

Szpakowski earns Scoutings highest honor

Timmy Szpakowski of New Territory's Troop 100 recently achieved the highest rank in Boy Scouts, Eagle Scout. In order to



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obtain the rank of Eagle Scout, Timmy completed a Leadership Service Project benefiting the victims of Hurricanes Rita and Katrina through the Salvation Army. Timmy, with the help of his Troop and local businesses, collected and delivered nearly 7,000 items including clothes, household items, school supplies, books, and toys. This project also benefited the environment because reusing items save the energy and natural resources needed to create new items while eliminating the pollution generated making them.

Timmy began scouting as a Tiger with Pack 427 in Lafayette, LA and earned Cub Scout's highest award, the Arrow of Light, as a member of New Territory's Pack 616. He also earned five medals and was a WEBELOS Super Achiever, completing all 20

activity pins.

As a Boy Scout, Timmy has earned many historical awards including medals for the: Texas Award, Old West Trails, National Heritages, Nacogdoches Historic Trail, and the Price of Freedom Trail. He earned the Youth Religious Knot in both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. He has also completed 52 Merit Badges while earning more than 100 special awards.

As a conservationist Timmy has earned numerous recognitions including: Conservation Good Turn, Leave No Trace, World Conservation, Good Turn for America, Service to America, and the Hometown USA award. Timmy's active commitment to conservation and community service has earned him the prestigious President's Gold Volunteer Service Award in 2005, 2006

and 2007. He is also completing the Sam Houston Area Council Conservation Award and the William T. Hornaday Badge for distinguished service to the environment.

Timmy has completed several training classes to benefit his community including American Red Cross First Aid and CPR certification every year as a Boy Scout. He has also earned the Kayaking BSA, BSA Snorkelling, BSA Physical Fitness, Emergency Preparedness, and the BSA Ready and Prepared Gold and Silver awards.

Timmy, 14, is the son of Jim and Sally Szpakowski, and is currently a freshman at Austin High School. Timmy plans to continue in scouting through the BSA Venturing program in New Territory's Venture Crew 102 where he is a Crew Vice President.