

**Boy Scouts of America
Troop 32, Acton, Massachusetts
c/o 46 Summer Street
Acton, Massachusetts 01720**

December 4, 2014

Selectman Mike Gowing
Chairman, Acton Board of Selectmen
472 Main Street
Acton, MA 01720

Dear Selectman Gowing,

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to a Court of Honor being held for Matthew Phillips and Mark Wiggins, on Saturday, January 3, 2015, at 1:00 PM in the Parish Hall of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, 89 Arlington Street, in Acton, Massachusetts. The Parish Hall is located on the back side of the white building that is located behind the Church. Matthew and Mark will be receiving the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor Boy Scouting offers.

Many of the skills Matthew and Mark gained on the path to Eagle were put into practice while completing their Eagle projects. For Matthew's Eagle Scout project he reconstructed a path at the Acton Arboretum. His project entailed excavating a path which was 6 inches deep, 4-6 feet wide and 100 feet long. Following excavation, a weed mat was placed into the path and the path was filled with stone dust. We also installed cobblestones on the sides of the pathway in order to mark the entrance. He organized the help of over 20 people who performed lots of heavy, back-breaking work. Mark's project was on the boardwalk at Guggins Brook near the Half-Moon Hill neighborhood in Acton, it was rotting from years of use. His project involved dismantling the old boardwalk and rebuilding a new one. Where possible, he reused the decking of the old boardwalk and installed them correctly. He did a great job of organizing helpers the boardwalk is just shy of 90 feet long. There residents of Half-Moon Hill use the nearby conservation land including the boardwalk regularly as well as many people from Acton and surrounding towns.

Matthew and Mark's projects provided a great value to their community. The Town of Acton, Boy Scout Troop 32, family, and friends are extremely proud of the fine work they accomplished.

We hope that you can join us in this tribute to them. Please respond to Ryan Bettez at bettezfamily@yahoo.com, or the address above. If you cannot attend and would care to honor our newest Eagle Scouts, please address separate congratulatory letters to Matthew Phillips and Mark Wiggins, Troop 32, Acton, Mass, and send it to me at the address above.

Sincerely,

Ryan Bettez

Troop 32 Eagle Ceremony Coordinator