



City of Sugar Hill
Proclamation
The Inaugural Class of Female Eagle Scouts

WHEREAS, in 2018 the organization now known as Scouts BSA, began allowing female members into their flagship programs. Today, there are now over 140,000 female members and the number grows every day.

WHEREAS, the highest award in Scouting, the Eagle Scout Award has been awarded for over 110 years, only 6 percent of men and women, about 2.5 million Scouts, have earned the award.

WHEREAS, to meet the requirement of an Eagle Scout, each young woman must earn 13 required merit badges, and at least 8 elective merit badges; manage a major service project; demonstrate a commitment to leadership, service, and community; and participate in an Eagle board of review.

WHEREAS, this year, the inaugural class of female eagle scouts, almost 1000 young women, was recognized and honored on February 8, 2021, the 111th birthday of the precursor organization – the Boy Scouts of America.

WHEREAS, today we honor 4 members of this inaugural class, Scouts that belong to Scout Troop 5109, chartered to Buford Presbyterian Church in Sugar Hill, who have each completed all requirements, and were examined by the Eagle Scout Board of Review which found them worthy of the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the Scouts BSA.

- Madison Burrell (daughter of Brandon and Christine), an 8th grader at North Gwinnett Middle School, earned 23 merit badges, provided 20 Mason Jar Bee houses at Gwinnett County Parks, and aspires to become a surgeon.
- Audrey Kenney (daughter of Stephen and Jennifer), a Freshman at North Gwinnett High School, earned 38 merit badges, built a hammock village at Epiphany Lutheran Church, and is looking towards a career in Pharmaceuticals.
- Lena Towne (daughter of Chris and Kim), a Sophomore at North Gwinnett High School, earned 30 merit badges, renovated the Sunday School Room at Epiphany Lutheran Church, and plans on a career in Pediatric Medicine, and;
- Sara Whittier (daughter of Bob and Teresa), a Senior at North Gwinnett High School, earned 29 merit badges, built 15 dog beds, and collected food and supplies for Planned Pethood, and is focused on a career in Environmental Science and Geology, and;

WHEREAS, each of these young women has made a lasting impact on their communities and are destined to do great things to further society; knowing that an Eagle Scout is much more than a medal or an award. It's an expectation and a lifestyle. It means that you're a role model to your community every day. Remember – "Once an Eagle, always an Eagle",

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council of Sugar Hill extend congratulations to each of these women, for their personal achievement, service, and inspiration to other Scouts to follow suit; and commend their accomplishment of achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

So proclaimed this day, February 28, 2021.

Steve Edwards, Mayor

Taylor Anderson, Mayor Pro Tem

Marc Cohen, Council Member

Nicholas Greene, Council Member

Brandon Hembree, Council Member

Susie Walker, Council Member