

NEWS FROM BOY SCOUT TROOP 113  
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**BUTTERFLY GARDEN, BIRDHOUSES, KAYAK HOLDER AND CARE  
PACKAGES EARN BOY SCOUTS THEIR EAGLE “WINGS”  
Four Scouts from Troop 113 Achieve Eagle Rank Within the Past Four Months**

Four Boy Scouts from Troop 113, Franklin Township (Somerset County), all received the prestigious Eagle badge at separate courts of honor held over the past 4 months. The new Eagle Scouts are Richard J. (“Ricky”) Trent, William C. (“Will”) Carnevale, Tyler J. Bowman and Brian J. Golden. These 4 young men had started together as Tiger Cubs at age 6 and had gone through Cub Scouts and all the ranks of Boy Scouts together.

To qualify for Eagle rank, a Scout must advance through five other ranks, earn at least 21 merit badges and serve in troop leadership roles. Nationally, only 4 percent of all Boy Scouts soar to Eagle. However, 53 young men have achieved Eagle rank in Troop 113’s 44-year history. The troop is sponsored by Somerset Presbyterian Church

Before reaching his 18th birthday, an Eagle candidate also must plan and execute a service project, which is carried out with the assistance of other Scouts from the troop working under his leadership.

Ricky Trent’s Eagle project was the planning and construction of a butterfly garden in Marconi Park, which is located at the intersection of Easton Avenue and Kennedy Boulevard in Somerset. The park, which is maintained by the local Marconi Foundation, honors the memory of Guglielmo Marconi, inventor of the wireless telegraph. Marconi sent messages across the ocean from a base station that was situated near the park.

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Ricky is the son of Richard and Nancy Trent. On Ricky's accomplishment, Richard Trent remarked: "This was his mission . . . his journey. We left it up to him to decide whether to pursue it." Nancy Trent added, "Scouting has been a positive influence, and I'm very glad that he finished (as an Eagle Scout)," she said.

Ricky served Troop 113 as an assistant patrol leader, patrol leader and troop guide and as the troop's representative to the Order of the Arrow (a Scout honor society).

Will Carnevale's Eagle project was the repair of old bluebird houses and the construction of new ones in the Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park in Franklin Township. Will is the son of Douglas and Peita Carnevale. Regarding Will's achievement, his father remarked: "Scouting has helped Will be the person he is today." Will's mother commented: "We're very proud of Will. It's a great accomplishment."

Will was an assistant patrol leader and then a patrol leader with the troop. His patrol 3 times won the Baden-Powell Award (an award named for the founder of the Scouting movement, which recognizes a patrol's high level of participation in troop activities and service to the community.)

Tyler Bowman's Eagle project was the construction of a kayak holder (storage for 12 "fun yaks") at the Oak Spring Girl Scout Camp in Franklin Township. He is the son of James and Audra Bowman. James Bowman said, "Tyler was never shy or afraid to jump into any Scouting adventure." He thanked his son for "his willingness to try something new . . . and to lend a hand." Audra Bowman added, "There were some bumps along the road, but (Tyler) did it. . . (and was) as a role model for others."

Tyler served the troop as an assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, quartermaster, chaplain's aide and troop guide.

Brian Golden's Eagle project involved gathering personal items for care packages for U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. The project included managing collections at area supermarkets as well as obtaining donations from family, friends, members of Somerset Presbyterian Church and other members of the community. The Scouts packed 116 40-lb boxes, which were shipped overseas in the spring. Operation Jersey Cares, a nonprofit organization located in Raritan Borough, was the sponsor for this project.

Brian is the son of Paul and Debbie Golden. On Brian's accomplishment, his father remarked: "This is the culmination of a lot of years of working with the troop and with the other Eagle Scouts. You've all been a team," he said to the other Scouts at the court of honor, "and without you we wouldn't be here today." His mother said, "We're so proud of his project. Brian touched so many people with it."

Brian was an assistant patrol leader and then patrol leader for a patrol that won the Baden-Powell Award twice. Brian also served the troop as quartermaster, assistant senior patrol leader and finally senior patrol leader.

The highlight of their Scouting days, for all 4 Scouts, was the high-adventure hiking at the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. "It was an experience that I would not get anywhere else. It was fun of the highest intensity," said Ricky Trent. Tyler Bowman, who went to Philmont twice, called it "awesome." The Scouts also look back fondly on their scuba diving experience at Sea Base in the Florida Keys.

Ricky, Tyler and Brian all graduated recently from Franklin High School, while Will graduated from Bishop George Ahr High School in Edison. Ricky and Will both belonged to the National Honor Society and were Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars. Ricky plans to study the sciences at college next year.

Will won a \$5,000 music contract with the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey during its fifth annual Shouts Down Drugs concert in 2009. He plans to attend the University of Chicago and to study psychology and marketing. His goal is to own a recording studio and have his own label.

While in high school, Tyler was involved in Junior ROTC and football. He plans to attend Wilmington College in Ohio and to study athletic training.

Brian was on the high school swim team and is a lifeguard at a local swim club. He plans to attend Penn State and to study computer science.

At his court of honor Brian gave the younger Scouts in attendance some advice that he had once been given by another Eagle Scout from the troop: "Don't get Eagle unless you want it. But help the other Scouts, and do something good."

Resuming in September, Troop 113 will meet Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at Somerset Presbyterian Church, 100 Kennedy Boulevard, Somerset. More information can be obtained from the troop's Web site at [www.Troop113.com](http://www.Troop113.com).

## TROOP 113 EAGLE SCOUTS

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Photo 1: Smiling proudly are 3 of Boy Scout Troop 113's new Eagle Scouts. They are (from left to right) Tyler Bowman, Ricky Trent and Brian Golden. The troop is sponsored by Somerset Presbyterian Church.

Photo 2: Will Carnevale recently earned his Eagle badge, along with 3 other Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 113, Somerset.