

# Eagle Scout Court of Honor

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Please be our Guest & Join us for an Eagle Scout Court of Honor  
"Double Header"

**Tomorrow night, Wednesday, January 27th 2016**

Celebrating the Milestone of

**Unificationist Boy Scout Troop 1212's 32nd & 33rd Eagle  
Scouts**

**See the Boys' outstanding Alec Hunter designed Pictogram  
and Bios Draft-attached**



**Achieving Eagle Scout**

# **Michael Kariuki Urban & Troy Hepler**

Please consider joining in the festivities and personally congratulating these two outstanding young men in this lifetime achievement.

After many years of challenging effort, these two wonderful young men now own Boy Scout's highest honor.

**Light Dinner and informal Reception**

**6:30-7:15pm**

**Program led by Senior Patrol Leader Luke Scazzero and**

**Assistant SPL Bobo Karimi**

**Multi Media Slide Show**

**7:15 - 8:00pm**

**Presentation of the Eagle Medals**

**Scoutmasters**

**James Abendroth & Jim Boothby**

**8:00pm**

**New Hope Academy, Multi-Purpose Room**

**7009 Varnum St., Landover Hills, MD 20784**

(Note: Although neither New Hope nor PG County will hold school on Wed, the NHA building *will* be open for the event.)



## Program

**Arrival** Reception

**Call to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**The Scout Oath and Law**

**Opening Prayer**

**Speaker** James Abendroth,  
*Assistant Scoutmaster, Eagle Scout*

**Special Remarks** Invited guests

**Slide Show** Troy Hepler and  
Michael Kariuki Urban

**Testimony** Troy Hepler

**Testimony** Michael Kariuki Urban

**Parent and Family Comments**  
Richard Urban and Alicia Newman

**Eagle Award Ceremony** Jim Boothby,  
*Scout Master, BSA Troop 1212*

**Closing Comments** Jim Boothby

**The Eagle Charge**

**Benediction** Conclude

## BSA Troop 1212

**Scout Master** Jim Boothby

**Senior Patrol Leader** Luke Scazzero

**Asst. Senior Patrol Leader** Bosoon Karemi

**Patrol Leader** Ryusei Taguchi **Ducks**

**Patrol Leader** Nathan Im **Herbs**

**Patrol Leader** Washin Hunter **Squids**

**Patrol Leader** Chris Krienbuehl **Toes**

**Quartermaster** Cheonnam Hunter

**Asst. Scout Master** James Abendroth

**Asst. Scout Master** Justin Cobb

**Asst. Scout Master** Paul Miller

**Troop Committee Chairman**

Daniel Krienbuehl

**Troop Committee** Concha Marchitelli,

Camilo Ramirez, Bob Abendroth, Ezra

Karimi, Kendall Frenche, Heikki Rissanen

# BSA Troop 1212 Eagle Court of Honor



Troy Hepler  
Michael Kariuki Urban

January 27, 2016

# Troy Hepler



## Reflections

One of my lifelong best friends, John Abendroth, is the reason I found Troop 1212. Every day from fourth to eighth grade, he would always tell me stories about his scouting experience. From killing and cooking chickens to hiking on Dolly Sods... they all sounded so fun and adventurous. But I was scared to join and didn't know what would happen. But at the start of my freshman year of high school, I meet another one of my



lifelong best friends; Danny Awang. He also knew John Abendroth, though at the time I didn't know he was in the troop. But John finally convinced me to join scouts our freshman year and I am so glad I did! When I got there I saw a whole bunch of faces that I recognized: Gabriel Marchitelli, Luke Scazzero, Robert Abendroth, and finally Danny Awang. Once I saw these great people, I knew that I would be accepted here, and thus my scouting adventures and journey began.

good challenge because we get tempted to give up in life. However, keeping a positive mentality can help us accomplish our goals when we might otherwise be tempted to give up. The second trip that I most enjoyed is the Assateague trip because it's a trip where you can relax with the dads and other scouts at the beach.

I developed my leadership abilities through being exemplary and helping other scouts that needed help on trips or even at scout meetings. I remember helping a younger scout carry his backpack while on the Shenandoah trip and it was through doing this that my leadership skills first showed. Even when we were cutting down bushes at the New Hope Academy School, I always tried to cut more so that others can follow and get motivated by me to cut more bushes.

Being a leader was one of the aspects of becoming an Eagle Scout that moved me because it made me get out of my comfort zone to do something that I couldn't have done otherwise. Meeting the deadlines and taking action moved me too and really taught me how to take responsibility for fulfilling what I have planned.

I will always remember what being an Eagle Scout takes and live my life based on that principal. This means to live for others,

be selfless and sacrifice. My experience of becoming an Eagle Scout will influence my future goals through helping others at all times and trying to be in their shoes. Examples of this are taking action to meet deadlines, being more responsible, understanding others

in this changing culture and being exemplary at school or college through participating in good causes that motivate others to be engaged.

The one thing that I learned from scouting is compassion. It was during the Shenandoah trip that my heart was really tested. While we were hiking a rocky and rugged hill, there was a younger scout in front of me and he seemed to be struggling with



his backpack. I was also struggling but I really felt in my heart that the younger scout in front of me needed some help with his backpack. I ended up carrying his backpack and mine while hiking the rocky uphill. Compassion is the one thing that I will carry in my life because I feel the urge to help others who are struggling. Mostly I feel that I have a mission to go back to East Africa and help educate people to fight hunger and poverty through agriculture and through the establishment of small businesses that will help sustain themselves and their families.

gave me a chance to help out other people that needed my help. Scout camp was also very enjoyable because it gave me a chance to learn something new about all of our scouts. Scout camp was a great learning experience for new skills, merit badges, and even leadership. As a leader, I made sure all of the scouts were happy, having fun, and were doing every experience they wanted to be doing.

### Development of Leadership Abilities

At the start of my scouting career I was pushed into the leadership core because of my age and character. At first I didn't know what to do, but as time went on I was able to learn how to be there for other people and how to lead them to a better life. I saw many people come and go in the troop and I was always learning new leadership styles from each and every one of them. One scout that I remember and feel as though he impacted my scouting life a lot is Kevin Kawasaki. Kevin always talked to me and asked me how I was doing. Every time I saw him it was like I felt comfortable and secure knowing he was there to help me. The way Kevin communicated with me made me want to always be encouraging and talk to my younger scout brothers and make them feel the same way I felt when I was with Kevin. There are a lot of other scouts that impacted my leadership abilities, but I feel that Kevin is the one that



made me realize that the little things we do for our scouting brothers really make the difference.

### Becoming an Eagle Scout

I believe that becoming an Eagle Scout will make people feel safer and secure knowing that I am capable of helping them. It also shows that I can do something despite the difficulty. As I make this final journey into adulthood, I see that becoming an Eagle Scout pushed me into becoming a hardworking man with the

ability to see things through to the end. It has encouraged me to do the right thing in everyday life, to follow the Scout Oath and Law, and to always keep my head on straight. In my future, I see me being able to achieve whatever I want, me leading people into the dark, and me helping anyone that needs it. Becom-

ing an Eagle Scout will let me achieve my dreams of helping other people by leading them with integrity, mindful of the scouting values, and strong in mind and body.

### A Life Lesson Taken From Scouting

If I can only take away one thing from scouting, it would be communicating with your team. I feel this is the best way to get something done, communicate and learn what the others want and see how they can help each other make it happen. With this one ability, we work together and can do anything we set our minds to.

# Michael Kariuki Urban



### Goals and Ambitions

happened to join scouts through the encouragement of my parents. Prior to joining Boy Scouts, I met some guys at the Family Federation church and they happened to be scouts from the Boy Scouts troop 1212. My parents thought that it would be a good idea if I joined. After having a conversation with my parents they decided to take to me to the scouts' meeting on a Wednesday. I was quite nervous and shy to meet new friends while at the meeting.

My initial goal was to make friends and connect with them since I hardly knew

anybody then. Before joining the troop, I already had some sense of what I was getting into since I knew that scouting has to do with having good morals and discipline.



I didn't really know much about becoming an Eagle Scout but somehow in my mind I knew that there's something more rewarding through scouting.

One thing I came to love about nature is having the attitude of gratitude towards God's creation. It was

through scouting that I fell in love with nature. I got so much into nature photography and most of my art is about nature, inspired



from my own pictures. God's creations are so beautiful and we shouldn't take them for granted. When it was my first time hiking through snow, winter had revealed its hidden beauty for me. The white snow that had fallen onto the pine trees created a serene feeling in the wilderness and it was through this that I gained motivation to hike faster like I've just begun hiking.

I remember during my first Dolly Sods trip when I had no idea what to expect on the hike. Snow was something very new for me and hiking through it was like walking on the clouds. The temperatures were definitely very cold but through this I gained faith. I believed that I could do it successfully and I did!. Having a positive attitude was something that I had to have in order to make it through the two-day trip. It was through this trip that I discovered my true self and my capabilities. I discovered that I can actually get the things that seem impossible done as long as I have faith. Even at school I ended up doing much better by the end of my junior year because of hard work and perseverance. I believed that I'm more than what the poor grades that I had recently earned

in my sophomore year indicated.

In my own interpretation, leadership is when you get out of your comfort zone and stand out among your fellow friends to do good. This has always been one of the most challenging areas through my scouting experience. I became most aware of this when I was doing my Eagle Scout project. My fellow scouts were helping me paint the trim of Kingdom Missionary Baptist Church, but the excessive socializing was a big challenge for me. They were doing a lot of socializing and less working and I saw this as a test to check my leadership skills. I told the boys to help me get the project done and to stop socializing. This was something that I wasn't comfortable doing. I didn't want my fellow scouts to see me as a bad person and that's when I realized that I was stepping up to be a leader.

I most enjoyed the Dolly Sods trips because not only were they physically tiring, but also mentally challenging. I remember hiking through a blizzard on three feet of snow and my body was contemplating on giving up as the mind kept telling me to endure and go. It was a conflict between the mind and the body but I found this to be a

## My Goal in joining Troop 1212

At first my goal in scouting was to go on adventures and make friends that I could always count on to be there for me. But as I participated more and more in the troop, I realized that I actually wanted to be a man that other people would look to for help. I wanted to be the type of man that people can rely on and trust. This troop was the perfect place to reach that goal.

## Discovering my true self

Scout camp of 2012 made me realize that I needed to step up and become the man I set out to be, to be reliable and responsible. This scout camp was my first scout camp as a regular scout and as a leader. I was my patrol's Assistant Patrol Leader and because our Patrol Leader couldn't come, I had to step up and become our Patrol Leader for that week. It pushed me to really look after my guys and try to make sure they are doing okay. After that week, I found that I enjoyed helping the other younger scouts, so I wanted to step up in the ranks of leadership. I discovered that I am a very capable leader. Through time, I discovered that helping these scouts have a good time really made me feel great! I

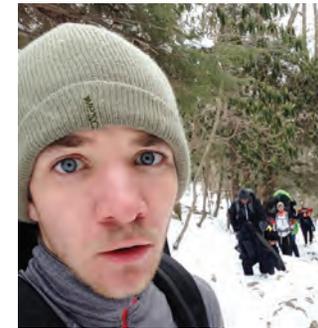
saw them grow and develop into great people and this is all that I wanted to see.

## Challenging areas of scouting

I have always had a hard time introducing myself to others, especially to



newer scouts and their parents. I always felt that I had to be on top of my game because if I said something wrong, we might lose a scout or might not be taken seriously. But as I grew in the troop, I found that being confident and being who you are will make people understand and respect you more than not doing anything at all.



## Enjoyable Trips

Being outdoors in nature is where I feel the most peace. The trips I loved to go on the most were Dolly Sods and Scout camp. I loved Dolly Sods because it was extremely difficult and really made you push yourself to your limits. It also