

BSA Troop 55
Old Colony District ~ Garden State Council
Pitman United Methodist Church
758 N Broadway Ave ~ Pitman NJ 08071



9 January 2014

Mr Peter Calvo, President
Glassboro Board of Education
560 Bowe Blvd
Glassboro NJ 08028-1399

Dear Mr. Calvo,

The members of Boy Scout Troop 55 proudly announce that, following an Eagle Board of Review, John Ryan Beck was found worthy of the rank of Eagle Scout. To present this award, an Eagle Scout Court of Honor will be held on Sunday, February 9, 2014, at 2:00 PM, in the Pitman United Methodist Church, 758 N Broadway Ave, Pitman. Your attendance would be an honor. However, if you cannot attend, we would appreciate a letter or certificate from you acknowledging John's achievement. It will be placed into a commemorative book to be presented to him during the ceremony.

The son of John Eric Beck & Jean Beck, John is also the brother of Jessica Beck. He is 15 years old and is a freshman at the Gloucester County Institute of Technology Business Academy. After graduation, he hopes to attend the US Naval Academy at Annapolis. John is very involved at school: Freshman Varsity Soccer team, Freshman Basketball team and DECA. He made the Principal's List 1st marking period. In 8th grade at Glassboro Intermediate School, his accomplishments included Principal's List 1st, 2nd, & 3rd marking periods, National Junior Honor Society, Senator-Student Government, trumpet-school concert band, 2012 South Jersey Soccer League Flight 5 Fall Champions, starter-school basketball team, Gloucester Co. Basketball League Senior Boys forward & co-captain, Student of the Month-September 2012, representative of the Glassboro school system at the Gloucester Co. 8th Grade Dialogue and more.

John's Eagle Scout project benefitted the Glassboro Canine Unit and other canine units nearby by building equipment necessary for training police dogs. This eliminated the need to go to PA, the next closest location, to train. John led a crew of 13 who put in a combined 137 hours. Six wooden 4' by 4' search boxes were constructed to be placed on a field in 2 rows of 3 boxes each. The boxes simulate doorways and are used in training the K9's to conduct building searches, a very important part of the training process. John's crew also painted the inside of a classroom used by the K9 handlers.

John is our troop's 66th Eagle Scout. The Eagle Scout rank, the highest in Scouting, is earned by only about 4% of all boys who enter Scouting - just two million Scouts from 1912-2009. Prospective Eagle Scouts must demonstrate both skills and leadership and must earn at least 21 merit badges (of which 13 are specifically required), as well as do an Eagle Scout project that is helpful to the community, a school or a religious institution. All Eagle Scout requirements must be completed before the Scout's 18th birthday. Eagle Scouts who are not yet 18 may continue achievement in the program by earning Merit Badges. For each five new badges, along with showing both leadership and Scout Spirit, an Eagle Scout is awarded an Eagle Palm. John has already earned his first Palm!

Thank you for taking time to help us recognize the achievements of Eagle Scout John Ryan Beck.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Ann Gohr".



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February 5, 2014

Ms. Mary Ann Gohr
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Re: Eagle Scout Court of Honor for John Ryan Beck

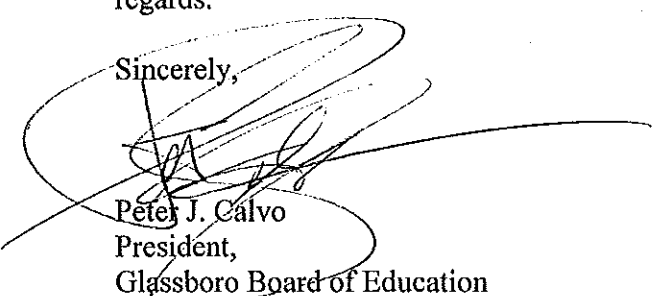
Dear Ms. Gohr:

On behalf of the Glassboro Board of Education, I would like to extend our congratulations to Mr. John Ryan Beck for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. As a community, we share in the pride of his accomplishments.

His achievements are a testament to his remarkable commitment and leadership skills, and place him among the members of a very distinguished group of Boy Scouts. His service to the community is a testament to his determination and demonstrates his ability to set high goals and work hard to accomplish them.

On behalf of the Glassboro Board of Education, we extend our best wishes to Mr. Beck as he continues his education and pursues admission to the U.S. Naval Academy. Please present Mr. Beck with the attached Certificate of Achievement during his Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony with our warmest regards.

Sincerely,



Peter J. Calvo
President,
Glassboro Board of Education

Attachment

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

AWARDED TO

John Ryan Beck

For demonstrating the skills and leadership abilities necessary to earn the rank of

Eagle Scout

While a member of Boy Scout Troop 55

Awarded this 9th day of February, 2014



Peter J. Calvo
President, Glassboro Board of Education