

McMinn brothers achieve Eagle Scout ranking

Brandtley C. Michael McMinn, 19 and Corey Grant Michael McMinn, 18, sons of Mike and Sylvia McMinn of Austin, members of Boy Scout Troop 511 and 2008 and 2009 Graduates of Anderson High School respectively, will receive their Eagle Scout Awards on Saturday, July 11, 2009. Both have been scouting since they were Tiger Cubs in Pack 511 at St. Matthews Episcopal Church, where their dad, Eagle Scout Mike McMinn was Cubmaster and later their Scoutmaster in Troop 511.

Brandtley chose to renovate the Anderson High School Band Hall as his Eagle Service Project. With tools in tow and with the help of fellow scouts and band members, Brandtley built shelves, repaired instrument lockers, installed speakers and replaced damaged baseboards in the aging bandhall. Funding for this "Band Hall Improvement" was provided by the Anderson Band Boosters Association. Brandtley is currently attending Austin Community College and plans to attend The University of Texas to study Computer Science.

Overcrowding and scheduling issues left the Anderson High School Marching Band with no place to practice on campus, so Corey chose to transform a portion of the student parking lot into a new marching field for the Trojan Band as his Eagle Service Project. Once a light pole was relocated and some repairs were made to the parking lot by Anderson parent, Steve Wehmeyer, Corey led a group of fellow scouts and band members as they marked and painted football field lines onto the parking lot. Corey received



Eagle Scout recipients Brandtley and Corey McMinn

monetary donations from friends and family and generous in kind donations from Home Depot, Lowes and Sherwin Williams Paints. Corey will be attending Austin Community College this fall and plans to attend The University of Texas to study Music and Audio Engineering in 2010.

The Trail to Eagle is long and requires commitment and perseverance. Both Brandtley and Corey feel pride in their accomplishments and satisfaction that they have each left a lasting asset at Anderson High School.