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## 13-YEAR-OLD SCOUT EARNS EAGLE AWARD

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Charlie Myers recently earned his Eagle Scout Award, the highest achievement in Boy Scouts.

And Charlie, a 10th-grader at Booker T. Washington High School in Norfolk, did so at the age of 13.

Charlie, the son of Wayne and Karen Myers of Lansdale, is a member of Troop 375 chartered to the Bayside, Tidewater District.

A Scout since the first

grade, Charlie has held the leadership positions of senior patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, Order of Arrow representative, webmaster and patrol leader.

"My sister was a Girl Scout and I wanted to be like her," said Charlie. "After I reached Webelos one, I wanted to rise quickly so I did the entire Webelos in one year instead of two."

Charlie went on to earn the Heavy Shoulder Award, my Arrow of Light, and all the belt loops there were to earn.

For his Eagle Scout project, Charlie built a solar water tower for Wildlife Response Inc. at the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center on Indian River Road.

His solar water tower is able to collect water and



use a solar panel to have enough energy to power 10 light bulbs.

"The structure was designed off of a hunting stand with a small roof," said Charlie, noting Bill Haynie, building committee chair, was his beneficiary, supporting him with his ideas.

"I chose this as my Eagle project because my grandfather was an active hunter and fisherman; he was also a wildlife biologist in West Virginia," said Charlie.

When he is not busy with his Scouting duties, Charlie enjoys baseball,

soccer, basketball and football. He also participates in the Medical Adventures group at Eastern Virginia Medical School and is in the National Junior Honor Society.

Charlie does not sit idle for long. He recently completed a 300-mile Trifecta which consisted of a 200-mile bike ride from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel to Maryland and back, a 50-mile hike along the Appalachian Trail and a 50 miles canoe trip.

Charlie's future plans include attending West Virginia University to major in sports medicine.

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