## **Eagle Scout Fundraiser For Austin Clark**

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2021 Belleview High School AICE & High Honors graduate, Austin Clark prepared for his Eagle Scout Merit Badge by holding a project fundraiser at the Ocala Moose Lodge on Sunday, June 6.

This event was held to help Austin raise funds to beautify the landscaping of Belleview Masonic Lodge #95, located at 5871 SE Baseline Road where Austin's family, including his grandparents Steve and Marcia Whaley, have been longtime members and supporters.

Austin's event held music by Richie South, Basket Raffles, a Bake Sale and a 50/50 raffle which boasted

a good profit for the cause. Austin's parents had this to say, "We just wanted to thank everyone for the support, for all the donations and for all the help. Thanks to everyone's support, Austin was able to raise all the funds he needed and then some. Thank you all so much, it is truly appreciated".







On Left:

Proud Dad, Clinton Clark grills up the hamburgers and hot dogs for his son's Eagle Project.



The Eagle Scout rank shows that a Scout embodies Scout BSA qualities of trustworthiness, loyalty, helpfulness, friendliness, courteousness, kindness, obedience, cheerfulness, thriftiness, bravery, cleanliness, and reverence. Eagle Scouts embody the Scout Law and that makes them a person of strong character. These traits will help them in everything they do, from being a partner to a parent and an employee to a community leader.

Eagle Scouts value perseverance, discipline, motivation, leadership, accountability, and achievement. And those lead to tangible benefits such as:

- College Admissions
- Scholarships
- Military Rank
- Career

Earning the rank of Eagle Scout can open employment doors throughout life. It is often the only high school accomplishment that applicants list on a resume regardless of age.



Proud Mom, Monique Clark helps Austin prepare the meal for his event.



From Left: Michelle, Mindy, and Mazie selling raffle and 50/50 tickets.

