

## Joshua Nathaniel Lee awarded Eagle Scout honor during Court of Honor ceremony in November

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Family, friends and members of Boy Scout Troop 566 gathered at the Miami Lakes Community Center in late November for an Eagle Court of Honor as Joshua Nathaniel Lee was formally awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America.

Lee passed his District Eagle Board of Review on August 27,

2008.

Dennis Lyzniak, founding Scoutmaster and current Troop Committee Chairman, was master of ceremonies for the Court of Honor. Fellow Eagle Scout, Andrew Ruiz, administered the Eagle Challenge and Eagle Oath. The Eagle Award was presented by assistant Scoutmaster Hector Maestri.

Special guests included Christopher Shinn, principal of Hialeah Miami Lakes Senior High School, and Miami Lakes Mayor Michael Pizzi who presented Lee with a proclamation from the town.

Lee began his Scouting career in first grade as a Tiger Cub with Cub Scout Pack 660 at Miami Lakes United Methodist Church. He advanced through the ranks of Wolf, Bear and Webelos Scout. He earned the God and Me Religious Emblem in 2000. In 2003, Lee earned the highest honor in Cub Scouts, the Arrow of Light, and crossed over to Boy Scout Troop

566.

As a Boy Scout, Lee earned 22 merit badges, hiked over 100 miles and camped 44 nights. He served in troop leadership as assistant senior patrol leader, instructor, patrol leader, scribe, assistant patrol leader and den chief.

The highlight of Lee's scouting experience was as a participant in the South Florida Council contingent to the high-adventure Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico, where he hiked 65 miles, to an elevation of 11,650 feet, and spent over 12 days in the backcountry.

For his Eagle Scout leadership service project, Lee enlisted and directed volunteers in the design, construction, and installation of 43 display boxes for trail interpretive signs at Secret Woods Nature Center, Broward County's first interpretive nature center. Planning, development and execution of the project took 20 volunteers over 200 hours.

A junior at Hialeah Miami Lakes Senior High, Lee is an AP scholar and second in his class, vice president of the National Honor Society, co-treasurer of the Social Studies Honor Society, member of Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, delegate to the Model United Nations, and bass section leader of the Select Mixed Chorus.



**EAGLE SCOUT** Joshua Lee receives town proclamation from Miami Lakes Mayor Michael Pizzi.

He continues in his fourth year of volunteering for American Cancer Society's Relay for Life as team captain and youth and volunteer coordinator for the City of Pembroke Pines.

Lee is a member of the Chinese Baptist Church where he is president of the youth group and a member of the Sanctuary Choir. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. John Lee of Miami Lakes, and has a brother, Daniel Lee.

Troop 566 is chartered to Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church and meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the West Parish Hall.