

MISSOURI CITY BOY SCOUT'S PROJECT SENDS OUT CALL FOR OLD CELL PHONES

A 15-year-old Missouri City boy is sending out a call for old cell phones, pagers, iPods, PDAs and ink cartridges as a way to clean up the environment. Zach Myones is working to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout. He plans to protect the environment by collecting used cell phones, cell phone batteries, chargers and other accessories, along with ink cartridges and other small electronic devices that many people now throw away. During a presentation to City Council on March 19th, 2007, Zach told the audience that cell phones contaminate the environment by releasing dangerous chemicals.

Zach stated, "One cell phone can pollute 158,000 gallons of water, or enough water to fill six swimming pools. And one ink cartridge takes 450 years to decompose."

As part of his project, Zach will collect the phones, cartridges and other electronic devices on several dates around Missouri City. He will then sell these items to two companies that will recycle them. The funds he receives will be used to buy gifts and supplies for Texas Children's Hospital.

The items will be collected at Quail Valley Subdivision on Saturday, April 7th, and at Plantation Bend Subdivision on Saturday, May 5th.

Interested residents can also drop off items at the Kroger's at Highway 6 and FM 1092 on Saturday, March 31st and on Saturday, April 21st between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.



Missouri City Mayor Allen Owen presents a proclamation to Zach Myones, a Missouri City Boy Scout who is working toward the rank of Eagle Scout by spearheading a project to clean up the environment. Zach will be collecting used cell phones, pagers, iPods, and other electronic devices. Pictured (left to right): Mayor Owen, Zach Myones and his father, Barry Myones.