

## Joseph Coplan

Eagle Scout – Troop 4 Milford

Joseph joined Scouting as a Pack 4 Tiger Cub in 2011. His den, led by Mr. Mandile, was very active with many adventures for the boys. As a Cub Scout, Joseph fondly remembers the Pinewood Derbies and many hikes with his den. Joseph earned Cub Scout's highest award, the Arrow of Light, after which he joined Troop 4 in 2016.

Joseph's favorite activities with Troop 4 were attending Camp Resolute, the high adventure trips, and White-Water Rafting with his Troop. When asked which trips most stand out to him Joseph lists the trips to the Carter Notch Huts, Saint Mary's Troop Campsite Pig Roasts, the Maryland/ Hershey Park trip in 2018 and the Maine High Adventure 50-mile canoe trip in 2019.

For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Joseph designed and constructed two wooden, weatherproof donation containers for Sacred Heart Parish. The boxes will provide a safe, secure location for parishioners to drop off clothing donations for the less fortunate of the community. Joseph's project taught him time management, leadership, communication, and woodworking skills.

Joseph is quite active outside of scouts as well. He is currently in his senior year at Milford High School, where he is a member of the Milford High School Football and Track and Field teams. Joseph is also involved in the MHS Music Program (Piano and Saxophone) and in Student Government. Joseph has spent the past two summers working as a DCR Lifeguard at Casey Pool in Milford. Joseph learned responsibility by having this job, and states that he was able to use, and further develop, the First Aid skills he originally learned through the Scouting program. After high school, Joseph plans to graduate from college with a degree in Political Science and hopes to pursue a Law Degree post-grad.

Joseph's advice to the younger Scouts: "Don't be afraid to try something you think you might not like. I never thought I would enjoy canoeing 50 miles, but it remains one of my best memories of Scouting!"





Congratulations Joseph!