

Troop 444, chartered by Farragut Presbyterian Church since its inception in 1999, is proud to announce the achievement of its 79th Eagle Scout rank by Jacob Alan Pais. His ceremony will be held in the spring. During his 5 years with the troop, he attended two high adventures; Sea Base, in the Bahamas, and the 2005 National Jamboree in Caroline County, Virginia at Fort A.P. Hill. He earned 36 merit badges and held numerous leadership positions. The one thing he enjoyed about scouting was all of the outdoor activities and the opportunities that came with it.

For his Eagle service project, Jacob gained permission and obtained funding through the Knoxville Jewish Alliance to build stairs from their playground area up to their soccer fields at the Deane Hill Drive location in Knoxville.

Jacob, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Ray Pais, is a junior enrolled at Knoxville Catholic High School. KCHS is distinguished in being among one of the top 50 on the National Catholic High School Honor Roll. The honor roll schools excel in academic excellence, Catholic identity, and civic education. Upon graduation he would like to attend either UT or Georgia Tech to earn a degree in engineering in the aviation or automotive field.

In his spare time he likes to work on automobiles and volunteer time at the Children's Hospital where his father is a hemoglobin oncologist. He enjoys rock climbing, bike riding, and flying model airplanes. He is involved with the climbing club, robotics club, and Spanish club through KCHS.

As a cofounder, and one year captain, of the Raiders of the Lost Ark bicycle team, he helped raise thousands of dollars for the American Diabetes Association.

Jacob would like to see future Eagle scouts start planning their Eagle projects long before they gain approval from the district. Once approved, start working the project as soon as possible and use technology to their advantage. Email works wonders in getting information out quickly to a large group of people.

Jacob Alan Pais is the 40th Eagle Scout under the leadership of Scoutmaster Lew Stoner. This was a wonderful benchmark for Mr. Stoner as he has announced his retirement from the scoutmaster position after 5 years of volunteering his service. Mr. Stoner will continue to be active with Troop 444 in many areas including, but not limited to, overseeing the Eagle program.

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