

# SCOUT EARNS HIGH HONOR

After a long history with the Scouting program, Andrew Walquist with Boy Scout Troop 1656, chartered through the Knights of Columbus at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Richmond, recently earned the Eagle Scout rank. This is Boy Scouts of America's highest honor.

Andrew is the son of Fran and Mark Walquist of Richmond.

Andrew began his scouting career in Cub Scouts in 2001, when he joined Pack 1680. After his Arrow of Light ceremony, he crossed over and joined Boy Scout Troop 1656 in 2004. He has held several positions of leadership including Patrol Leader, Librarian, and Troop Guide.

As a scout, Andrew has earned 31 merit badges and has been elected and inducted into the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's Camping Honor Society.

His Eagle Leadership Project was to help beautify the area in front of the Administration Building at First United Methodist Church — Rosenberg, Avenue I and Fourth Street in Rosenberg. He removed some existing overgrown bushes, replacing them with a variety of trees, plants and flowers. To further enhance the landscaping, he added a teakwood



bench along with some decorative stepping stones and an iron cross.

His project was recognized by the city of Rosenberg's Image Committee with an award from the City Council.

Andrew is a junior at Travis High School. His commitment to helping others began at a young age. He wanted to help children with cancer and set up a lemonade stand along with his twin brother, Brandon.

They raised enough money to buy more than 100 new books that were donated to M.D. Anderson Cancer Center for the children's cancer center wing. They were recognized by both M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and The American Legion for their efforts.

Andrew has continued serving the community by taking part in the Y.E.S. program at Travis High School and enjoys working on other scout service projects that help benefit and give back to the community such as "Five Miles My Way" and the "Hurricane Ike Relief" with distribution of food and water to victims of this natural disaster. Andrew also enjoys drawing as well as playing both basketball and the electric guitar.

Andrew is actively serving in Troop 1656 and enjoys mentoring the younger scouts and encouraging them to strive for the Eagle Scout rank. He is a member of the Sam Houston Area Council, Brazos District.