

Scouts and others with big stories.

ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT TO A WIN

Scouts Compete at Worlds

AIDAN EHRISMANN AND JOSHUA LI

Ages: Aidan, 16; Josh, 17

Hometowns: Aidan: Portland, Oregon; Josh: Lake Oswego, Ore.

Scout Ranks: Eagle Scout (Troop 117, Portland) and Life Scout (Troop 432, Lake Oswego)

Made Headlines: For competing at the 2021 World Rowing Beach Sprint Finals in Portugal.

The Scoop: Aidan and Josh made it to the quarterfinals in the junior men's double sculls. In their event, both rowers use two oars. One team member starts on the beach while the other waits in the boat at the water's edge. After the one on the beach sprints to the boat and hops in, they begin rowing in the ocean. The course is a slalom, meaning racers must zigzag through markers. A buoy 250 meters out signifies the course's halfway point, where racers do a U-turn back to shore and the other team member races to the finish line on the beach.

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Eagle Scout Finds Nonprofit



EVAN NIELD

Age: 18

Home: Virginia Beach, Virginia

Scout Rank: Eagle Scout (Lone Scout, Tidewater Council)

Made Headlines: For being named a national honoree by the 2021 Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes.

Made Headlines: The Barron Prize selects 25 outstanding young leaders for their positive contributions to community and the environment. Evan founded the nonprofit Planting Shade to promote tree planting worldwide. He has led students in planting nearly 7,000 trees in several states, as well as in Israel and Costa Rica, and has established six chapters of his nonprofit in other states and countries, including Australia. Evan's Eagle Scout project is a continuation of his Barron Prize efforts.

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ISABELLA TUNNEY

Age: 17

Hometown: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Scout Rank: Eagle Scout (Troop 384, Minneapolis)

Made Headlines: For self-publishing a book, *Bella the BSA Scout Blazes a New Trail: The Journey of One of the First Female Eagle Scouts*. Part of the book's proceeds are being donated to Simpson Housing Services, where Isabella did her Eagle Scout project. Isabella also earned all 137 merit badges.



AARON KOPP

Age: 17

Hometown: Alexandria, Virginia

Scout Rank: Life Scout (Troop 1509, Alexandria)

Made Headlines: By competing in the 2021 National Catholic Forensic League Grand National Debate Tournament, where he placed 12th. Aaron acts as his high school's debate team captain and has been a member of the team for four years.



HENRY SMITH

Age: 14

Hometown: State College, Pennsylvania

Scout Rank: Life Scout (Troop 31, State College)

Made Headlines: For competing at the 2021 USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships in the 13-14 Boys Javelin event. Henry placed seventh with a throw of 135 feet, 1 inch. He was also named the 2021 USATF Youth Athlete of the Year in the age 13-14 category.

