



# Alex Croteau

## EAGLE SCOUT BANQUET

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Alex joined Scouting as a Pack 4 Tiger Cub in 2002. He was a member of Den 3, later known as the Cyclone Patrol. His den was led by Phil Bedard. Alex's best Cub Scout memories were the outdoor camping & hiking adventures and the Pine Wood derby. He won the derby in both his first and last years as a Cub Scout. Alex has also earned Cub Scout's highest award; the Arrow of Light. He joined Troop 4 at age 11 along with 8 other scouts from his patrol.

In Troop 4, Alex started as a member of the Flaming Arrow Patrol. After two years, he and his patrol mates aptly renamed their patrol the Adventure Patrol. Alex is the Troop's most prolific camper, having camped more nights (75) than any other scout in Troop 4 history. He participated in five high adventure trips; twice to Camp Tahosa in Colorado, which included a 50 mile backpacking trek, once to the Penobscot River in Maine where he paddled for 50 miles through the wilderness, and twice to New Hampshire's Presidential Range. His most memorable camping trip was one of his first, where he and several of his patrol mates braved freezing temps and high winds while sleeping in natural shelters they built with their own hands. Their feat earned them the Wilderness Survival Badge. Alex has no fear of Old Man Winter. He has slept in a snow cave while the outside temperatures dipped to 7 below zero, and he never misses the famous Troop 4 winter weekend snowmobile trips.

Alex's Eagle Scout Service Project involved design and construction of two Gaga Ball courts (similar to dodge ball) near the elementary and middle schools. His project involved more than 200 hours of community service and leadership, and his sturdy design is consistently enjoyed by residents of all ages.

Alex is very active outside of Scouts. He has finished his sophomore year at Milford High School. Alex enjoys baseball, basketball, mountain biking, snowmobiling, fishing....and anything outdoors. He is the co-owner of Crobart Outdoor Needs; a landscaping business he runs with fellow Eagle Scout Nolan Hobart. After high school, Alex plans to pursue a degree in the environmental sciences.

Since becoming an Eagle, Alex continues to serve the Troop actively. His advice to the younger Scouts: "Be as active in Scouting as you possibly can, and attend many camping trips. Make the most of all opportunities that Scouting offers you."

