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(MC EACHERN GETS EAGLE AWARD)

On the family's Panther Creek Ranch in Sunset, north of Fort Worth, David McEachern received his Eagle Scout award in recent ceremonies. A 1996 graduate of Trinity High School, David, 18, joined the long list of Eagles who have come up through the Scouting ranks in St. Francis Church's Troop 7 in Grapevine.

David graduated out of Cub Scouts into the troop in May of 1989. His father, Jim, joined with him and has continued to serve as an assistant to Scoutmaster David Creeger. The family has recently retired to their rural ranch near Alvord, Tex. Mother Nancy closed out her career at American Airlines last year and Jim McEachern wrapped up his air-conditioning business.

David McEachern has acted in leadership capacities of troop quartermaster, instructor, and three times as patrol leader. In 1992 he was voted into Scouting's honor camper society, the Order of the Arrow, by his troop mates. In Trinity High he was a faithful member of the school's marching band.

For his mandatory Eagle service project David led a host of friends, Scouts, and Scout leaders in reworking the Bell High School nature center. The group cleared away brush, prepared an instruction area with concrete blocks, and built rustic furniture for classes held in the Bedford center. The work party amassed nearly 150 man-hours.

Friends, family, and Troop 7 Scouts and leaders took part in the outdoor ceremony after a barbecue hosted by the McEachern family. Assistant Scoutmaster Tony McNoskey served as master of ceremonies. *Assistant Scoutmaster Jeff Loar also took part in the program.*
David is now studying welding at Tarrant County Junior College.