

Cinco Ranch Scout makes history

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Matthew Miller, an Eagle Scout and former senior patrol leader of Boy Scout Troop 584 at **The Fellowship** at Cinco Ranch in Katy, is the first Scout in the **Sam Houston Area Council** to earn all 130 merit badges.

His collection includes the newest Robotics merit badge and the four merit badges that were only offered during 2010, the BSA's Centennial year.

A homeschooled student, he is in the 11th grade and plans to attend a university in the fall 2012.

Miller belongs to the Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouting's **National Honor Society**, and is a member of Venturing Crew 584 in Katy and a member of Sea Scout Ship 24 in Houston.

He is interested and involved in every aspect of Scouting and often one of his Scouting activities prevents him from participating in another Scouting activity.

Sea Scout

Miller is one of six **Sea Scouts** in the nation chosen to set sail this summer on the U.S. Coast Guard's **Barque Eagle**, a 259-foot, tall-masted, World War II sailing ship with sails totaling 21,350 square feet.

"I have always loved any activity involving being on or in the water. Since joining Sea Scouts, I have decided that I want a career in the maritime industry or as an officer in the U.S. Coast Guard or Navy," Miller said.

The **Eagle** is used for training **Coast Guard Academy** officer candidates, and Miller will join them as they depart from Boston for a week of sailing and training.

The **Eagle**, originally a German training ship that the United States seized during World War II, is the only active commissioned sailing ship used by the U.S. military. Visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=tdFCGqZVYUg for information.

Sea Scouts is affiliated with the **Boy Scouts of America**, dates to 1912 and is a coed program for ages 13 to 21 that teaches boating skills.

Miller is close to earning the Sea Scout Quartermaster rank, the equivalent of the Eagle Scout rank in Boy Scouts.



Conservation project

Miller has participated in trail repair work with the Order of the Arrow in Bridger-Teton during ArrowCorp5 to help the National Forest Service.

Last summer he spent a month restoring trails in Canada's Quetico Provincial Park and the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

He has also completed four Hornaday conservation projects.

For example, with Troop 584, he helped placed more than 900 educational storm drain markers for the Willow Fork Drainage District.



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