

Michael Curtis On the Trail to Eagle

Michael Curtis earned his Eagle on June 27. He has enjoyed his years as a Cub Scout and as a Boy Scout. Like many Scouts, Michael has a broad range of interests which includes an interest in international travel.

With his family, Michael has traveled to more foreign countries than most young men his age. He has been to Russia, France, England, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, the Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Canada, and Mexico. During the month of June, Michael completed his fourth trip abroad, this time to London, England and Scotland. In London, Michael visited the Baden-Powell House, home of the founder of worldwide Scouting, Lord Baden-Powell. While in France on one trip, Michael saw a Scout troop from France and noticed the similarities with Scouting in America, including a troop organization, troop flag, and similar uniforms.

Michael will be a Junior in high school at the Westminster Christian Academy on Ladue Road this coming fall. He has been active in the school's golf team, service projects including the Habitat for Humanity, school carnivals, and spirit weeks. While in middle school he was a student council member. Michael enjoys history and science. He is planning a business career after college graduation.

Michael enjoys playing golf, especially with his father, Howard, who plays an outstanding game of golf. Michael looks forward to the day when he will beat his Dad "fair and square." Both enjoy playing golf at The Landings in Chesterfield. From his Mom, he has learned to appreciate her elegant candies, something he will remember for the rest of his life.

As a Cub Scout, Michael was active in Pack 593 at the Rossman School before joining Troop 677. He has completed five summer camps at the S-F Ranch, including one summer camp at Swift in 1996.

Michael is one of three Scouts from Troop 677 who attended the National Jamboree at Fort AP Hill, Virginia (about 60 miles south of Washington, DC) in July. The other two scouts are Ryan Turk and John Krebsbach. They joined 33 other scouts from across West County to form National Jamboree Troop 1228. Their Scoutmaster for the trip was Barry Bingham.

Michael is a member of the Order of the Arrow and has served in leadership positions as Troop Guide and Scribe.

Michael states he has learned a lot while in Scouting, including leadership and outdoor skills, and an exposure to many different people including adults.

Michael is a member of the Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church where he is active in the Youth Group participating in their leadership retreats at Hilton Head, North Carolina and a winter retreat at Copper Mountain, Colorado.

Michael now flies with the Eagles.