

## **Brian Sammons Trail To Eagle**

Brian Sammons' Trail to Eagle spanned several years allowing him to mature and see the value of becoming an Eagle Scout and his participation in Scouting. Brian has realized that "90% of Scouting is for the greater good and giving back to the society such as Scouting for Food and the Eagle project." Brian states that Scouting has taught him the importance of communication, leadership, respect for authority and responsibility, and taking the initiative to use all the opportunities that are presented to him.

Brian earned his Eagle on July 12, 1006. Brian earned his Arrow of Light from Pack 603. He served as Troop 677's Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader (more than once), Assistant Patrol Leader, Scribe, and Troop Guide. He attended six summer camps at S-F and experienced Swift Base, Camp Famous Eagle, Camp Sakima, and Camp Gamble. He was Crew Leader for the crew at the Double H Ranch in New Mexico, and Brian states this was a "real high adventure because there were no trails and the crew had to decide how to spend their time every day." Brian completed Junior Leader Training Camp (JLTC) and is a member of the Order of the Arrow.

Throughout his first three years at Lafayette High School, Brian has been very active. He has played football (linebacker) for three years, lacrosse (defense) for three years, performed in the spring musical for two years, played the cello in the orchestra for three years, and has been a member of Academic Renaissance based on his strong academic performance since his Freshman year. He is also a member of the Chess Club. During his senior year, Brian will continue with football, lacrosse, orchestra, and the spring musical. Brian's favorites classes are physics, biology, and literature. He takes two to three AP (Academic Placement) classes a year. Brian is a scholar-athlete and a scholar-artist.

The faculty of Lafayette High School selected Brian to be a member of the Committee of 520 and OSEP. These two organizations recognize young student leaders in high school and expose them to leadership opportunities. Brian's Eagle project was to assemble leadership challenges for the Committee of 520 and OSEP. A number of other Troop 677 Eagle Scouts have been selected by the faculty to be a member of these two organizations.

Brian enjoys playing sports including soccer and any outdoor activities such as hiking.

Brian's family has been active in Scouting. His brother Patrick is a Troop 677 Eagle Scout and attending the University of Missouri. His mother, Kathy, was active in the Troop Committee and District Eagle Board of Reviews. His father, John, has been very supportive of all of Brian's scouting and school activities. Brian has a sister, Kelly, who is a senior at the University of Missouri. Brian is considering the University of Arkansas (business degree) following high school graduation in May 2007.

Congratulations can be sent to Brian at "usmc2007@aol.com."