

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE EAGLE SCOUT RANK

THE FACT THAT A YOUTH IS AN EAGLE SCOUT has always carried with it a special significance, not only in Scouting, but also as they enter higher education, the military, and / or a career. The Eagle Scout Award is a performance-based achievement whose standards have been well maintained over the last 100 years in the United States of America.



TO EARN THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT, a youth must fulfill all requirements in the areas of leadership, personal service, and outdoor skills. To advance through the ranks of Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life, a Scout must pass specific tests that are organized by different requirements and various merit badges. Not every youth who joins a troop earns the Eagle Scout rank; only about five percent of all Scouts do so over their time within the program. Overall, this banquet represents more than one million youth who have earned the rank of Eagle Scout since 1911 (nationally) and 1922 (locally). Below are some of our local Eagle Scouts.



PIEDMONT COUNCIL EAGLE CLASS



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ANNUAL EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION BANQUET



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Catawba Valley Community College
Hickory, North Carolina

WHAT IS THE EAGLE BANQUET?

THE EAGLE BANQUET is held each year to recognize Scouts who have earned the rank of Eagle Scout. These Scouts come from the Piedmont Council, which encompasses eleven different counties in Western North Carolina. Each year, these Scouts only have one opportunity to attend an event that recognizes them for their leadership and personal service to their local communities.

PREPARING FOR THE EVENT

THE EAGLE BANQUET is organized by a committee of community leaders. Each of our Eagle Scouts is contacted by mail to invite them to attend the banquet, learn their career interest, and their future education plans. Then, the banquet committee meets to identify appropriate sponsors for each Eagle Scout. Sponsors are selected based on the career interest of each Eagle Scout. Each sponsor's fee covers the cost of dinner for the Eagle Scout, their Scoutmaster, and the sponsor. In addition, the sponsor's fee helps offset the cost of all recognition items and additional banquet expenses.

THE BANQUET PROGRAM

THE EAGLE SCOUTS and their sponsors will sit together at the banquet and enjoy dinner, where they will have the opportunity to discuss the Eagle Scout's chosen career interest, higher education plans, and / or other personal topics. During the program, the sponsor will have the opportunity to escort the Eagle Scout across the stage and present them with recognition. Recognition includes a special commemorative Centennial Eagle Scout neckerchief, slide, and patch. Also, sponsors will be featured in the banquet program and can be part of a group picture, taken at the close of the banquet, that may be ordered by the Eagle Scout, their family, and / or the sponsor.



WHAT ARE THE DUTIES OF AN EAGLE SPONSOR?

EACH EAGLE SCOUT will have a sponsor for the banquet who is a professional in the Eagle's chosen career interest, or a person the Eagle Scout has requested as their sponsor. The sponsor will:

- Contact the Eagle Scout before the dinner and confirm their attendance at the banquet.
- Attend the banquet and be seated with their Eagle Scout during the banquet.
- Present their Eagle Scout with a neckerchief and slide during an on-stage ceremony.
- Give permission to the Piedmont Council to list their name in the banquet program.



The Eagle Banquet is largest annual event held by the Piedmont Council.

- Also, in case of an emergency, if the sponsor is not able to attend the banquet, he/she is asked to contact the Piedmont Council immediately, so a substitute can be identified and secured to accompany the Eagle Scout at the banquet.

Overall, the sponsor will contribute \$75.00 to the banquet, which provides admission and dinner for the Eagle Scout, their Scoutmaster, and the sponsor themselves.

WHO IS INVITED TO THE BANQUET?

- Scouts who earned the rank of Eagle in the previous year.
- Individuals who served as the Scoutmaster of the Eagle Scout.
- Family members of the Eagle Scout.
- Eagle Scout career-based sponsors.