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Eagle Scout Candidate Takes His Oath at Heron Lake State Park *Congratulations, Christopher James Anderson!*

LOS OJOS, NM – The New Mexico State Parks Division congratulates Christopher James Anderson of Chama, New Mexico, for being worthy of the rank of Eagle Scout. Christopher will take the Oath of Eagle Scout at a ceremony at Heron Lake State Park Visitor Center on Saturday, March 31, at 6:00 p.m.

“Congratulations, Christopher James Anderson, for earning the rank of Eagle Scout,” said Director Tommy Mutz. “You’ve achieved scouting’s highest award and are an example of fine leadership in your community.”

Christopher Anderson worked with park staff to design a representation of the solar system as part of his Eagle Scout project. The solar system replica is located along the East Meadow trail and will be an important part of the park’s *Night Sky Program*. Christopher held a series of fundraisers to purchase the necessary materials, and worked diligently to design, cut, weld, and build the project.

“Christopher Anderson has volunteered numerous hours as a Friend of Heron Lake and El Vado Lake state parks,” said Anthony Marquez, Heron Lake State Park Superintendent. “We congratulate him on his Eagle Scout award and thank him for his service to our parks.”

Many of New Mexico’s state parks host numerous Boy and Girl Scout outings every summer. Scouters camp out, earn many of their merit badges, and participate in specialized trainings. In return for hosting these outings, the New Mexico State Parks Division receives volunteer hours from each scouting group. These may include shoreline and campground trash clean-up, spreading gravel in campsites, erosion control on trails, tree planting, and numerous other projects.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America; the title of Eagle Scout is held for life. Since its introduction in 1911, the Eagle Scout rank has been earned by more than two million young men. Requirements include earning at least 21 merit badges and demonstrating Scout Spirit through the Boy Scout Oath and Law, service, and leadership. This includes an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages.

[Heron Lake State Park](#) is located 11 miles west of Tierra Amarilla via US highways 64 and 84 and NM 95.

The New Mexico State Parks Division manages 35 diverse parks across the state with recreational opportunities, special events and educational programs. For more information on New Mexico State Park seasonal area closures, visit us on the Internet at www.nmparks.com, or telephone us toll free at 1-888-NMPARKS (888.667.2757).



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