

Jason D'Harlinque On the Trail to Eagle

Jason D'Harlinque was presented his Eagle award on November 9 at a National Eagle Scout Court of Honor held at Sverdrup Lodge on the Beaumont Scout Reservation. Attending the Court of Honor for Jason were his parents, grandfather, family members, friends, and Troop 677 who were at their monthly campout in the nearby Lane Campsite. Master of Ceremonies was Barry Bingham.

Introducing Jason to those present was his grandfather, Joe Kupferer. Mr. Kupferer has been active in Scouting for over 20 years serving as a Cub Master and Scoutmaster. He completed his Wood Badge training in the mid-1970s. His daughter, Vicki Kupferer D'Harlinque is the mother of Jason. Vicki completed her Wood Badge training in 1996. Jason's father, Mike, completed his Wood Badge training in 1996. Standing in front of the crowd, therefore, were three generations of Scouts. Mr. Kupferer said it was an honor to see his grandson receive his Eagle, and to be a part of the ceremony.

Jason became a Tiger Cub in 1992 in Pack 603. He earned his Arrow of Light before crossing over to Troop 677 in May of 1996. While in the troop, Jason served as a Patrol Leader and Quartermaster. He became a member of Crew 9395 in April 1999 and became President of the crew. He earned his Eagle on June 6, 2002 when he appeared before the New Horizons' District Eagle Board of Review. His Eagle project was to build mating boxes for the Wolf Sanctuary near Beaumont.

Jason is graduating from Lafayette High School in May, 2003. He also attends the South County Technical High School studying auto mechanics.

Jason's original patrol at the time of his crossover in 1996 has a unique distinction: three of the Scouts are Eagles and a fourth is working on his Eagle Project. The Eagles are Brian Klesh, Perry Fischer, and Jason. Working on his Eagle project is Aaron Hartmann.

Now Jason flies with the rest of the Eagles.