

# Anthony Paul Matondi

## Eagle Scout – Troop 4 Milford



Anthony joined Scouting as a Pack 4 Wolf Cub in 2007. His den meeting, led first by Mr. Benjamin and later by Mr. Watson, were fun times where Anthony spent time with friends. He was eager to proudly wear his Cub Scout uniform and earn lots of badges. Anthony recalls learning many valuable skills as a Cub Scout. Experiences like pitching a tent, basic first aid, and building a fire all prepared him well for his eventual move to Boy Scouts. Anthony's favorite Cub Scout memories are of all of the campouts, particularly at West Hill Dam. Anthony earned Cub Scout's highest award, the Arrow of Light, after which he joined Troop 4 in 2010.

Anthony's favorite activities with Troop 4 were the special camping trips, especially those that included a feature activity such as kayaking, pig roasts, or whitewater rafting. "From below freezing weekend trips to a week at Resolute in July, I loved taking a break from school and video games to be outside and with friends every chance I had." Anthony's favorite Boy Scout memories are the Tahosa trip and the weekend camping/biking trip "that produced enough rain to thoroughly soak everyone within minutes".

For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Anthony constructed two retired flag collection bins. Anthony was concerned that American flags be properly retired, so he placed one bin at the Italian American Vets Post in Milford, and one at the Medway VFW.

Since their installation, the bins have already been filled and emptied multiple times, ensuring that flags are now handled with the respect they deserve. During the process, Anthony learned the importance of leadership skills. Admittedly, it was a challenge keeping some of the younger scouts focused and on task.

Anthony keeps busy outside of scouts as well. Anthony has worked as a volunteer at Milford Regional Medical Center for the past five years. In addition to his work at the hospital, Anthony also works at the Big Y. A senior at Milford High School, Anthony hopes to attend college as a Military History major, with the ultimate goal of working as a curator in a museum.

Anthony sums up his scouting career beautifully. "Although Eagle was my final journey in Scouts, it was one without regret, the sense of accomplishment I achieved from building the flag collection boxes with the help of my fellow Scouts is irreplaceable. Nothing in my life has impacted me like Boy Scouts has. The friendships I formed, the memories I made, and



skills I acquired from Troop 4 will be an aspect of me that I know I will always cherish and remember.”



Congratulations  
Anthony!