

Joshua J. Ahrens

Eagle Scout – Troop 4 Milford



Joshua joined Scouting as a Pack 4 Tiger Cub in 2008. Joshua's favorite Cub Scout memories include the many hikes and day trips with his den. He recalls visiting the town library, the Milford fire house, learning to break a board at a karate studio, visiting a radio station, and touring the Benjamin Moore Paint Factory. Some of his fondest memories are attending a Providence Bruins game, sleepovers at the Pawtucket Red Sox games, and an overnight at Battleship Cove with his father. In addition to all of those activities, Joshua celebrated several accomplishments during his Cub Scout career. In 2009, the spring of his Tiger Scout year, Joshua placed second in the Pack's Pinewood Derby. In 2011, Joshua placed third in the Milford Town Derby. He was recognized as being one of the top popcorn sellers for pack 4 during one selling season, and was awarded a \$25 gift card for his efforts. In 2013, Joshua earned Cub Scout's highest award, the Arrow of Light, after which he joined Troop 4.

In Troop 4, Joshua was a member of "The Patrol". Some of Joshua's favorite Boy Scout activities were the many campouts and hikes. Joshua enjoyed the AMC hut winter adventures and the Cape Cod kayaking trip. He recalls, "we turned into headwinds and it took us ages to get to the campsite". Joshua's most memorable experience with Troop 4 was the trip to Tahosa in Colorado. The Troop spent several days hiking in the mountains and taking in the breathtaking scenery. "The experience and views on that trip were truly something else."

During his career with Troop 4, Joshua earned two Catholic Religious Emblems. In 5th grade, he earned the Parvuli Dei Award, and in 8th grade he earned the Ad Altare Dei Award. He is currently working to complete the last emblem, the Pope Pius XII Award.

Joshua's Eagle Scout Service Project involved designing and constructing two benches for the MWRTA bus route service in Milford. The benches, which are located in front of Shaw's Supermarket and Milford High School, provide passengers a comfortable place to sit while they wait for the bus. Joshua's project taught him patience and perseverance. His biggest lesson: "Sometimes getting the job done right away is the best course of action."

Joshua is also very active outside of Scouts. He is a junior at St. John's High School in Shrewsbury, where he is a member of the Varsity Football and Swim teams. Joshua also volunteers as both a lector and altar server at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish. Joshua also plays the trombone. This past summer, he worked as a Counselor in Training (CIT) at Camp Cody in New Hampshire. This role helped him understand how to work in more of a leadership role.

Looking back on his scouting career, Joshua offers sound advice to younger Scouts: "No matter what, don't quit. Whether it's just having second thoughts about a hike or quitting scouts altogether, always reconsider."





Congratulations Joshua!