



# Nolan Hobart

## EAGLE SCOUT BANQUET

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Nolan joined Scouting as a Pack 4 Tiger Cub in 2002. He was a member of Den 3, later known as the Cyclone Patrol, which was led by Phil Bedard. Nolan's favorite Cub Scout memory was his Battleship Cove overnight adventure on the USS Massachusetts. He capped his Cub Scout experience by earning its highest award, the Arrow of Light. Nolan joined Troop 4 at age 11 along with 8 other scouts from his patrol, including the two Eagles (Wyatt and Alex) sharing his stage tonight.

In Troop 4, Nolan started as a member of the Flaming Arrow Patrol. After two years, he and his patrol mates aptly renamed their patrol the Adventure Patrol. Nolan loves the Troop's routine camping trips. His favorite trip was the Bear Mountain campout in the Taconic Mountains of Connecticut. How he can call the Troop's rainiest campout in history (5 inches of rain!) his favorite, is a testament to Nolan's grit. He has 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. Nolan takes great pride in watching and helping his three younger brothers follow in his Scouting footsteps.

Nolan's Eagle Scout Service Project involved the replacement of a decaying bridge over the Mill River in the Peppercorn Town Forest on the Milford/Upton town line. His project was particularly challenging, as Nolan had to navigate issues related to land ownership, environmental regulations and the Endangered Species Act. His perseverance and careful adherence to property rights and regulations resulted in a safe construction project that benefits outdoor enthusiasts of both towns. His project involved nearly 200 hours of community service and leadership, and his sturdy bridge will stand solid for years to come.

Nolan is very active outside of Scouts. He has finished his sophomore year at Milford High School, where he participates in Band and is a member of the Swim and Lacrosse teams. Nolan is the co-owner of Crobart Outdoor Needs; a landscaping business he runs with fellow Eagle Scout Alex Croteau. He also serves local sports teams as a referee. After high school, Nolan plans to pursue a college degree.

Since becoming an Eagle, Nolan continues to serve the Troop actively. His advice to the younger Scouts: "Never give up. It won't be long before you see the light at the end of the tunnel."

