

“All Dried Out”



Austin Paetow

**Thirteen-years-old
Phoenix, Arizona**

You may not see 13-year-old Austin Paetow on the big screen, but you might see him behind the scenes—directing. For an eighth grader, this Desert Ridge Junior High School student has interests and talents that will carry him far in life. When Austin isn't listening to Sugar Cult or My Chemical Romance, playing guitar, skateboarding, hanging out with best friends—since first grade—Cody, Daniel, and Matt, or honing his directing skills, you might catch him on the basketball court guarding his teammates. “I like the fast pace of the game,” Austin states. Austin is one pretty cool cat. His low-key personality helps put others at ease, but he still admits that he knows how to have a good time. He prides himself on his creative side and likes thinking outside of the box as much as he can. For example, his favorite holiday is Halloween because “you get to be something you're not. Last year I was an Emo.” Because Austin's dad, Dave, works in the Green Industry, Austin has been aware of how necessary it is to be mindful of what you use water for, and how you use it. “I really look up to my family. They help me with a lot of things and it means a lot to me,” Austin says shyly. Though Austin is still unsure of where life may take him, he knows that because of his family, he has a strong foundation to jump from when he decides to throw himself into his future dreams.