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(SCOUT CARRIES ON FAMILY TRADITION)

Eagle Scout award presentations often draw the recipient's family and friends from near and far. But when Gavin McNosky of Colleyville received his Eagle pin Wednesday evening [December 27], two of his maternal uncles may have set new travel records. Ted Larson flew in from Connecticut, while Bill Larson arrived from Nairobi, Kenya, east Africa, some 6,000 miles from the Metroplex.

Both Gavin's uncles and his maternal grandfather, John Larson, a BSA national staff retiree, had established a family Eagle Scout tradition. Tony and Dee Larson McNosky, Gavin's dad and mom, serve actively as leaders in Scout units at St. Francis Church, Grapevine. In New Jersey where the Larsons grew up, even Dee was a member of the Scouting family as an Explorer, in the high-school-age program of the BSA.

Seventeen-year-old Gavin, a senior at Grapevine High School, has been a Boy Scout at St. Francis's Troop 7 since he was 11. He served recently as the troop's senior patrol leader, the top boy leadership post. His Eagle service project helped in the initial clearing of a plot of land near L.D. Bell High School that will someday soon act as a nature center. Gavin mobilized and supervised some 130 persons to assist in the work. He also raised funds and assembled equipment and materials for the labor.

After the Eagle presentation Uncle Bill returned to his post with the International Red Cross in Kenya.

Taking part also in the evening's ceremony was Gavin's younger brother, Christopher, 10, a Webelos Scout in St. Francis's Cub Scout Pack 777. Chris undoubtedly has begun counting the years until he receives his Eagle Scout pin. And who knows how far Uncle Bill will have to travel then to be present? XXX