

## Alex Hastings EAGLE SCOUT BANQUET February 4, 2016



Alex joined Scouting as a Pack 4 Tiger Cub. He was a member of the Dragon Patrol. His den was led by Mr. and Mrs. Delaney. Alex's best Cub Scout memories were the Troop's annual Pinewood Derbies and the annual Rocket Days. He earned Cub Scout's highest award, the Arrow of Light, after which he joined Troop 4.

In Troop 4, Alex was a member of the Biohazard Patrol. Alex's favorite Boy Scout activities were the high adventure trips. Alex cites the trip to Colorado and 50 mile canoe trip in Maine as two of his favorite Troop 4 memories. Alex specifically recalls crossing the continental divide. "Our group was split up a little bit because of the steep incline beforehand. As the sun just raised over the horizon, we reached the top of the ridge and crossed the divide".

Alex's Eagle Scout Service Project involved replacing all of the American flags in the classrooms at Milford High School and erecting a flagpole in the courtyard of the school. He led several teams to collect and properly retire the old flags, and replace them with new ones. His team also helped to raise the flagpole in the courtyard and beautifully landscape the area for all to enjoy. His project taught him valuable planning, communication, and leadership skills that will assist him in college and in his career.

Alex is quite busy outside of Scouts as well. He is currently in his senior year at Milford High School, where he is a member of the Soccer Team, Winter Track Team, and Lacrosse Team. Alex plays trumpet in three bands and ensembles at Milford High School. He is a member of both the Tri-M Music Honor Society and the National Honor Society. He is also a 1<sup>st</sup> degree black belt in Shaolin Kempo Karate. After high school, Alex plans to pursue a degree in Biomedical Engineering. Over the summers, Alex works for a land surveying company in Holliston. During the school year, he works at the Milford High School Pool as a Life Guard.

Since becoming an Eagle, Alex continues to serve the Troop actively. His advice to the younger Scouts: "Get involved as much as possible and push yourself. If you are unsure about going on a campout or doing an activity, it's best to at least give it a try, because you never know if you'll end up finding something you love."

