



Ashby Hobart

EAGLE SCOUT BANQUET

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Ashby joined Scouting as a Milford Pack 4 Cub Scout in 2005. He was a member of the Lightning Patrol and his den was led by Brian Weber. Ashby's best Cub Scout memories are the "kooky" den meeting science experiments, and the annual trips to West Hill Dam. He earned Cub Scout's highest award; the Arrow of Light, after which he joined Troop 4 in 5th grade with several others from his patrol.

In Troop 4, Ashby and his friends formed the Hawk Patrol. Ashby's favorite Boy Scout activities were backpacking, high adventure trips and the annual summer visit to Camp Resolute. His best memories include his early scout skill achievements, like building his first campfire completely on his own, and constructing a shelter to sleep in for his Wilderness Survival Badge. He participated in the 2010 Penobscot River Expedition in northern Maine where he paddled for 50 wilderness miles through the heart of moose and bear country. Ashby is also a veteran of the 2012 high adventure trip to Camp Tahosa, Colorado, where his patrol trekked 50 miles through the wilderness along the Continental Divide. On that trip, he fondly remembers the inspiring sunrises over the Divide, and swimming with his patrol in the glacier fed mountain ponds.

Ashby's family has a deep commitment to the Scouting program. His Dad, Mark, is the Troop 4 Committee Chair, and previously served as Cub Scout den leader and Cubmaster. His mom, Ann, is a frequent troop volunteer. The scouts particularly enjoy her cooking classes in the Troop kitchen. His brother Nolan is Troop 4 Eagle Scout, and his brothers Mason and Gillieson are current Troop 4 scouts. There is no doubt that Ashby's family has provided the guidance and support he needed to attain Scouting's highest rank.

Ashby's Eagle Scout Service Project involved construction of a 24 foot bridge, and trail relocation, on the Peppercorn Hill trail network in Upton MA. The successful project created safe passage through a notoriously swampy section of the trail. Through this leadership project, Ashby learned how to effectively manage a crew on a complex task, and to manage the necessary logistics to keep the work environment safe and on schedule.

Ashby is very active outside of Scouts. He is entering his junior year at Milford High School, where he is a member of the MHS Band, Swim and Cross Country teams. He also works part time teaching swim lessons to youth. After high school, Ashby plans to pursue a college degree in computer science or writing.

Ashby's advice to his younger brothers and fellow Scouts: "Stay with the Scouting program. As your schedule gets busy with other activities, always make time for Scouting. And don't forget to make time to just relax, have fun and make memories with your patrol mates. These guys will be among the best friends you'll ever have."

