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Troop 1184 Does It Again!



Tyler Bishop Simmons, son of Mr. & Mrs. Reginald Simmons, has earned the highest honor awarded by the Boy Scouting Program, the Eagle Scout. A special Court of Honor will be held on October 27, 2005 at St. Thomas United Methodist Church, where he will receive his award.

Earning the rank of Eagle Scout requires a great deal of perseverance and dedication to reaching a goal. It also requires a lot of work, including learning and using new information, practical skills, and leadership skills.

Working to reach a goal is nothing new to Tyler. He began his career in the Boy Scouts of America's Cub Scouting program. During his years as a Cub Scout and Webelo, he learned many things about himself, his family, his country, and the world he lives in, while earning Webelos Activity Pins along the way. When he had earned several pins, he attained the Webelos Rank. After a few more pins and other requirements, Tyler ended his Cub Scout career with the highest rank available to a Cub Scout—the **Arrow of Light Award**.

After bridging into Boy Scouts, Tyler followed a long and well-worn path,

one also walked by his brother Ryan, on his way to the Rank of Eagle Scout. He has held many positions of responsibility and earned many other honors. He served as Troop Guide of BSA 1184 from March 8, 2001 through March 21, 2002.

Tyler had to round up the volunteers and tools necessary to do the work, as well as coordinating the building effort and delivery of the benches to the school.

MERIT BADGES EARNED

REQUIRED:

Citizenship in the Community	Personal Management	Camping
Citizenship in the Nation	Communications	Swimming
Citizenship in the World	Family Life	First Aid
Environmental Science	Personal Fitness	Lifesaving

ELECTIVE:

Orienteering	Pioneering	Fishing	Geology
Basketry	Leatherwork	Fingerprinting	Art
Wood Carving	Canoeing		

During that time, Tyler was nominated to become a member of Boy Scouting's *Order of the Arrow*. He passed his "Ordeal" and was inducted into the OA in May of 2003.

In June of 2003, Tyler was awarded the **National Capital Area Council - Certificate of Merit** for assisting in the rescue of an injured skier at Ski Roundtop, Pennsylvania.

Tyler had to advance through the ranks learning new scout skills and leadership skills, each rank just a little bit more difficult than the last.

In addition, he has earned twenty-two merit badges—twelve required and ten elective—before being awarded the coveted Eagle Scout.

But that is not all. Tyler had to plan and carry out a service project for his community as well. For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Tyler directed a crew of Scouts who built benches for his school athletic fields.

The project was performed in April, 2004. As many as fifteen Scouts and adult Scouters came to assist Tyler with the building of the benches.

The new benches were immediately put to use by very grateful football and track team members. The football team was happy to have a place to sit, other than the mud.

Who knows? Maybe someday Tyler's children will get some use out of the benches!

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

Scout	Sept. 13, 2001
Tenderfoot	Sept. 13, 2001
Second Class	Oct. 18, 2001
First Class	Nov. 15, 2001
Star	July 18, 2001
Life	March 6, 2001
Eagle	June 15, 2005

