

Alex Mace
Trail to Eagle Scout

On September 5, 2007, Alex became the 113th Eagle Scout in Troop 677. This continues the tradition established by his grandfather Les Mace, his father Steve and his brother Andy – three generations of Eagles.

Alex has served as Patrol Leader, Troop Guide and Den Chief. He attended several summer camps and is a member of the Order of the Arrow.

He spent a week last summer at the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base in the Sea Exploring program. Alex and fellow Scout Tim Ritts (along with Alex's dad) spent six days on an 85-foot ketch-rigged sloop – sailing, snorkeling, fishing and “chillin’.”

Alex's Eagle Scout Service Project consisted of leading the construction of three cedar benches placed outside the entrance of the Wildwood YMCA. This required many hours of planning, meetings and labor (in the hot August sun). The bench design included a flower box on each end, to further enhance the appearance of the Y.

He is a junior at Lafayette High School and serves as Junior Class President. He has played Lancers soccer and volleyball and plays trumpet in the band. He is a member of several leadership organizations – Renaissance Steering Committee, National Honor Society, FOCUS St. Louis leadership forum, C-520, Outdoor Skills Education Program (OSEP), Student Council (STUCO), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and Amnesty International. As a sophomore, Alex received the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Award (HOBY) and attended the HOBY State Conference this summer.

Alex's faith is very important to him and he is active in the youth group at First Baptist Church of Ellisville. He has attended numerous summer camps and retreats, including participating in volunteer construction projects in both New Orleans and rural North Carolina with the World Changers organization. He traveled to Romania on a mission trip last summer to help conduct a Vacation Bible School and youth events. He plays guitar and sings with the student praise band. Ultimate Frisbee is a favorite pastime with his friends.

He enjoys many outdoor activities, including camping, canoeing or rafting, mountain biking (with some serious air time), SCUBA diving, surfing and hunting. His favorite magazines include *National Geographic Adventure*, *Surf* and *Outdoor*, and he likes to hang out at the REI store.

Alex wants to offer a special word of thanks to all the dedicated Scout leaders who gave of themselves to make this achievement possible. Alex also wants to apologize to Ms. Miriam Love for the late-night phone calls and to thank her for all of her support.

Steve and Debbie Mace are Alex's proud parents. His brother Andy is a junior at Texas Christian University and a Finance major. His twin sister Ashley is also very active in both school and church and recently received Girl Scouting's highest rank - the Gold Award.

You can send your congratulations to Alex at maceman86@gmail.com

Now Alex can fly with the rest of the Eagle Scouts.