

AUSTIN LAKE, CONGRATULATIONS on receiving the rank of Eagle Scout! Austin Lake was awarded the Eagle rank by Boy Scout Troop 956 during a Court of Honor on Sunday, February 17 at Oxford Baptist Church.

Eagle Scout is the crowning achievement of those in Scouting, marking an accomplishment earned over years of work. Earning Eagle Scout requires amassing a larger number of badges in a variety of areas, taking part in camping experiences and finally, organizing a project in which the scout must oversee volunteers and supervise the work. Austin participates in many other activities in addition to Scouts. He shops at Meijer for Miami's huge holiday project for foster children, collects money year round for Hands Against Hunger, helps regularly at the Oxford Relay for Life. He is active in the Talawanda/FFA chapter with the urban soils judging team. Austin serves as president this year of the school's Key Club, as well as being a member of the National Honor Society, Marching Band and Steel drum Band

Austin's Eagle Scout project involved landscaping and cleaning up the grounds of the Seminary Building. "Landscaping is done at the <Memorial> every spring, but the Seminary gets overlooked. There is supposed to be mulch, but there were weeds and all. After the renovation, there were holes in the yard, stuff in the bushes. It was messy." Planning took several months and the result is great improvement in the appearance of the grounds.

Congratulations to our newest Eagle Scout. We are so proud of you, Austin!

Pastor Marc (and Oxford Press)