

Brian Klesh On the Trail to Eagle

“Scouting has been the most influential aspect of my life” says Brian Klesh who earned his Eagle Scout award on August 22, 2001. “Scouting has been a part of my life since I was in Cub Scouts. The way Scouting works, and my leadership opportunities have really helped me. I have enjoyed the respect of others when I’m in a leadership position, the way people listen to you, the ability to delegate, and the fun of demonstrating leadership.”

Brian is a junior at Lafayette High School where he enjoys journalism and social studies. He is editor of the school newspaper which is published once a month. His interest in journalism began his freshman year at Lafayette when he took a writing and reporting class that really grew on him. Brian is planning his college education around journalism.

Brian is also active in the soccer and track teams. He is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, the math honor society where he tutors and participates in math contests. Brian is a member of the National Honor Society.

As a member of “Peer Mediation”, Brian helps resolve disputes between students at Lafayette.

He really enjoys Outdoor Skills Education Program (OSEP) conducted by the social studies teachers at Lafayette. This program exposes high school students to leadership skills in an outdoor setting, including camping. Brian’s Scouting skills are often put to use in OSEP.

Brian began his Scouting with Pack 603 and progressed through Webelos earning his Arrow of Light. He crossed over to Troop 677 and served as Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader (three times), and Troop Guide with the Inner Circle for four years.

Brian achieved Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow. One of the highlights of his Boy Scout years has been the Order of the Arrow ceremonial team which participated in five performances at OA conclaves. His final performance was on September 8 this year.

High adventure trips included Philmont and the Northern Tier. Brian attended five summer camps at the S-F Ranch, including one year at Swift Base.

Brian earned his religious award through the Catholic Church.

Brian's Eagle Scout project was to build a pavilion for the Wabash, Frisco, and Pacific Railroad in Glencoe.

This past summer, Brian participated in Triathlon called the "Babler Beast" sponsored by the YMCA. The triathlon involved swimming, biking, and running. He has attended soccer camps at Southwest Missouri State.

Brian has a very supportive family. His mother, Ingrid, is a nurse and has served as a Scout leader for many years. She is a First Aid Merit Badge counselor. His father, Ken, is a medical doctor, and has served as a Scout leader for many years including trips two trips to Philmont and two trips to the Northern Tier. Brian's brother, Andy, is an Eagle Scout, now attending the University of Michigan. His sister, Kristen, is a freshman at Lafayette High School.

Now Brian will soar with the rest of the Eagles.