

DAWSON'S NEWEST EAGLE SCOUTS

DAWSON CHURCH TROOP 83



RILEY HOWERTON

CORBIN MEHRER



Riley Howerton achieved the rank of Eagle Scout at Dawson Church Troop 83 on January 13, 2022. Riley is the 4th generation of his family to receive this honor. Riley's leadership roles in the Troop included Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Historian, and Scribe. He has earned 25 merit badges, along with the God and Life medal. He also earned his Arrow of Light rank as a Cub Scout with Pack 1 at Vestavia Methodist. One of his many favorite memories is being named Top Shot at Summer Camp at Camp Comer.

For his Eagle Scout project, Riley designed and built a 4 element low ropes course at Camp Dawson with the help of fellow scouts and adult leaders. The 4 challenges are a spider web, boson chairs, traverse line and a 7-foot team wall. Existing trees were used to help the course blend into the environment. Careful planning and drilling were done to protect the health of the trees. Yards of rope and wire cable were strung and clamped for three of the elements. Concrete was poured around timbers for the wall and spider web. This course can be used for kids camps, team building, and to help build confidence before taking on the camp's high ropes.

Riley is in his Senior year as a homeschooler and member of Essential Church School. He is an active member of Dawson's Chapel Choir and holds the officer position of Tenor Section Leader.

Riley's parents are Bill and Cindy Howerton. He and his family are active members at Dawson.

Corbin Mehrer achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on January 13, 2022. Corbin began his scouting career as a Kindergartener. He earned the Arrow of Light as a Cub Scout. Since joining Troop 83, Corbin has earned 31 merit badges, and held numerous leadership positions including, Chaplain, Librarian, and Historian. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow, and has earned the Triple Crown, by participating in three high adventure trips through Scouting.

For Corbin's Eagle Scout project, he installed six bat houses at Camp McDowell. He raised the funds for the project and built the bat houses using a construction plan from the International Bat Association. He, along with family and fellow scouts, cut the bat houses from plywood. Corbin then hosted an assembly day where nearly a dozen scouts, from multiple troops, assembled the houses. During National Bat Week, Corbin and a small group of volunteers installed the houses in different locations around Camp McDowell. Camp McDowell is home to several species of bat, including some that are protected. These houses will help maintain the population and hopefully increase the number of bats present at the camp.

Corbin is a Senior at Vestavia Hills High School. He is a member of the VEX World Championship qualifying Robotics team and looks forward to attending the University of Alabama in Huntsville this fall.

His parents are Erin and Todd Hollifield, and Michael Mehrer. Corbin and his family attend All Saints Episcopal Church.