**EAGLE COURT OF HONOR**

**Proudly Presented by**

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 12**

**Minsi Trails Council**

**Boy Scouts of America**

**In Recognition of**

**EAGLE SCOUT**

**Kyle Francis Durfey**

**Saturday, November 14, 2009**

**2:00 P.M.**

**Asbury United Methodist Church**

**Allentown, Pennsylvania**

**Scoutmaster Committee Chair**

**Robert Durfey Apurva Gandhi**

**EAGLE COURT OF HONOR PROGRAM**

**TROOP ASSEMBLY** Color Guard

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** SPL Conner Reitz

**INVOCATION** Pastor Mindy

**WELCOME** <TBD>

**TRAIL TO EAGLE** <TBD>

**EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION** Troop Leadership

* Presentation of U.S. Flag

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

* Julie Harhart – State Representative, 183rd Legislative District
* Lisa Boscola – State Senator, 18th District
* Ed Hozza – Mayor of Whitehall Twp
* Rene Rodriguez, Commissioner - South Whitehall Twp
* Mr. Torres – Chartered Organization Representative
* Citations & Letters of Recognition - <TBD>

**GUEST SPEAKER** Mr. La Due

**A MESSAGE FROM THE SCOUTMASTER**

**EAGLE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** Kyle Durfey

**EAGLE SCOUT CHALLENGE** <TBD>

**BENEDICTION** Pastor Mindy

**RETIRE THE COLORS** Color Guard

**Join us for a light meal and refreshments in Fellowship Hall, located downstairs to celebrate Troop 12’s newest Eagle Scout Kyle Durfey.**

**Please be sure to write a message or sign your name on the picture board as a remembrance for Kyle.**

**Acknowledgements**

Kyle would like to thank all of the dedicated leaders, parents and volunteers that have helped him to reach the rank of Eagle Scout. Kyle would also like to thank all of the scouts or former scouts of Troop 12 who have made his time in scouting so enjoyable.

A special thank you to Bob Durfey, Dan Reitz, Karl Kramer, Greg and Beth Guth, Mike Dunmire, Ken Fink and Bob La Due for guiding him through Boy Scouts, to Larry Kacyon for his involvement in Kyle’s Cub Scout years, and his parents, Bob and Belinda, for their encouragement and support throughout his scouting journey.

**Special Thanks**

Erik Beltz - President of Fullerton Memorial Park Athletic Association for allowing me to do my project at Fullerton Legion Baseball Field.

Troop 12 - All of the support from the Scouts, Leaders, Committee Members, and Parents for the help throughout my project.

**Project Volunteers**

Mike Andrew Josh Bateman PJ Carfagno

TJ Cepek Austin Chappelear Belinda Durfey

Robert Durfey Tyler Durfey Vince Fazio

Andrew Fink Erin Fink Ken Fink

Megan Fink Ryan Fink Ajay Gandhi

Sachin Gandhi Jim Hein Tom Hein

Aaron Keglovitz Nate Keglovits Mike O’Boyle Jr.

Raaj Parekh Gregory Riola Paula Riola

Koyla Siperko Allen Umbenhauer Carol Umbenhauer

Eric Umbenhauer

**Project Donors**

Fullerton Playground Home Depot

Whitehall Township Mr. & Mrs. Durfey

**Scouting History of Kyle Durfey**

Kyle Francis Durfey entered scouting as a Wolf Cub in Pack 12 in September of 2001 at Asbury United Methodist Church. He continued with Pack 12 throughout the Cub Scout years and progressed along the Webelos trail, participating in many scouting events. A highlight was the annual Pinewood Derby.

Kyle became a Boy Scout in Troop 12 at Asbury United Methodist Church in March of 2004. As a scout in Troop 12, Michael participated in many trail hikes, troop campouts, District Camporees, summer camp programs, first aid meets, and service projects. He was also active in the troop fundraising events, especially the pancake breakfasts and popcorn fundraisers.

Kyle held a number of leadership positions, including assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, troop guide, den chief, assistant senior patrol leader , senior patrol leader, librarian, historian and quartermaster. Now, having attained the age of 17, he is an Junior Assistant Scout Master still assisting with the troop.

Kyle earned ## Merit badges: (\*required for Eagle):

Citizenship in the Community\* Family Life\* Personal Management\* Hiking\*

Citizenship in the Nation\* Communications\*

Citizenship in the World\* First Aid\* Camping\* Swimming\*

Environmental Science\* Personal Fitness\*

Canoeing Leatherwork

Fingerprinting Archery

Basket Weaving Sports

Wood Carving Camping

Indian Lore

Kyle’s Eagle Project consisted of a complete refurbishment of two large size baseball dugouts and storage shed at the Fullerton Memorial Playground in Whitehall – including new seating and benches for the Connie Mack and Legion baseball program.

One of Kyle’s favorite scouting memories was the adventure of traveling with a crew of 9 others to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico in the summer of 2007. This was a 12 day trip that entailed hiking for 10 days through the mountains of northern New Mexico for 80 miles reaching an elevation of 11,759 feet.

Kyle is a Junior at Whitehall High School. Kyle is a member of the Whitehall High School and Lehigh Valley Baseball Academy baseball teams. Kyle plans to attend college in the Fall of 2011 for a five year architecture program.

**History of Troop 12**

BSA Troop 12 was first founded in Allentown in 1927. It was chartered by the American Legion Herbert Paul Lentz Post #29 meeting at 457 Hamilton Street, Allentown. In 1946, Troop 12 moved to the YMCA at South Centre Square. In 1955, it moved to Asbury United Methodist Church at Hamilton and Jefferson. It was sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce until 1958 when Asbury became the sponsor. The troop stayed with the church after a fire destroyed the church in downtown Allentown. The troop moved to South Whitehall and continued until 1985 when it became dormant. It was rechartered in 1999 and has continued to provide a solid scouting program. Troop 12 is currently sponsored by Asbury’s United Methodist Men’s Group. Robert Durfey is Scoutmaster.

**BSA Troop 12 Eagle Scouts**

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| 1927 Von Curtis Person | 1977 Scott Brumbaugh |
| 1929 George Goundie | 1977 James Cressman |
| 1929 Roy Hoffman | 1977 Thomas Sweeney |
| 1929 Donald McGovern | 1977 James Weidner |
| 1952 William Donnolly | 1980 Brad Brumbaugh |
| 1953 William Barnett | 1980 John Weidner |
| 1956 Arthur Opplinger, Jr. | 1983 Stephen Gadomski |
| 1959 Ronald Bushner | 1983 Stephen Kuhns |
| 1959 Frederic B. Koch | 1983 Walter Risley III |
| 1962 Ronald Yost | 1999 Richard Kipp |
| 1967 John Fallat | 2002 Andrew Bench |
| 1969 Jim Samios | 2003 Ryan Halpin |
| 1970 Thomas Davis | 2003 Michael Hartranft |
| 1970 John Josephson | 2004 Andrew Kramer |
| 1971 Mark Menges | 2005 Daniel Marino-Meehan |
| 1971 David Roberts | 2005 Gregory Bringhurst |
| 1971 James Samois | 2006 Michael Teti |
| 1971 Craig Coleman | 2006 Vivek Ananthan |
| 1971 Thomas Weaber | 2006 Charles Horne |
| 1972 Michael Josephson | 2007 Henry Joseph Guth IV |
| 1972 Douglas Snyder | 2008 Michael Andrew |
| 1973 Kenneth Benson, Jr. | 2009 Raaj Parekh |
| 1973 Mark Booz | 2009 Miguel Alvarez |
| 1973 Robert Cowdrick | 2009 Evan Brown |
| 1973 Jonathan Davis | 2009 Kyle Durfey |
| 1973 Douglas Frank | 2009 Philip Riola |
| 1973 Michael Lucas |  |