

Luke Lanciano

EAGLE SCOUT BANQUET

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Tonight, Luke Lanciano will officially become **Troop 4's 12th Eagle Scout**. Luke began his scouting career as a Tiger Scout many years ago. As a very active Cub Scout, Luke especially enjoyed participating in the Pinewood Derbies, selling popcorn, and attending the Pack Meetings.

When it came time to move up in the ranks in February of 2001, Luke chose Troop 4 to continue his scouting experience. Luke has been a very active scout, attending almost all troop meetings and just about all of our camping experiences. Luke has been able to attend all three of our summer high adventure trips. He notes the trips to Sabbatis in the Adirondacks, Spanish Peaks in Colorado, and our canoeing adventure in the Adirondacks as being amongst his most memorable scouting experiences. Of his diverse adventure experiences, however, Luke treasures the memory of the 50 mile backpacking trip in the Spanish Peak's wilderness of Colorado as the highlight of his scouting career.

Outside of Scouting, Luke also leads a very full and busy life full of extracurricular activities. In his spare time he enjoys reading and writing. He also takes pleasure in working with his church's youth group. While in high school Luke has participated in the National Honor Society, Academic Decathlon, and was on the football team in grades 9-11. As if that was not time consuming enough, he also works about 15-20 hours a week at the Rite-Aid Pharmacy. As for his future aspirations, Luke hopes to attend the University of Chicago. If not there, he prefers to attend college out-of-state.

In choosing an Eagle Scout Leadership Project, Luke took on and met an ambitious and challenging project on the Milford High School property. His project fulfilled a much needed task, as he constructed a permanent walkway from the parking lot at Milford High School leading to the football field. Prior to the completion of Luke's project, people were forced to traverse through rugged and treacherous ground from the parking lot to the field, filled with a stand of trees with many rocks and stumps protruding above the ground. These obstacles made the foot travel to the field both difficult and extremely hazardous for the public and athletes alike. Altogether, when finished, three paths, totaling 420 feet, were constructed. Luke's project also entailed the installation of a set of staircases and 40 feet of culvert pipe for drainage. From the undertaking of this crucial task, Luke says that he learned how to lead a team, how to manage time, and gained a deeper sense of civic duty. He also learned that although he gained a respect for the field, he never wants to work in the construction industry.

As he becomes an Eagle Scout, his advice to those who come after him is that scouting is a fantastic experience, and to stick with it. Luke says, "You'll thank me later!"

