



# GREATER NEW YORK COUNCILS

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

*Model Press Release for Scouts Earning the Eagle Rank*

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## **JOHN SMITH EARNS PRESTIGIOUS EAGLE SCOUT AWARD**

New York, NY (March 11, 2014) – On (date), John Smith of (neighborhood, e.g., Hollis) received his Eagle Scout designation at a Court of Honor conducted at (place). Friends, family and troop leaders attended the celebration, including his parents (name them). Insert here a quote from John about what this achievement means to him.

John, (age), a (senior/junior) at (school), is a member of Troop XX of the Greater New York Councils, Boy Scouts of America, led by (troop leaders' names here). During his Scouting career, he has (list highlights, including camping experience).

His Eagle Scout project was (describe).

John plans to enter (college/university) in the fall.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program. Since the first Boy Scout earned his Eagle award 100 years ago in 1912, the distinction has been earned by more than two million young men. Requirements include earning at least 21 merit badges and demonstrating ideals of service and leadership, including organizing and leading an extensive service project. Fewer than five percent of Boy Scouts nationwide attain this illustrious rank.

The Greater New York Councils, Boy Scouts of America provides a variety of youth development and camping programs that promote character, leadership and life skills to more than 45,000 New York City boys and girls, including more than 9,200 youth in disadvantaged communities. The Greater New York Councils works with nearly 4,500 adult volunteer leaders in conjunction with 800 partner organizations to teach young people the values and behaviors they need to succeed in life. More information on the Greater New York Councils can be found online at [www.bsa-gnyc.org](http://www.bsa-gnyc.org) or by contacting Joseph Schiltz, Council Spokesperson, at 212-651-3000 or [jschiltz@bsa-gnyc.org](mailto:jschiltz@bsa-gnyc.org).

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