

## **Derek Goltz**

### **On the Trail to Eagle**

Derek Goltz earned his Eagle Award on June 6. His trail to Eagle has been a lot of fun and adventuresome. His top three Scouting events are: Philmont, four summer camps, and working on his Eagle project.

Derek began his Trail to Eagle in Tiger Cubs. In Pack 287 in Maryland, he earned his Arrow of Light and his Religious Award. He bridged over to Troop 274 in Maryland where he achieved the rank of Second Class before moving to St. Louis and joining Troop 677. While in Maryland, his troop camped every month and had a high focus on merit badges and advancement. He attended camp at Camp Minsi in northern Pennsylvania. Troop 274's adult leaders were either active in the Marine Corp or were ex-Marines, so the troop had somewhat of a military atmosphere.

In Troop 677, Derek has been to four summer camps: Swift, Sakima, Famous Eagle, and a second time to Swift. In 2000, Derek and his father, David Goltz, went to Philmont. Both now wear the distinctive Philmont patch with the red border signifying a Philmont trek in the year 2000. Derek was a crew leader on the Philmont trek.

Derek's leadership positions include Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Librarian, and Troop Guide.

Derek says that from Scouting, he has learned patience in dealing with people, and the important of treating people fairly.

Derek's Eagle Scout project was to create an interactive water display and movement using plastic pipes and pumps for the Magic House.

A member of the Order of Arrow, Derek is working to achieve Brotherhood. He also attended Junior Leader Training Camp (JLTC).

Derek will be a sophomore at Marquette High School in August. He has been active in the marching band and the pep band where he plays oboe, percussion (drums), and guitar. His favorite subjects in school are German and science.

Derek attends church each week. His special interests are building radio controlled model cars, music, mountain biking, and golfing.

Derek's father is an Eagle Scout, making Derek a second generation Eagle Scout in his family. Derek's Mom, Darlene, has been active in Troop 677 with the Troop Committee and has attended all four of Derek's summer camps as an adult leader. David and Darlene publish the Troop 677 Newsletter. Derek's sister, Deirdre is eighteen years old and will be attending George Washington

University this fall. She earned the Gold Award in Girl Scouts, the equivalent of the Eagle Scout Award. Derek helped his sister with her Gold Award Project, similar to the Eagle Scout project.

Derek now flies with the Eagles, something that he is very proud of.