



City of St. Charles
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Proclamation

MATTHEW SMITH

- WHEREAS,** **MATTHEW SMITH** started Cub Scouts in 2002 as a Wolf Cub in Pack 108 at Davis Elementary in St. Charles. He enjoyed participating in many activities and events, including the Pinewood Derby where he went to the District race his first year. He progressed through the ranks of Bear and Webelos before earning the Arrow of Light in 2006; and
- WHEREAS,** **MATTHEW SMITH** crossed over from Cub Scout Pack 108 to Boy Scout Troop 1 of St. Charles in February 2006. During his scouting career he earned the ranks of Scout and Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class, signifying that he had learned the skills necessary to enable him to camp overnight on his own, and progressed to the rank of Star and then Life. In 2012, he earned the rank of Eagle Scout; and
- WHEREAS,** **MATTHEW SMITH** served in several troop leadership positions such as a Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader and Patrol Leader, and has spent over 40 hours on service projects and numerous hours on his Eagle Service project. His Eagle Service project was to landscape an area in front of his church, including raising the necessary funds by running a Buy-A-Brick campaign. The engraved bricks became a path through the center of the landscaping area; and
- WHEREAS,** **MATTHEW SMITH** was elected by his Troop to the Order of the Arrow and is an Ordeal member. For several years running, his Patrol took first place at the Fox Valley District Winterall, an outdoor competition designed to promote teamwork and scouting skills; and
- WHEREAS,** **MATTHEW SMITH** earned 31 merit badges, including the 12 that are required for Eagle, Matthew had 63 nights of camping and went on two high adventure trips to Philmont and Sea Base. He has gained knowledge and experience in camping, hiking, fitness, financial management and nature, and has developed a true love for the outdoors. He embodies the Scout Motto "Be Prepared" and practices good citizenship; and
- WHEREAS,** **MATTHEW SMITH** has developed into a young man with a strong sense of Duty to God, service to others and the community and leadership.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, do hereby proclaim the highest congratulations are in order as **MATTHEW SMITH** worked very diligently to attain the highest honor of EAGLE SCOUT!

SEAL

Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor



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JOSHUA MICHAEL SAMUELS

WHEREAS, Josh began his trail to Eagle Scout as a Tiger Scout in Pack 154 at Munhall School. He moved forward on the trail earning the God and Me religious award in 2005, and the Arrow of Light award in 2006. At the Pack 154 Blue and Gold Banquet in February 2006, he crossed over to Troop 13, and

WHEREAS, Josh was an active participant in Troop 13 activities. He passed his Board of Review for Tenderfoot in 2006; then Second Class and First Class Scout in 2008 on the same day. He continued on to become a Star Scout in 2011; Life Scout 2012; and reached his goal on January 7th 2013, when he passed his Eagle Board of Review, and

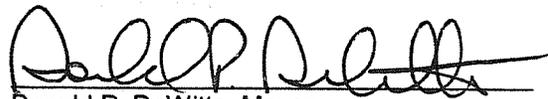
WHEREAS, Along the trail to Eagle, Josh has earned twenty-seven merit badges. He has been a member of the troop leadership; serving as Troop Guide as a mentor for all of the younger scouts for the last three years. In 2011 he canoed almost 100 miles in the Northern Tier Boundary waters in northern Minnesota, and in June he will join with Troop 13 Scouts and other leaders on a high adventure trip to the BSA Florida Sea Base, and

WHEREAS, Josh's Eagle project was held on the Holmer House of Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Rt. 25, where he improved the environmental health by placing a retaining wall to help with erosion and other cleanliness reasons while maintaining the nature walk and other greens. He also removed a very large amount of Buckthorn which being an invasive weed it was killing the endangered plants living there.

WHEREAS, Josh is a 2013 Early Graduate of St. Charles East High School, where he left in search of some where better to serve his time, before leaving for Western Illinois University for Forensic Chemical Science in the Fall.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, hereby proclaim the highest congratulations are in order as **JOSHUA MICHAEL SAMUELS** worked very diligently to attain the highest honor of **EAGLE SCOUT**.

SEAL:


Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor