



Brandon Kee

EAGLE SCOUT BANQUET

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Brandon joined Scouting as a Pack 32 Bear Cub in 2010. His den was led by Helen Sobchak and Amy Boone. Brandon's best Cub Scout memories were competing at the Tri River District Pinewood Derby Championships and the overnights at the Ecotarium in Worcester. He earned Cub Scout's highest award, the Arrow of Light, after which he joined Troop 4 in 2012.

In Troop 4, Brandon is part of the The Patrol (TP) Patrol. Once joining the troop, Brandon quickly advanced through the ranks and earned the rank of Eagle Scout as a 13 year old 8th grader! Brandon's favorite Boy Scout activities are the hiking trips, pig roasts at St. Mary's Campsite, the Douglas State Forest Trip, and the annual summer camp adventures. One activity that Brandon especially enjoyed was the whitewater rafting trip on the Kennebec River in Maine. Brandon's most special experience in Scouting thus far was when he was the SPL at Camp Sebattis in the summer of 2015, and "being able to share the experience with my dad".

Brandon's Eagle Scout Service Project involved building a meditation/memorial garden at Trinity Episcopal Church. Brandon led a team in removing the old plants and brush, and leveling the land. The team laid down stepping stones, built stone benches, and added a pea stone patio. The team planted plants, added wind chimes and solar fountain. The garden provides a place for parishioners to pray, reflect, meet and remember their loved ones who have passed away. His project taught him valuable leadership skills that will assist him in college and in his career. He learned that it is important to be organized and to have a detailed plan for your project.

Brandon is also active outside of Scouts. He is currently in the eighth grade at Middle School East, where he is a member of the Student Council, Chorus, and school plays. Brandon was also selected this year as the ambassador representing the Milford 8th graders for Project 351, a youth service organization dedicated to building unity and leadership. After high school, Brandon plans to either go to culinary school or pursue a degree in Engineering at either Yale or MIT.

Since becoming an Eagle, Brandon continues to actively serve Troop 4. His advice to the younger Scouts: "Make sure you have fun and enjoy all the trips and adventures. Also, make sure you try most of the activities because they are once in a lifetime experiences you will regret not doing. Even though the path to Eagle is a long journey, it is a rewarding experience."

