



Joshua Anderson

Eagle Scout – Troop 4 Milford

Joshua joined Scouting as a Pack 67 Webelos 1. Although Joshua joined Cub Scouts later than many of his peers, he did join in time to attend a Pinewood Derby, spend time at the Adventure Day Camp, and meet many scouts who were eager to include him in their friend group. Joshua earned Cub Scout's highest award, the Arrow of Light, after which he joined Troop 4.

Joshua's favorite activities with Troop 4 were attending Camp Resolute, Camp Squanto, the high adventure trip to Tahosa in Colorado. Joshua recalls the trip was "really challenging, fun, and adventurous. I learned so much and got to push myself in ways I hadn't ever before". Joshua claims his favorite scouting activity "was and always will be Scouting for Food. It's fun, it's philanthropic". "It's just super awe-inspiring to see a whole community of hundreds of scouts getting together to gather foodstuffs for the Daily Bread Pantry." When asked his one special experience in Scouts, Joshua reminisces about the Order of the Arrow Ordeal. "My Ordeal for OA was crazy I went into it not knowing what to expect and came out of it a completely different person."

For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Joshua constructed and installed a roughly 110-foot-long elevated walkway along a curve within the Nature Trail inside the bus loop at Woodland Elementary School. That portion of the trail had previously flooded whenever it rained, so constructing the bridge/boardwalk allowed for students and teachers to access the outdoor classroom areas more easily along the Nature Trail and encouraged students to spend more time outdoors. Joshua's project taught him about financial literacy, budgeting, fundraising, carpentry, structure design and tools. Above all, however, Joshua learned about leadership. He led a team of volunteers for the better part of the summer, working one part of the project at a time. "Each day I was expected to have a new face and completely understand what to do, and being able to work on my toes was a skill I had to learn by trial and error."

Joshua is quite active outside of scouts as well. He has just graduated from Milford High School, where he was a member of the Milford High School Varsity Swim team. Joshua was very active in the MHS Music programs, participating in the Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Pit Orchestra, Marching Band, Central Districts Symphony Orchestra and All State Wind Ensemble. Joshua was also involved in Student Government, and graduated as a member of the National Honor Society, the Tri-M Music Honor Society, the French National Honor Society, and the National Science Honor Society. In addition to all of his academic and extracurricular activities, Joshua has also worked part time jobs as a restaurant host and as a lifeguard.

In the fall, Joshua will be attending Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, PA. Joshua plans to major in International Studies, with a double minor in French and Public Health Policy,

Joshua's advice to the younger Scouts: "Always make room for scouting in your life. Go on every trip you can, make it to every meeting you can. Because later in life, you'll look back and remember the friends you made and the experiences you had and smile. Don't let it all go to waste, enjoy it!"





Congratulations Joshua!