

# Spencer Carlin

## EAGLE SCOUT BANQUET

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Spencer Carlin is recognized tonight as Troop 4's 22<sup>nd</sup> Eagle Scout. Spencer began his scouting career in 2003 with Troop 4. He joined a young patrol that included fellow Eagle Scouts Mike Tusino and Patrick Bedard. Despite not having any Cub Scout experience, Spencer immediately excelled at Boy Scouts. The fact that his small patrol produced three Eagle Scouts (Scouting's highest rank) is a testament to their commitment to the Scout Oath and Law, and the Patrol Method. Spencer's favorite part of Boy Scouts has been the troop's outdoor activities. Among the activities that stand out include the famous Troop 4 pig roast campout. At one of these pig roasts, Spencer organized a successful obstacle course that was a favorite among the young Webelos recruits. He also enjoyed the Troop's whitewater trips, and snowmobiling at the annual New Hampshire Winter Sports Weekend at the Lanciano family cabin.

A highlight of Spencer's scouting career was his participation in the Troop's high adventure canoe trip on the remote lakes and rivers of New York's Adirondack Park. This trip was a scout let expedition, and included 50 miles of paddling and challenging portages through the wilderness. He fondly recalls the natural water slide the troop discovered, where he and his fellow scouts slid 50 yards into a swirling river pool. On this adventure, Spencer was presented with the Honor Camper award, for outstanding scout spirit and leadership. The award also included an amazing walking staff, on which Mr. Sutherland hand carved detailed images of the adventure throughout the week.

Spencer is also very active outside of Scouting. He enjoys playing the bass, and was a member of the football and track teams at the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School. Spencer exemplified the Scout Oath's call "to help others at all times" by organizing his own fundraiser. This fundraiser, "Pumpkins for a Purpose", raised money for a girl with special needs by selling seeds from his award winning home grown 400 pound pumpkin. Spencer was also employed as a newspaper carrier for an amazing 11 years, which taught him discipline and money management skills at a young age. He also worked part time with a remodeling contractor. Spencer is active with his church, where he has participated in several construction projects, some abroad, to help the needy. Spencer is currently enrolled at Bryant University, where he is pursuing a degree in Finance. His goal is to become a Financial Advisor after graduation.

For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Spencer constructed a kiosk at an entrance to the Upper Charles River bike trail. The project involved fundraising, construction, landscaping and management of a very young group of scout volunteers. His leadership resulted in a beautiful and functional kiosk that serves to provide helpful information to all who use the bike path. His leadership also set a fine example for the young scouts working for him, who no doubt will be inspired to work toward similar Eagle Scout goals. Spencer's advice to younger scouts, and particularly to those Life Scouts contemplating the final push toward Eagle: "Don't give up! There were countless times when I felt like throwing in the towel. Look to your family for support. They will help you push through and reach your goal."

