

MEET EAGLE SCOUT DAKOTA BURKHALTER

Dakota Burkhalter, the son of William Spano and Carol Burkhalter of Auburn, is among the first of Lee County's Class of 2014 Eagle Scouts. Burkhalter, who is currently a member of Troop 15, chartered by Auburn Outdoor Adventures Inc., earned 42 merit badges in his effort to achieve Boy Scouting's highest rank — including the Scuba Diving Merit Badge, which he credits with “giving me the opportunity to explore deep under water and see sea creatures in their natural environment.” For his Eagle Scout leadership service project, he coordinated volunteers who collectively logged 376 service hours building a 54-foot curved mountain biking berm bridge in Chewacla State Park while incorporating with it a geocaching site. Burkhalter, a 10th grader at Auburn High School, credits Scouting with preparing him for his chosen career path and guiding him to becoming a more responsible, caring person who can help others. For more information about Boy Scouting in Lee County, visit the Saugahatchee District website at www.saugahatchee.org.



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