

Andy Ritts On the Trail to Eagle

On November 28, 2001, Andy Ritts earned the rank of Eagle. His love of Scouting and the outdoor program has remained with Andy from his early Tiger days through his current life as a senior at Lafayette High School.

At the Lafayette High School, where Andy is a senior, he has been active in theater working the lights and sound systems. For three years, he has been active on the volleyball team earning a freshman letter and two Junior Varsity letters. His fourth year on the team begins shortly. Andy has also been active in the Spanish Club, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Brothers and Sisters in Christ. His favorite subjects are math, science, physics, and chemistry.

Andy is planning to attend the University of Missouri next September.

In Scouting, Andy began as a Tiger Cub, achieved his Webelos rank and crossed over to Troop 677. In the Troop, he has been an Assistant Patrol Leader, a Patrol Leader, a Quartermaster, and Grubmaster. Andy has attended seven summer camps beginning with Swift in 1995. He has been to Philmont and the Northern Tier, visited the Yorktown, and Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama. He has earned the God and Country Award.

Andy enjoys camping, cooking, campfires, and the outdoor program of Scouting. He feels he has learned the most from Scouting about outdoor skills and survival.

Andy is a member of the Ellisville Methodist Church where he is a member of the Youth Group and has served on the Leadership Committee. He has been active in the Youth Choir since he was in the seventh grade. For the last two years, he has played the guitar on the church choir. The choir has gone on four tours including Chicago and Texas. He has worked on the volunteer projects sponsored by the Church at Kingdom House (an inner city facility for children) and Epworth (a permanent home for children).

Andy's special interests include card games and playing the guitar.

Andy's mother, Dot, has been active in Scouting for over 14 years. His father, Jim, is Wood Badge trained and serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster of the Troop. His brother, Matt, is an Eagle Scout. His younger brother, Tim, is crossing over from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts this year.

Andy is the eleventh Eagle Scout in the Troop this year, and now flies with the rest of the Eagles.