

Kevin J. Spiegelman

Eagle Scout – Troop 4 Milford



Kevin joined Scouting as a Pack 67 Tiger Cub in 2007, under the leadership of Cubmaster Jamie Buckley. Kevin's favorite Cub Scout memories are of the annual Pinewood Derbies. "I enjoyed spending time with my dad making the cars, and was thrilled one year when my car finished first out of all of Pack 67." Kevin's Webelo Den Leader was Mrs. Michele Duffy. On March 3, 2012, Kevin attended Pack 67's Blue and Gold Banquet at the Sacred Heart Bell Tower Room, where he crossed over to Troop 4.

Kevin wasted no time diving in to Troop 4 life. The day after his Blue and Gold Banquet, he was at St. Mary's by 6:00 am gearing up to work his first official pancake breakfast! Some of Kevin's favorite Boy Scout activities were the camping trips. As Kevin reminisces, "spending time with your friends on a weekend in the outdoors created some great memories." Two of Kevin's favorite high adventure trips were the trip to Camp Sebattis in upstate New York and the trip to Tahosa in Colorado. Kevin recalls sharing these fun times with great scout friends. Kevin also enjoyed the AMC hut trips along the Appalachian Trail, and climbing Mount Washington with the Hobart and Weber families.

When asked for his one special experience in scouts, Kevin recalls the climb up Sawtooth Mountain. "It is the memory of Scouting that I can simply never forget. To start, standing on top of this mountain, at 12,304 feet. I am at the highest point I've ever been with two feet on the ground. The view is still sharp in the back of my mind. In every direction you looked, all the eye could see was snow-capped mountains. On the east coast with the Appalachian Mountains, there is simply nothing that compares to this." To this day, Kevin still remembers the rain storm that they were able to watch over an area in the distance. "It was one of the coolest things to see." Kevin fondly recalls sharing this moment with Mike Schmitt, and all of the scouts with whom he had connected over the years.

Kevin selected his Eagle Scout Service Project because he knew he wanted to do something in memory of his grandfather who passed away in March of 2017. Kevin selected the Chabad House Jewish Center in Milford as the beneficiary of his project. Kevin designed and constructed a beautiful space for the Center's community to enjoy during outdoor events. Kevin led his team in renovating the outdoor space by creating sturdy supports for a fence, and installing a fireplace and granite benches. Kevin's project taught him the importance of effectively planning for a project. "Planning includes everything from discussing different techniques of how to perform to analyzing cost and keeping a budget. It also taught me how to trust others to accomplish a goal instead of having everything done by one person." He also learned the importance of teaching skills to others in order to be successful.

Kevin is also very active outside of Scouts. He is a senior at St. John's High School in Shrewsbury, where he is a member of the National Honor Society. Kevin is a member of St. John's Cross Country, Indoor Track, and Outdoor Track teams. Kevin also serves as a senior leader to the freshman class, volunteers at school events such as the Open Houses and annual Gala. Kevin also volunteers his time assisting in the alumni office making calls to school alumni in an effort to raise money for the school. Kevin has worked at the Mendon Twin Drive-In for the past two years. He has been very successful working at there and has learned how to apply the spirit of scouting in the workplace. He recognized what is took to be a leader, and a role model, and did his best at both every day to inspire and motivate his colleagues. Kevin will graduate from St. John's in June, and looks forward to the next step on his journey. While he is still waiting for college acceptance letters to come in prior to making his final decision, he does know that he wants to study Aerospace Engineering.

Looking back on his scouting career, Kevin has some solid advice for the younger Scouts: "Scouting is what you make of it. Every experience is an opportunity to learn. You can attend that camping trip, step into the leadership position, and even earn the rank of Eagle Scout. It is up to you to determine what kind of Scout you want to be, and what you want to learn from Scouting.





Congratulations Kevin!