

Brandon Linn Trail to Eagle Scout

A very busy life....typical of successful young people...and Eagle Scouts. Brandon Linn doesn't have a lot of spare time. His trail to Eagle has been busy, fun, interesting, and exciting.

On October 13, 2004, Brandon became the 100th Eagle Scout in Troop 677.

Brandon has served as Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, and Quartermaster. He has attended four summer camps – two at Swift and two at Famous Eagle. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow.

Brandon completed Junior Leader Training Camp (JLTC) in 2002. He went to the Northern Tier in 2003 and the new Double HH Ranch in New Mexico in 2004. Brandon would like to go to Sea Base in Florida, thus earning the designation "Triple Crown" for having been to three national BSA high adventure bases.

Brandon's Eagle Scout Service Project was to lead the construction of one storage unit and one podium for the Academic Stretch classroom at the Rockwood Valley Middle School. Brandon's idea for a project came when he noticed the over-flow of school materials in a storage unit in his classroom. The shelves were sagging. When giving presentations, everyone had to hold their notes. Brandon decided that a podium would help make the presentation more professional. The three storage units totaled 12 feet across, 14 inches deep and 29.5 inches tall. The podium is 24 inches wide, 18 inches deep, and 45 inches tall in the front and 41 inches tall in the back.

Brandon is planning to be an active member of the new Venturing group that has been formed and associated with the Troop.

Brandon is a freshman at Lafayette High School where he is on the freshman football team, in the band (percussion), and active in the Key Club. He is enrolled in all honor classes. He is one of only two freshman taking the weighted grade pre-calculus class. He is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, the math honor society.

While in Rockwood Valley Middle School, he was in all challenge classes. He received the Young Achievers Award in 2002, was Student of the Month all three years of middle school, received the Excalibur Award in the seventh grade for 3-D design and in the eighth grade for Physical Education. He received the Bravo Award in band in the eighth grade. He maintained a 4.0 GPA in all six semesters of middle school and received the Award of Academic Excellence. Brandon has been in the Talented and Gifted Program since the first grade.

Brandon dreams of playing football for Notre Dame and studying astrophysics. He has always been interested in space since he was a child, but got interested in astrophysics when he read Stephen Hawking's *A Brief History of Time* in the seventh grade.

Brandon's hobbies and interests include computers, reading, football, camping, and spending time with his family. Brandon and his dad enjoy a level of teasing and jostling that is special to their relationship.

Brandon's parents are Catherine and John Linn. John is active in the Troop leadership having completed a three-year term as Quartermaster and now serving as Troop Treasurer. Brandon's brother is Austin. All of them are proud of Brandon's achievement as an Eagle Scout.

Now Brandon can fly with the rest of the Eagle Scouts.