

Trail to Eagle Renny Esser

On February 26, 2003, Renny Esser became an Eagle Scout – the third Eagle Scout in his family.

Renny is a junior at the Whitfield School in Creve Coeur where he plays on the Varsity Basketball team as a Forward. He is also active in theatre and has been in one-act plays such as the “Founders Meeting.” Renny writes for the school’s on-line newspaper called The Daily Thing. In his Physics class, he is building a machine containing six smaller machines to do simple tasks. He is also active in the school choir. Renny enjoys physics, theatre, and art classes. He maintains a 3.4 GPA.

Renny is considering several colleges following his high school graduation. Among his choices are William and Mary (where his brother Andy will graduate this spring), Wabash in Indiana, and Hampton Sidney in Virginia. He is interested in a career in sales, marketing, and advertising. This interest in marketing first appeared when Renny was selling poinsettias for the Troop fund raiser.

Renny has a number of interests beyond school. He plays both the electric and the acoustic guitar. His favorite music includes Big Band, jazz, and rock. Along with his father and two brothers, Renny is a talented barbershop quartet singer, and this quartet has competed in several events. Renny has a special interest in automobiles, including the 1967 Sting Ray Corvette and the 427 Shelby Cobras. He enjoys fixing computers, bird hunting, and fishing.

Renny has been very active in the Scouting program. He has served as an Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Quartermaster, and Cheermaster. He has attended numerous summer camps at the S-F Ranch and was a member of the Inner Circle (Troop Guides). He, his father, and brothers went to Philmont in 2000. He completed JLTC and is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

Renny is one of the few Eagle Scouts from our Troop has have served on the summer camp staff at the S-F Ranch. For the past two years, Renny has been on the Famous Eagle staff. In both 2001 and 2002, Renny was the Orienteering Counselor.

Renny’s Eagle project was to lead the effort to lay out and paint a 50 foot by 50 foot map of the United States on the blacktop playground at the Ellisville Elementary School.

When asked why he wanted to become an Eagle Scout, Renny said “It has always been a goal for me. The Eagle represents an expression of character,

and represents a set of values that few people seem to have today. It is also a very special recognition.”

Renny’s father, Mike Esser, is the Chairman of the New Horizons District. This is the top leadership position for the 8,000 plus Cub Scout, Boy Scouts, Varsity, and Venture Scouts in our District. Mike is the Vice-President of Government Affairs for Edward Jones. His mother, Bettina, has been very supportive of Renny’s trail to Eagle. His brother, Andy, is an Eagle Scout from Troop 677 and will graduate from William and Mary College in Virginia this spring. His brother, Ted, is also an Eagle Scout and is a freshman at Westminster College. His sister, Gigi, is in the sixth grade at the Whitfield School.

Now Renny can fly with the rest of the Eagles.