign off on it and it has to be reviewed by the young man's Scoutmaster and district leaders before it is forwarded to the organization's national headquarters in Texas for approval.

Once the project is approved, the Scout receives the Eagle badge and ribbon, a plaque and a certificate during an Eagle Court of Honor ceremony that is held at a location selected by the Scout, Caplins said.

The Washington, D.C., area has a large number of Eagle Scouts because the region is ripe for growing leaders in commerce and politics, Caplins said.

"Eagle Scouts tend to become people who are leaders," he said. "There are more Eagle Scouts in the country today than there were in the past, partly because of the availability of the program. Scouting is a value-based organization and values are what young people are grasping for today."

"Kids are our future; they've got to fix the world that we screwed up," he added, laughing. "That's a great challenge."

Glenn Belmore, Scoutmaster for Troop 1321 in La Plata and the vice chairman of projects for the Zekiah District that encompasses Charles County, said he is an Eagle Scout, as is his son, Sean, his dad, Richard, and all of his brothers and most of his cousins.

Scouting is a family tradition, Belmore said, and it gives him great pleasure to guide young men toward achieving the Eagle rank. The whole Scouting experience is one that no young man should miss, he said. Some of the activities Scouts do regularly are camping, hiking, rock climbing, scuba diving, kayaking, orienteering and backpacking, along with learning survival skills such as cooking and first aid.

"They go out and have a great time," he said. "They learn something from it."

Scouts are never pushed to work toward their Eagle badges, Belmore said.

"Most know when they're

## A rare breed

Less than 5 percent of all Boy Scouts become Eagle Scouts, according to the National Eagle Scout Association in Irving, Texas.

Many of them went on to adult accomplishments, including:

- The late **Gerald Ford**, the first Eagle Scout to become president
- **Steven Spielberg**, film director
- **Wallace Stegner**, author
- **Bill Gates Sr.**, CEO of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the father of **Bill Gates**, chairman of the Microsoft Corp. and also an Eagle Scout

- **Neil Armstrong**, first astronaut to walk on the moon
- New York Mayor **Michael Bloomberg**
- **Mike Rowe**, host of "Dirty Jobs" television program
- **John Tesh**, recording artist and performer
- **Willie Banks**, Olympic athlete
- **Chan Gailey**, college and professional football coach
- **Michael Dukakis**, former governor of Massachusetts
- **Thomas Foley**, former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives

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ready to become an Eagle Scout," he said. "You don't have to tell them."

Belmore said that completed Eagle Scout projects are everywhere in Southern Maryland, from renovated parks and playgrounds to oyster restoration projects.

"Once they've done it they'll never forget it," he said. "And, it doesn't end there. They want to do more and give back to younger Scouts. It's an ongoing cycle."

Most young men continue in Scouting even when they go off to college and begin their careers, Belmore said.

"Once an Eagle Scout, always an Eagle Scout," he said. "They might think that it's over but it's not. It's about being the example that everyone else is an Eagle to set an example—and they do."

## Helping the homeless and terminally ill

Christopher Lawrence, 16, of Boy Scout Troop 1321 in La Plata decided to undertake a major renovation of the Stephen C. Starkey Memorial Playground at Angel's Watch Regional Shelter in Hughesville for his Eagle Scout project, which included trimming trees, spreading 26 tons of donated pea gravel and mulch, removing debris, having a local artist paint a mural on a wall and purchasing two park benches and a sandbox for the playground.

A school trip to tour the homeless shelter inspired him to fix up the playground, Lawrence said.

"I noticed the playground was in poor shape and my reaction was it really needs to be fixed up," he said.

Lawrence said he raised \$2,000 for the project by holding fundraisers and soliciting donations.

A culinary arts student at North Point High School in Waldorf, Lawrence said Boy Scouting has also helped him decide what he wants to do for the rest of his life.

"I got a merit badge in cooking," he said. "I want to be a chef. I'm going to go to culinary school after I graduate."

Evelyn Lawrence, Christopher's mother, is Troop 1321's Eagle Court of Honor coordinator. Scouting is a great steppingstone for youngsters in their journey to adulthood, she said.

"It teaches them skills that they will continue to use into adulthood," she said. "Chris has learned how to run a project, budget money and direct people. Scouting teaches you an awful lot of skills that you will need when you get a job."

Andrew Bennett, also a Boy Scout with Troop 1321, is working on an Eagle project to supply energy-efficient light bulbs to the hospice house that is going to be built in Waldorf. Bennett's project caught the attention of the La Plata Town Council and he was awarded a \$500 mini-grant from the town that is given to individuals and

groups who want to pursue an environmental project.

Bennett, 14, said he will use the money to help purchase the bulbs, adding that he is setting up booths at different events in the county and working with local businesses such as Mirant Mid-Atlantic to solicit funds for the effort.

Bennett said he will continue with Scouting after he graduates from high school.

"I'll come back to Troop 1321 whenever I can," he said.

"I've learned a lot from people who have come back. As an Eagle Scout I can help younger Scouts because I know what you've got to do to get the rank."

"Andrew is a good role model for the younger boys," said Margaret Bennett, his mother, who serves as assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 1321. "For a lot of boys, earning the Eagle rank is unattainable; a lot drop out of Scouts. When Andrew makes Eagle Scout it will show the younger boys that they can do it, too."

## Saving the environment

Calvin Davies, 14, is a Boy Scout with Troop 427 on Solomons Island in Calvert County. Growing up surrounded by water influenced Davies to do an oyster restoration

project along Mill Creek in his community in Drum Point, he said.

"I'm working with the Coastal Conservation Association," the Patuxent High School student said, adding that going for his Eagle badge is just a natural progression of his time spent in Scouting. "Eagle is the highest rank that I can get and I always want to do the best that I can do."

Davies said he began his project last summer and enlisted the permission of his neighbors to install and maintain 60 oyster cages on their property along the creek. Recently, Davies and his dad, Christopher Davies, pulled the cages from the water to inspect them.

Christopher Davies, also an Eagle Scout, is committee chairman for Troop 427.

"When I first put the cages [the oysters] were barely visible; they were just little specks," Calvin said. "Now they're two inches or so. Once they're fully grown I'm going to put them on a sanctuary reef in the creek."

The environmental aspect of the project really drew his interest, he said. "I've always been interested in improving the environment. I've grown up on the water. I live on Mill Creek and when I was looking for an Eagle project I saw this as a great opportunity."

"It's really a pretty amazing project," his dad said. "Calvin's learning a lot from it."

Brian Stroh, a Boy Scout with Troop 305 in Huntingtown, chose to replace a rickety foot bridge that leads visitors to a one-room schoolhouse at Christ Church Port Republic on Broomes Island Road.

"I decided to put in a new bridge because the old one kept washing away," the 15-year-old said, adding that Scouting has taught him a lot of things he will carry into adulthood. "Scouting is a great experience for kids. It teaches them all that they need to know in life. It's a bunch of fun."

Eagle projects must be done by the Scout with very little help from adults, said Eric Stroh, Brian's dad, who serves as the advancement chairman

for Troop 903.

"The Scout runs the project," he said. "Parents need to store back and sometimes that's difficult to do. A parent's job is to guide them to help the Scout focus on one thing at a time so the project doesn't get overwhelming. I've seen Brian mature quite a bit as he's gone through the process."

## Worthwhile endeavors

Andrew Morgan, 15, of Troop 413 in Lexington Park said he decided to perk up the welcome center at Historic St. Mary's City by renovating the deck for his Eagle project.

"The deck wasn't looking friendly and welcoming to visitors," he said. "I replaced the floor boards and a lot of nails." He also washed the deck and cleared away a wasp's nest.

Morgan said he is going to feel great when he receives his Eagle badge.

"I'm going to be really happy," he said. "I'm going to feel like I really accomplished something."

Travis Cannon, 17, of Troop 413, built shelves in a storage area of the new St. Mary's Hospice House in Calverley. The project is completed and he said he is preparing to submit his

paperwork for review.

"Folks at the hospice house did not have anywhere to store items," Cannon said. "They really needed shelving," he said. "They needed a hand. I decided that it would be a good Eagle project because I knew that the shelving would be there for a long time."

Scouting is the best way to teach young people good values, said Tammy Cannon, Travis' mom and assistant outdoor chairwoman for the troop.

"It teaches boys how to focus and interact with adults," she said. "It gives them job skills. I really believe in the values that Scouting instills in boys."

Boys who decide to stick with Scouting when they enter their teens are always glad that they did despite some ribbing they might receive from their pals, Travis Cannon said.

"All of the boys that I know who chose to stay in the Boy Scouts don't regret it at all," he said. "We've become really good buds and we have a really good time. Scouting has been one of the best experiences of my life. Not a lot of organizations offer you that kind of brotherhood."

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## NAVAL SUPPORT FACILITY INDIAN HEAD Invites PUBLIC COMMENT And Announces a PUBLIC MEETING ON THE PROPOSED REMEDIAL ACTION FOR the LAB AREA And SITE 36 - CLOSED LANDFILL Under The INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM

In accordance with the requirements of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980, the Naval Support Facility Indian Head (NSF-IH), Indian Head, Maryland, invites public comment on the proposed remedial action at Installation Restoration sites known as Lab Area and Site 36 - Closed Landfill. Public comment begins on April 12, 2010 and ends on May 12, 2010. Therefore, all comments must be postmarked no later than May 12, 2010.

A public meeting poster session will be held on April 15, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Head Senior Center, 100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head, MD, 20640, to discuss the proposed remedial action. To request a copy of the proposed plan for the Lab Area or Site 36, please contact Mr. Joe Rail of the Naval Facility Engineering Command Washington at (202) 685-3105.

The Lab Area consists of Sites 14, 15, 16, 49, 50, 53, 54, and 55; other buildings (Buildings 303, 304, 555, and 596); and the Welland Area. The proposed action is excavation, offsite disposal, and site restoration for surface soil at all sites and other buildings except Sites 14 and 49; excavation, offsite disposal, and site restoration for the Welland Area sediment; institutional controls for the subsurface soil (including sewer pipes) at all sites and other buildings except Sites 14 and 49; and no further action for surface water, groundwater, and Sites 14 and 49. In addition, institutional controls for the subsurface soil will be applied over the entire site boundary and five year reviews will be conducted.

The Site 36 - Closed Landfill is located in the western portion of Stump Neck Annex along Roach Road adjacent to Chickamuxen Creek. The landfill was used from 1972 to 1974 and has been inactive since that time. The proposed action is removal of debris, institutional controls in the form of land and groundwater use restrictions, monitoring, and five-year reviews.

Additional information on the Navy Installation Restoration Program and relevant environmental documents for the Lab Area and Site 36 can be found in the Information Repository at the following locations:

<p>Indian Head Town Hall 4195 Indian Head Hwy. Indian Head, MD 20640 (301) 743-5511</p> <p>Hours: Mon - Fri 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Charles County Public Library 2 Garrett Ave. La Plata, MD 20646-5959 (301) 934-9001 • (301) 670-3520</p> <p>Hours: Mon - Thurs 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fri and Sun 1-5 p.m. Sat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p>
<p>Naval Support Facility, Indian Head General Library Building 620 (The Crossroads) 4163 N. Jackson Rd., Indian Head, MD 20640-5117</p> <p>Hours: Mon - Wed 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thurs &amp; Fri 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sun 12 noon to 4 p.m.</p>	<p>Naval Support Activity South Potomac Attn: Public Affairs Officer, Code OOP 6509 Sampson Rd. Dahlgren, VA 22448-5108</p>

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