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Ironstone Farm Receives New Information Kiosk from Local Eagle Scout Candidate

Andover, MA--Yannis Wallingford, and Andover Eagle Scout Candidate from Troop 79 completed his Eagle project at Ironstone Farm—a therapeutic riding center located in Andover.

Ironstone Farm is a busy place serving over 500 clients per week with over 220 volunteers coming and going to its Andover location. Wallingford designed and built a two-sided information kiosk to help keep all of the visitors informed about Ironstone's programming, volunteer opportunities and upcoming events.

Modular assembly took place at Yannis' home using teams of his fellow scouts from Troop 79. Final assembly of the components and installation at the prepared site at Ironstone Farm took place on November 27th, 2010.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest rank that a Boy Scout can earn. The major requirements include 21 merit badges, six months in a leadership position, and a leadership project, all of which have to be completed prior to the scout's 18th birthday. Most Eagle Scouts would agree that the leadership project is the keystone event that not only makes or breaks a scout's quest to achieve Eagle rank but also tests all the leadership skills they have developed until that point.

Yannis Wallingford is an Andover High School senior where he competes with the swimming, cross-country, and track teams. He is also active with his local church group at St. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Andover. Following high school graduation next June 2011, Yannis anticipates pursuing a Chemical Engineering major at West Point (USMA). Said Yannis, "An Eagle Scout represents the epitome of what scouting is about. I learned practical leadership lessons during the project that not only helped guide me through this project, but prepare me for future leadership responsibilities."