

**Alex Gavenda**  
On the Trail to Eagle

Alex has earned 32 merit badges (21 are required for Eagle). Alex's Eagle Project was to install landscaping and repair work to the grounds at the Pond Athletic Field. His pictures presented to his Eagle Board of Review of the before and after effect of his project were dramatic.

Alex is a Sophomore at Lafayette High School and active in the Latin Club and the Junior Varsity baseball team. Last year, he spent two weeks in Japan playing baseball as a member of the Pond Panthers. During the summers, he teaches PSR to third graders at the St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church. Three years ago, Alex transferred to Troop 677 from Troop 567 sponsored by the Green Pines Elementary School.

Alex is a second generation Eagle Scout. His father, Bill, earned his Eagle in 1961. His mother, Christine, has been a steady supporter of Alex's path to Eagle.

Alex is the 89th Eagle Scout in our Troop (the first was in 1973), and he is the 14th Eagle Scout since September 2000.

**Eagle Scout Alex Gavenda**  
**Is Junior Varsity Pitcher for Lafayette High School**

Eagle Scout Alex Gavenda is a Junior Varsity pitcher for the Lafayette High School Baseball team. As a member of this team, he will play 20 to 30 games from the first of April to the end of school depending on the weather. He will play against teams from the Parkway schools, Rockwood Summit, Eureka, and Marquette.

Baseball has always been a keen interest of Alex's. In 2000, he went to Japan to play baseball as a member of the Pond Panthers.

Alex's Eagle Scout project involved baseball as well – the installation of landscaping and repair work to the grounds at the Pond Athletic Field. His pictures presented to his Eagle Board of Review of the before and after effect of his project were dramatic.

Alex earned his Eagle from Troop 677 on September 25, 2002 – our 90<sup>th</sup> Eagle Scout.

Alex is a Sophomore at Lafayette High School and active in the Latin Club. Since January of this year, he has been a member of the Lafayette High School team designing and building a robot which won first place against 55 high school

teams from across the Midwest at the Regional Contest held in St. Charles. His father, Bill Gavenda, is also an Eagle Scout, former Scoutmaster, and was a key engineering advisor for the design and construction of the robot. During the summers, Alex has taught PSR to third graders at the St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church.