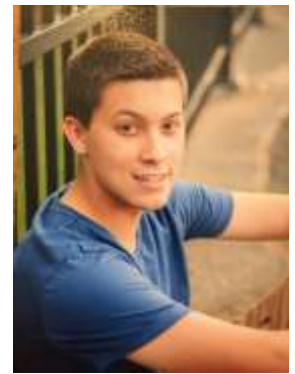




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EAGLE SCOUT BANQUET

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Eric joined Scouting with Pack 67. Eric's best Cub Scout memories were the overnight on the U.S.S. Massachusetts, the overnight at the New England Aquarium, and the annual Pinewood Derby. He earned Cub Scout's highest award, the Arrow of Light, after which he joined Troop 4. Eric was the only Cub Scout from his den to join Troop 4.

In Troop 4, Eric quickly bonded with a new group of boys and began his Boy Scout career. Eric's favorite Boy Scout activities are the camping trips. His favorite trips were the Presidential Range Backpacking and Maine Canoe Trips. Eric remembers being a young 13 year old and preparing for the Presidential Range trip. The day they climbed to the summit of Mount Washington, a huge storm was rolling in. The torrential freezing rain made the climb to the top a challenge, along with the 70 mph winds. In hindsight, however, Eric says "The hike will always mean a lot to me, and I wouldn't have wanted to do it with any other group of guys."

Eric's Eagle Scout Service Project involved building a kiosk for the Milford Youth Center to supplement the recent renovations. He led his teams to produce a sturdy, professional looking kiosk. His project taught him valuable leadership skills that will assist him in college and in his career. Eric learned that leading a team can be challenging, and that it is important to accept that mistakes will happen.

Eric is very active outside of Scouts. He is currently in his senior year at Milford High School, where he is a member of CARE and Best Buddies. Eric was on the golf and volleyball teams, and decided to play football during his senior year. Eric spent this past summer working at Camp Resolute. He has also worked as a life guard at several locations in and around Milford. After high school, Eric will attend college and earn his business degree. He also hopes to join an ROTC program, and after graduation, plans to join the military. Longer term, he aspires to be an entrepreneur.

Since becoming an Eagle, Eric continued to serve the Troop actively, until his 18th birthday. His advice to the younger Scouts: "Do as much as you can in the troop, because in the end it makes for a lot of great memories and lifetime friends. Of course though you grow older it becomes a lot harder, and avoiding procrastination becomes pretty hard, but if you stay focused and don't lose sight of your goal they can be achieved much faster than you would ever expect."

