

Advancement News



Distinguished Conservation Service Award

Aaron Grossman, an Eagle Scout with Troop 46 chartered by Matthews Presbyterian Church, has earned the BSA Distinguished Conservation Award. Since its inception in 2020, only 23 Scouts have earned this award nationwide, and Aaron is the first Scout in NC to earn the award.

The BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Award program encourages and recognizes Scouts who design, lead, and carry out conservation

projects that are based on sound scientific principles and practices. The project contributes to sound conservation and environmental improvement in the local community, the region, or the nation. The applicant is expected to research potential projects and to choose, with guidance from a conservation adviser, a worthy project.

Aaron worked with the organization Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina. His project was to restore to natural forest an abandoned agriculture field. Aaron had more than 42 volunteers involved giving back more than 323 hours of service.

The award, the most distinguished in Scouting for exceptional conservation service, is awarded for clearly outstanding efforts in planning, leadership, execution of plans, involvement of others, and opportunities taken to help others learn about natural resource conservation and environmental improvement.

Congratulations Aaron!