



# Samuel Lanciano

## EAGLE SCOUT BANQUET

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Sam joined Scouting as a Pack 4 Tiger Cub in 2004. He was active in all his Cub Scout activities, including the Pine Wood Derby and Pack Overnight adventures. Sam's favorite Cub Scout memory was when his mom hosted his whole den at their house to practice whittling on bars of soap. He capped his Cub Scout experience by earning its highest award, the Arrow of Light, and then joined Troop 4 Boy Scouts at age 11.

In Troop 4, Sam started as a member of the Biohazard Patrol. Sam and his patrol love the Troop's camping trips. His favorite trip was the 2012 Colorado backpacking trip along the continental divide. Sam vividly recalls the freak lightning/hail storm that surprised his patrol while trekking through these mountains.

Sam has camped more nights with the Troop than any other scout. He achieved this feat by starting to camp with the Troop as a very young boy. His Dad and two older brothers often took him along on their Troop adventures and Sam enjoyed his important role as the Troop mascot. He quickly extended his family to include 40 older Boy Scout brothers who enjoyed Sam's good cheer, and who always looked out for his safety. Sam's camping adventures include participation in four Troop high adventure trips along the high peaks of Colorado and wild rivers in the Adirondacks and Maine.

Sam's trail to Eagle was guided by a strong family commitment to Scouting. He is inspired by his two Eagle Scout brothers, Gabe and Luke. His mom, Sara, served as the Committee Chair for Pack 4 and as a strong Troop 4 supporter. His dad, Peter, has served the Troop 4 leadership in very active roles for 13 years. Each winter, Sam and his family have generously hosted the Troop's annual Winter Sports Weekend at their New Hampshire mountain top cabin. This thrilling trip is the highlight of the year, and includes outdoor cooking, sledding and of course, snowmobiling.

For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Sam designed and installed two beautiful gardens at Milford's Middle School East. His project involved over 200 hours of community service. Sam gained valuable leadership experience by organizing and supervising the efforts of 13 volunteers on his team.

Sam is also active outside of Scouts. He has finished his sophomore year at Milford High School, where he participates on the Volleyball team. After high school, Sam plans to attend college to pursue advanced degrees in Biology, Chemistry or Nuclear Physics, and then pursue a career in education. When asked if he held any jobs while in high school, Sam says that Dad provides him a full plate of work at home; "harder than a full time job".

Sam's advice to his fellow scouts: "Earn your eagle required merit badges early, because once you get to high school it becomes harder to keep up. And enjoy your Scouting friendships. If it wasn't for scouting I would not have the great group of friends I have today."

