

Eagle Scout Bobby Koontz Third Generation Eagle Scout

On December 8, 2004, Bobby Koontz became the 101st Eagle Scout in Troop 677. Bobby comes from a long family tradition of Eagle Scouts and joins that rare group of Eagle Scouts who can claim “three generations of Eagle Scouts.”

Bobby’s grandfather, Bruce Koontz, is an Eagle Scout. His father, Steve Koontz, is an Eagle Scout. His brothers, Ryan and Neal, received their Eagle from Troop 677. Bobby’s three uncles are all Eagle Scouts: Tom, Danny, and Bruce, Jr. Thus, Bobby becomes the eighth Eagle Scout in the Koontz family.

Bobby completed his Cub Scouting as a Webelo in Pack 623. While in Troop 677 he served as a Patrol Leader, Scribe, and Assistant Patrol Leader. He enjoyed three summer camps at S-F, one of which was at Swift. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow. Bobby enjoyed Scouting because he could hang out with his friends, build campfires, and cook at summer camp.

Bobby’s Eagle Project was to build two stationary storage and shelving units for the Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Chesterfield. Each storage-shelving unit was eight feet wide, two feet deep, and 56 inches high with open faces and open backs.

As a senior at Marquette High School, Bobby looks back over his high school years and his passion for baseball. Bobby has played four years of baseball for Marquette, the last two years on the varsity team. Baseball at Marquette is a year-round sport including all the off-season training. Bobby plays right and left field. Bobby also played football his freshman and sophomore years until an injury prohibited further football.

Outside of Marquette baseball, Bobby plays on the Red Bird select baseball team. He will be playing his sixth year on this select team. In 2003 and 2004, the team won the right to compete in the World Series for his age group. To enter the World Series, a team must be one of the top eight teams in the nation. In 2003, the team competed in Detroit and placed fourth. In 2004, the team competed in Indiana and placed fifth.

Bobby enjoys baseball because he can excel as an individual and team player. His individual training (batting for example) is an important part of the total team’s performance. His play on the field as a team member is critical to the success of both the Marquette and Red Bird teams.

Bobby enjoys math and US History at Marquette. He plans to enter Southwest Missouri State University (SMSU) next fall and hopes to play for their nationally ranked college baseball team. He plans to major in business.

Outside of school and Scouts, Bobby is a member of the Lord of Life Lutheran Church. He enjoys fantasy sports on the Internet.

Bobby's parents, Marilyn and Steve, have a long service to Scouting. Marilyn ran the Troop 677 Fund Raising campaigns for years and was active in the Pack as a Den Leader. Steve has served as Scoutmaster of Troop 677 and Pack Master of Pack 623. Steve is Wood Badge trained, and is an Eagle Scout.

Bobby's siblings include Neal, an Eagle Scout from Troop 677 who is in the mortgage banking business in Los Angeles and Ryan, also an Eagle Scout from Troop 677. Ryan is graduating from SMSU this month and will be working in Los Angeles in the mortgage banking business. Bobby's older sister, Meredith, is a second grade teacher at the Chesterfield Elementary School. Bobby's younger sister, Katie is a Sophomore at Marquette.

Now Bobby can fly with the rest of the Eagles.