

Matt Whittenberg Trail to Eagle

On February 2, 2005, Matt Whittenberg became the 103rd Eagle Scout in Troop 677.

Matt has just completed a six-month term as the Troop's Senior Patrol Leader. As with all Scouts learning about leadership through Scouting, Matt found working with a large troop to be challenging yet rewarding. Matt is planning to serve on the staff of the National Youth Leader Training course (formerly called JLTC) at S-F this summer. He was a participant in JLTC in 2004.

After earning his Webelos through Pack 456, Matt and a number of his friends joined Troop 677. Matt has been to two summer camps at Famous Eagle and one at Swift. In addition to Senior Patrol Leader, Matt has served as Troop Guide, Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, and Bugler. Matt is a member of the Order of the Arrow.

For his Eagle Scout project, Matt led Scouts and adults to correct drainage problems at the Woodlawn Chapel Presbyterian Church. The team installed three underground drains to remove water from the parking lot. A trench six inches deep and six inches wide and 221 feet long was dug. Branching off from the main trench were three trenches each six inches deep and six inches wide and five feet long. On these branches, holes for drainage were dug. Rock was installed and the landscaping repaired.

When asked what he enjoyed most about Scouting, Matt cited the trip to the Yorktown Aircraft carrier and Biltmore Mansion plus camping at the tree houses at S-F.

Matt is in the eighth grade at Wildwood Middle School where he has been on the honor roll almost every quarter. He plays first chair trumpet in the school band. He plays basketball and is a fourth year member of the Bonhomme Wrestling Club. Matt will be attending Eureka High School this fall. Matt enjoys geometry, band, and music in school. In addition to wrestling and music, Matt enjoys a wide collection of pets at home (a small zoo according to his parents!).

Matt is currently completing confirmation at the Manchester United Methodist Church.

Matt's parents, Tamra and Alan, have been active in the Troop serving in the past as the Troop's Advancement Chairs.

Long term, Matt is thinking of attending one of the military academies or Washington University.

Congratulations can be sent to Matt at tamra@dcm.wustl.edu.

Now Matt can fly with the rest of the Eagle Scouts!