

## **JP Bornholdt Trail to Eagle**

On November 27, 2002, the evening before Thanksgiving, JP Bornholdt earned his Eagle. He appeared before the New Horizons District Eagle Board of Review consisting of three adults from across the District. Accompanying JP to this review was Unit Commissioner Cliff Weeks who also served as JP's adult advisor on his Eagle Scout project, and Assistant Scoutmaster for Life to Eagle, Barry Bingham. After a 25 minute review of JP's Eagle project and a discussion of his accomplishments and his commitment to be an Eagle, the Board invited JP's mother, father, and brother into the room to announce that JP was an Eagle Scout.

JP is a senior at Lafayette High School and has earned a 4.1 cumulative grade point average. He is a Missouri Bright Flight Scholar because he scored a 30 or higher on the national ACT college entrance exams. He has been active in water polo and swimming for four years. On the swimming team, JP was a state qualifier in the 500 free style for the past three years. JP was selected by the faculty in his Sophomore year to be a member of the Outdoor Skills Education Program (OSEP). This program was designed and is run by Dr. Dan Edwards, Principal of Lafayette High School. JP has been active in OSEP for three years. He is also a member of the Committee of 520, a larger version of OSEP. He is a member of the Renaissance Steering Committee, and in his junior year was active in Mu Alpha Theta (the honorary math society) as a tutor. He was in the scholar quiz bowl his junior year. His favorite subjects are history, art, psychology, and anthropology.

JP plans to study architecture in college, and has been accepted by the University of Kansas, home to one of the nation's top architecture schools. Another Eagle Scout from Troop 677, Dan Putcamp, is a recent graduate of the UK School of Architecture. JP is also considering Washington University and the University of Chicago.

JP has volunteered for the Habitat for Humanity building houses in the inner city.

JP began his Scouting career as a Tiger Cub in Pack 567 and earned his Webelos. He crossed over to Troop 677 along with a fellow den member, Eagle Scout Mike Ronzio. JP served as a patrol leader, ASPL, and Troop Guide. He enjoyed the Northern Tier trip with his father in 1999. He may be able to attend Sea Base in the summer of 2003 with his brother Andrew who is active in the Navy Sea Cadets. JP is a member of the Order of the Arrow holding the Brotherhood level. He served four years on an Order of the Arrow Ordeal ceremonial team with Eagle Scout Brian Klesh, Eagle Scout Luke Sapp, and Life Scout (soon to be Eagle) Aaron Hartmann. JP attended Junior Leader Training Camp (JLTC) after his seventh grade.

JP's Eagle Scout project involved over 200 manhours to build steps on a steep and difficult part of the Rockwood Trail in west St. Louis County.

JP's father has a Phd in Engineering and works for Boeing as an Engineer Scientist on the company's phantom works. His mom, Lisa, works for State Farm Insurance. His brother, Andrew, is in the eighth grade.

JP's special interests include camping, kayaking, and his girlfriend, Paige.

Now JP can fly with the Eagles for the rest of his life.