

Christopher Silvestri

Eagle Scout – Troop 4 Milford



Chris joined Scouting as a Pack 4 Wolf Scout, following in his brother Dominic's footsteps. His den was led by Paul Mandile and Chris Abbiuso and cites the Battleship Cove sleepover as his favorite memory from Cub Scouts. Chris' Cub Scout career culminated in his earning Arrow of Light, which he proudly wears on his Boys Scout uniform. As part of their journey to reach Arrow of Light, the members of his den became the Flaming Eagle Patrol. On February 28, 2016, Chris, along with most of his Cub Scout patrol, bridged over into Troop 4. They soon became the Ram patrol and have stayed together throughout the years.

When asked about some of his fondest memories as a member of Troop 4, Chris points out the adventure trip to Maryland for whitewater rafting in Maryland, with stops along the way in Gettysburg, Ohio's Sate Park and Hershey Park, as his most enjoyable. He also indicates Carter Notch Hut during his first year as the most challenging. He did not feel fully prepared but used that experience to better prepare for future camping trips. Chris says that earning the very difficult Hiking Merit Badge was also very satisfying. "I love the outdoors and fitness, so hiking is one of my favorite things to do"

In addition to the Troop activities, being the Troop's Senior Patrol Leader was an amazing experience for Chris and he would not have traded that experience for anything in the world. "It helped me get out of my comfort zone and I had a great time doing it"

Chris selected his Eagle Scout Service Project in order to give back our chartered organization and to help restore an historical landmark in Milford, the Irish Round Tower in the St. Mary Cemetery. The project involved installing a new granite bench, paved walkways around the tower and installing a new flagpole. The project also included landscaping the area around the tower and repairing the tower doorway for safety and security.

As Chris reflects on his Scouting career, he shares these thoughts with the younger scouts: "be active and go to as many events as you can. My time in scouting was amazing and I wish I was more active in the past. Go on the winter camp outs, do the high adventure trips. It may be difficult sometimes, but you will create new friendships and lifelong memories. It will help prepare you for the real world and show you how to overcome challenges. Scouting made me a better person and helped me make some great friendships."

