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## Local Scouts Honored at the 2024 Celebration of Scouting Event

Pensacola, FL - April 2, 2024 - Scouts ages 8 to 80 and their friends and family gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of over 100 outstanding individuals at the Gulf Coast Council, Boy Scouts of America Celebration of Scouting last month. The evening's festivities were centered around service and leadership, highlighting the Class of 2023 Eagle Scouts, various Scout-level project and leadership awards, and volunteers who go above and beyond.

The evening's keynote speaker, Rear Admiral Jeffrey Czerewko, spoke of the meaning, purpose, and support that Scouting not only gives his family but also serves as the catalyst to planting the seed and the roots of our next generation of leadership.

Local business leaders and Council Executive Board Members Gordon King, CEO of Okaloosa Gas, and Vince Mayfield, CEO of Bit-Wizards, spoke about how their time in Scouting affected their lives and careers.

*"As an Eagle Scout, you've not only mastered essential life skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, and self-discipline, but you've also exhibited a profound commitment to serving your community."*

**-Vince Mayfield, BSA Council Vice President**

*"The road to life ahead has many stops, turns, and crossings. Every time I face a struggle or a hard decision in my job, I think of the Scout Oath and the Scout Law and what would I do to make that decision, following the guidelines of those words."*

**-Gordon King, BSA Council President**

[Watch the event video recap here!](#)

View the full list of award winners and Class of 2023 Eagle Scouts below!

### Class of 2023 Eagle Scouts

#### TROOP 3 - CHRIS SAMS

NICHOLAS TYLER JENUS  
 LANDON JAMES KOVACH  
 EDWARD MYERS O'BRIEN  
 MATTHEW EVERETT RAYBOURN  
 NATHANAEL MOY RODRIGUEZ  
 WILLIAM EDWIN STROUPE  
 JARRETT RICHARD WEST

#### TROOP 10 - JOHN THORN

NOAH FRENCH DEGRAF  
 GABRIEL CHIA-LOH HUANG  
TROOP 31 - ANTHONY STARLING  
 AYDEN ELLIS BONNER  
 GABRIEL AMON CRAWFORD  
 JAMES JUDSON LEE

#### TROOP 39 - TED SPANGENBERG JR.

DOUGLAS BRAYDEN BROOKS  
 ALEJANDRO MIGUEL CORBIN  
 ANDREW DOMINIC GUEVARA  
 TYLER BOYD SPANGENBERG

#### TROOP 52 - MARK BAUGHMAN

KYLE PATRICK KELLY  
 JACK JAMES MCNUTT  
TROOP 106 - ROBIN DAUGHERTY  
 JON MATTHEW BERTSCH  
TROOP 157 - BILLY HARDIN  
 BILLY O HARDIN III  
 EMILIO M SALVADOR

#### TROOP 302 - JON MAHLER

EPHRAIM ANDREW BAZZEL  
TROOP 317 - RYAN OLIVE  
 DANIEL ALEXANDER COX  
 JACKSON ROSS SUMMERS  
TROOP 504 - JEFFREY JOURDAN  
 REEVE NELSON DWYER  
TROOP 525 -BYRON LANE  
 CHARLES CAREY NICK JR.  
 SHANE MICHAEL ODOM

#### TROOP 529 - CHRIS CUTLER

BRADLEY BUCKTHAL  
 SAMUEL THOMAS WRIGHT  
TROOP 529 - IAN WRIGHT  
 THOMAS NOBLE ROBERTS  
TROOP 532 - WILLIAM BELK  
 MAXWELL CHAPPELL  
 KELVIN LORA  
 TALON WOOD

#### TROOP 544 - JOE KENNEDY

ETHAN HENRY BRADLEY  
TROOP 553 - CHRIS JARVIS  
 RICHARD ZUNIGA COLE  
 ZACHERY ACE FREEMAN  
 THOMAS VINCENT HOFFMAN  
 GRIFFIN RICHARD WOODLEY

#### TROOP 562 - JOE DIDIER

BRAYDEN COGGIN  
 JUSTIN PATRICK DIDIER  
 LUCAS CARL ELLISON  
 COLTON SCOTT FARMER  
 MATTHEW NICHOLAS GAVRILASH  
 CHRISTIAN JENE INMAN  
 MICHAEL HAYDEN MCINTOSH

#### TROOP 321 - JOE WILBURN

MORGAN CHASE DESPARD  
TROOP 340 - RYAN RIPLEY  
 RILEY JAMES WALKER  
TROOP 356 - LEWIS HAGLER  
 STEVEN TYLOR FOGARTY

#### TROOP 400 - CHRIS UPTON

ANTHONY MARK THOMPSON  
 WILLIAM DENNIS WEBER III  
TROOP 401 - CHARLES SPENCE  
 JARED JARVIS AUSTIN

#### TROOP 409 - MARK WENZEL

STEWART ROBERTS  
TROOP 415 - J.G. HEIDENHEIMER  
 CARTER WELLS KILLINGSWORTH  
 GARRETT CHACE WIGGIN

#### TROOP 417 - RICHARD REDER

MATTHEW THOMAS BARRS  
 CONNELL JAMES BARTLING  
 MICHAEL CORCORAN II  
 JAMES BURRELL HEWETTE IV  
 SAMUEL JAMES LINKOUS  
 BLAKE EVAN WANGERIN

#### TROOP 427 - DAVID PAUL

KADEN LEE DAVIS  
TROOP 477 - SCOTT SANDFORT  
 SAM ELLIS DEAO  
TROOP 484 - TIM RODRIGUEZ  
 JOSEPH LEWIS ROBERTSON

#### TROOP 495 - SCOTT SATTERWHITE

DESMOND LEONARDO ANZALDO-SATTERWHITE  
 HENRY NICHOLAS FISHER  
 JOHNATHAN CLARK POLLITT  
 JAMES THOMAS REMINGTON

#### TROOP 602 - GREG PETERSON

BENJAMIN JAMES POLJAK  
 SPENCER LEE RADCLIFF JR.  
 JOSHUA LEE WESTBROOK  
TROOP 608 - STAN BABINSKI  
 ASHTON LUKE BABINSKI  
 CORBIN JAMES CASHIO  
 JUDE PATRICK STACKS

#### TROOP 628 - ROBERT CAREY

OWEN NATHANIEL GUILFORD  
TROOP 632 - TOBY CASTNER  
 ANDREW DALAN MOLES  
 COLETON J STANDIDER

#### TROOP 692 - MARK WENZEL

ADDISON BRENDTRO  
TROOP 773 - GORGE LANE  
 RILEY OWEN EUGENE  
 BARTON

#### TROOP 850 - MARK CANTRELL

TOREN GRAE WHITCOMB  
TROOP 401G - CHUCK SPENCE  
 KAITLYN GRACE BEERS  
TROOP 451G - PATRICIA DAWSON  
 JAIDE ANNE HOOD  
 BAILEY LYNN MCDONALD

### Award Winners

2023 Eagle Project of the Year - Justin Didier

Runner Up - Eagle Project of the Year - Bailey McDonald

Eagle Scout Honoree - Vince Mayfield

NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout - Wade Hartley and Bill Payne

#### Venturing Leadership Award

Eric Wehmeyer  
 Beth Wehmeyer  
 Kristen Chioma

#### Sea Scout Leadership Award

Clayton Dider  
 Buck Buckley

#### Popcorn Sales Awards

Top Kernel - Julie Stice  
 Top Popcorn Salesperson - Sean Denning  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up - Popcorn Sales - Bo Kinzer  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Runner Up - Popcorn Sales - Luke Kinzer  
 4<sup>th</sup> Runner Up - Sawyer Tremper

#### Spanish Trail Scout Reservation Task Force

#### Recognition

Wade Hartley  
 Jay Wallace  
 James Gary  
 Quin Gable  
 Gregg Jordan  
 George Pelfrey  
 Jonas Lewis  
 Sean Barrett  
 Alicia Bell  
 Mark Laughlin

#### Silver Beaver

Recipient  
 Mic Wehmeyer  
 Michelle Wright

#### Gulf Coast Council

Workhorse Award  
 Jay Wallace

#### Cook Apron

James Gary  
 George Pelfrey  
 Stan Babinski  
 Jaime Johnson  
 Chad Nelson

#### 20 Year Service Pin

Gregg Jordan  
Venturing Leadership

#### Award

Quin Gable

#### Staff Patch Recipient

Sara Lewis

Michael Lawhorne

#### Dumpster Fire Clock

#### Award

James Odom

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#### About Boy Scouts of America Gulf Coast Council

[Boy Scouts of America Gulf Coast Council](#) serves over 2,500 youth across eight counties in the Florida panhandle and three counties in Alabama. [Boy Scouts of America](#) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. The Scout Law states that a Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. The Scout Oath states, "On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."