

Taber James Grose

Eagle Scout – Troop 4 Milford



Taber joined Scouting as a Pack 32 Bear Cub when he was in third grade. Taber's most memorable experience from his Den "was the friends that I had made while I was in it, and feeling like a welcomed member of the family each time we had meetings". Taber earned Cub Scout's highest award, the Arrow of Light, after which he joined Troop 4 in 2012.

Taber's recalls some of his favorite activities with Troop 4. He enjoyed the high adventure trips, the annual stays at Camp Resolute, and the St. Mary's campouts. Taber fondly recalls the Colorado high adventure trip to Tahosa in July of 2017. The opportunity "to hike in the Rocky Mountains was something I'll remember forever. Being at 14,000 ft of elevation with the plains visible for miles and the Rocky Mountains surrounding us was a sight to see. Seeing storm clouds roll over the mountains might also be one of the most terrifying and interesting things to see".

Taber's most memorable experience in Scouting was achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. "For the longest time, I never thought that I would be able to make it to the rank and it always seemed out of reach but I finally got it. With very little time to spare."

For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Taber built and installed 14 radiator covers at the Milford Youth Center. These covers are used to prevent the kids who utilize the center from being able to touch the radiators and get burned. Leading this project taught Taber a lot about how to plan a project and ensure that the project is completed on time. "I discovered how letting everyone who came to help on the project participate, even on little items, can help speed up a process exponentially."

Taber graduated from Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical school this past Thursday. During his high school career Taber was a three-sport athlete. He played golf, basketball, and volleyball. Taber was also very involved in the community. He has volunteered at the Milford Youth Center for the past six years, and was a member of the Junior Advocacy Group for five years. This group participated in multiple community service projects and charity events such as the Relay for Life. Taber also spent several years helping the Grafton Community Barn with its annual harvest.

In the fall, Taber is off to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona, Florida where he plans to study Aerospace Engineering. He has also joined the Air Force ROTC program.

As Taber reflects on his Scouting career, he shares his thoughts with the younger Scouts. "Try to make as many meetings as you can. It would have saved me a lot of my spare time and would have made advancement much easier. There will be times when you no longer want to be a scout and you'll think about quitting – DON'T. The rank of Eagle means more than you could ever imagine."





Congratulations Taber!