

Brandon R. Dulak

Eagle Scout – Troop 4 Milford



Brandon joined Scouting as a Pack 4 Tiger Cub in 2008. Brandon's den leader was Mr. Hobart. Brandon's favorite Cub Scout memories are of the campouts when the scouts would sit around a fire, make s'mores, and talk. Brandon recalls that this is where he made his first real friends. As a member of the Cobra Patrol, Brandon earned Cub Scout's highest award, the Arrow of Light, after which he joined Troop 4 in 2013.

Brandon was a member of the Honey Badger Patrol when he joined Troop 4. Some of his favorite activities with the Troop were the summer campouts. One of the favorite summer outings was the Cape Cod bike trip, where it poured the entire time. Brandon remembers the scouts stopped half way through the ride to swim at Coast Guard beach. His favorite trip was the Tahosa Colorado High Adventure trek. Brandon remembers hiking 25 miles through the Rocky Mountains, and being "welcomed by amazing sights, and thunderstorms right above our heads while tenting on the mountain". Brandon's one special experience in scouting was when he first joined Troop 4 and they went camping at Douglas State Forest. The trip began with a hike to the campsite. "When I was younger, I was not in the best shape (put lightly) and I was really struggling with this hike. I had fallen way behind the older scouts, and I was

exhausted and dehydrated. The Troop took a break for water and I caught up. When the hike resumed, everyone realized that I was falling behind, and a few people from my original Cub Scout pack decided to walk slower with me. This meant a lot to me because it made me feel less excluded, and it showed me that they cared and were there to support me, no matter how slow I went or how much I struggled."

For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Brandon built a ticket booth at the entrance to the Milford High School turf field, over the summer of 2017. The booth was constructed by Brandon and his fellow scouts, under the wonderful guidance of Mr. Ken Matondi. The ticket booth is now used during all Milford Scarlet Hawk varsity football games. During the execution of his project, Brandon learned leadership, hard work, and problem solving from this undertaking.

Brandon is currently finishing up his sophomore year at Milford High School, where he is a varsity wrestler and JV football player. In addition to sports, Brandon is an Altar Server at St. Mary of the Assumption, and volunteers his time at the church's annual Vacation Bible School, helps coach the Milford Youth Football summer camp, and assists with the Special Olympics wrestling at MHS. In addition to his extracurricular activities, Brandon also works in the kitchen at Countryside Nursing Home in Milford. According to Brandon, this job has helped him learn how to work with different kinds of people, has increased his patience, and has helped him learn time management.

After graduation in 2020, Brandon plans to attend a four-year college. While he is currently undecided about what career to pursue, he is considering Sports Marketing. He would also like to wrestle in college.

As Brandon reflects on his scouting career, he offers very sound advice to the younger scouts. "Stick with it and go on campouts. Campouts are where you get the most out of scouting. You learn the most, bond with other scouts, and even bond with the Scoutmasters. They are your friends too. While they are leaders and need to be respected, you should not be afraid to talk to them. They are only there to help you and guide you in the right direction. Also, take advantage of the leadership opportunities provided to you. You will learn a lot from

