

Lucas S. Smith's Eagle Scout Court of Honor Celebrating the Journey to Eagle Scout and Beyond

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Lucas S. Smith began his Scouting journey with Troop 6747 and quickly became known for his dedication to learning, leadership, and service.

Through his time in Scouting, Lucas earned all 139 merit badges, seven Silver Palms, and one Gold Palm, along with several high-level awards, including the National Medal for Outdoor Achievement.

In addition to becoming an Eagle Scout, Lucas has participated in numerous activities and service projects, gaining valuable skills in camping, hiking, leadership, and community service.

Key Highlights:

- Date Joined Scouts BSA: September 10, 2012
- Eagle Scout Award Date: August 26, 2024
- Eagle Scout Service Project: Veteran Memories

- **National Medal for Outdoor Achievement:** The highest outdoor recognition in Scouting, reflecting Lucas's exceptional skills and leadership in outdoor activities.



Event Details:

Join Us to Celebrate Lucas S. Smith's Eagle Scout Achievement

The Eagle Scout Court of Honor is a formal ceremony in which Lucas is recognized for his many accomplishments in Scouting. Please join us for this special occasion at the Vista Optimist Club.

Date: October 23, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Location:

Vista Optimist Club

600 Optimist Way

Vista, CA 92081

Zoom Attendance Option:

For those unable to attend in person, we are pleased to offer a virtual option via Zoom.

Zoom Link:

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Main Text:

Throughout his scouting career, Lucas has accumulated an impressive array of achievements. In addition to earning all 139 merit badges, he has participated in numerous camping trips, service projects, and high-adventure activities.

Notable Camping Experiences:

- Carlsbad State Beach: 1 night, 2 days (June 2017)
- Rae Lakes Loop: 4 nights, 5 days (July 2019)
- Black Canyon Adventure: 3 nights, 4 days (February 2024)
- Total Camping Nights: 200 nights

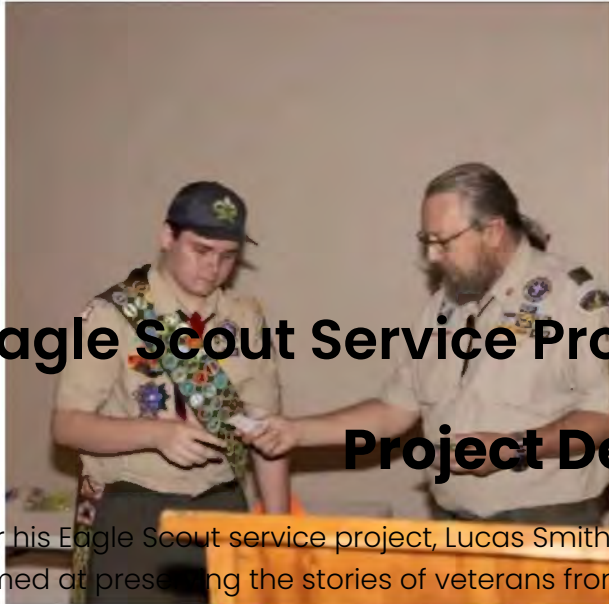
Hiking Adventures:

- Castle Rock: Midnight hike to see Perseid Meteor Shower, 3 miles hiked (July 2018)
- Henry Cowell State Park: First ever hike in Scouting Program, 5 miles hiked (May 2017)
- Rae Lakes Loop: Backpacking merit badge, 41 miles hiked (July 2019)
- Total Miles Hiked: 253 miles

Service Projects:

- LDS Temple Work: 4 hours of service (September 2022)
- Dr. Michael Benjamin Doctor's Office Volunteer Service: 3 hours of service (February 2018)
- Order of the Arrow Ordeal: 10 hours of service (May 2019)
- Total Service Hours: 208.5 hours





Eagle Scout Service Project: Veteran Memories

Project Description:

For his Eagle Scout service project, Lucas Smith led a remarkable effort titled **Veteran Memories**, aimed at preserving the stories of veterans from major global conflicts, including World Wars I & II, the Cold War, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and more recent conflicts such as the Iraq and Afghan Wars. Recognizing the urgency of documenting these veterans' experiences as they age, Lucas partnered with the Library of Congress's Veterans History Project to ensure that their voices and stories would not be lost to time.

Lucas aimed to collect 20 interviews with veterans through this project, capturing their unique perspectives and experiences. These stories were meticulously recorded and will be stored in the Library of Congress, where future generations can access them to learn about historical events directly from those who lived through them. The project also involved collecting memorabilia and letters that accompany the interviews.

Challenges and Execution:

Lucas's project faced several challenges, including coordinating interview schedules with veterans and ensuring that all interviews adhered to COVID-19 protocols. Despite logistical issues, the project transitioned from a mostly virtual plan to in-person interviews, including some conducted in restaurant settings, where noise and atmosphere presented additional challenges.

Scouts participating in the project were trained in interviewing techniques and equipment handling, allowing them to successfully capture veterans' stories. The final interviews were completed over multiple sessions, with Lucas ensuring that the stories were prepared and submitted for inclusion in the Veterans History Project.

Impact on the Beneficiary:

The **Veterans History Project**, a division of the Library of Congress, greatly benefited from Lucas's efforts. His project added 20 unique stories to the national archive, preserving first-hand accounts of important military operations and conflicts. These stories will be available for historians, students, and the general public, offering invaluable insights into the lives and sacrifices of those who served.

By leading this project, Lucas contributed significantly to ensuring that the voices of veterans will continue to inspire and educate future generations, honoring their service and providing a deeper understanding of history through personal narratives.



Awards Earned by Lucas S. Smith

1. National Medal for Outdoor Achievement

The highest outdoor recognition in Scouting, demonstrating Lucas's mastery in outdoor skills, camping, hiking, and leadership.

2. Eagle Palms:

- 7 Silver Palms and 1 Gold Palm

3. National Outdoor Awards:

Lucas earned multiple National Outdoor Awards, recognizing his achievements in various outdoor activities.

- Camping Badge with Gold and Silver Devices
- Hiking Badge with Gold and Silver Devices
- Aquatics Badge with Gold and Silver Devices
- Conservation Badge with Gold Device

4. Cyber Chip Award

For demonstrating knowledge of internet safety and responsible digital behavior.

5. On My Honor Award

Recognizing Lucas's commitment to faith and service.

6. Additional Prestigious Awards:

- Boardsailing BSA
- Den Chief Service Award
- Mile Swim BSA
- Paul Bunyan Woodsman Award
- BSA Standup Paddleboarding Award

- BSA World Conservation Award
- Complete Angler Award
- Whitewater Rafting BSA Award
- 50th Anniversary Environmental Protection Agency Award
- Recruiter Strip
- Leave No Trace Trainer Level 1

7. STEM and NOVA Awards:

Lucas has excelled in STEM-related fields, earning several NOVA and Supernova Awards, including:

- NOVA Award – Designed to Crunch
- NOVA Award – Let it Grow!
- NOVA Award – Shoot!
- NOVA Award – Whoosh!
- NOVA Award – Splash!
- Dr. Bernard Harris Supernova Award
- Thomas Edison Supernova Award

8. Order of the Arrow:

Lucas is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's national honor society.





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