

Eric Witthaus Trial to Eagle

When asked “what’s the best time you’ve ever had in Scouting?” Eagle Scout Eric Witthaus answered “living on a island for a week at Sea Base.” While on the island in 2005, Eric and his crew experienced Tropical Storm Arlene. Sea Base is in the Florida Keys, and is one of four high adventure bases in USA Boy Scouting.

Eric began his Scouting with Pack 87 in Omaha, Nebraska, and earned his Arrow of Light from Pack 677 before crossing over to Troop 677.

While in Troop 677, Eric served as Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Order of the Arrow Representative, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. Eric attended six summer camps, all at S-F, and four of these summer camps were at Swift (2 with the Venture Crew). Eric is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. He has earned 27 merit badges. His Eagle project involved leading a team to construct a picnic table for St. John’s Lutheran Church in Baldwin Illinois, and a pair of Adirondack chairs for the Garden Place Assisted Living Center in Red Bud Illinois.

Eric is active in the Venture Crew where he has served as the Vice-President of Administration. He has enjoyed the crew activities including Sea Base, rock climbing, bowling, high ropes, and water skiing at Table Rock Lake.

Eric is a Junior at Lafayette High School with a 3.6 GPA . He is active in the marching band playing the tuba as well as the Wind Ensemble. He also plays the trombone in the Jazz Band, and is member of the Basketball Band. He plays on the Lafayette lacrosse team and completed five years of lacrosse that began in middle school as a member of the Lafayette Junior Team. His favorite subjects are social studies and the sciences. Eric is interested in a career in architectural engineering, and would like to attend the University of Kansas, the University of Nebraska, or Clemson University.

Eric is a member of the St. John’s Lutheran Church. His hobbies include paintball, reading, music (in particular, classical music), and composing music for the piano.

Eric parents are Lynn and Dan Witthaus. His father is an Eagle Scout and currently the Chair of the Parents Committee for Troop 677. His brother Patrick is active in Troop 677 as a Life Scout.

Congratulations to Eric can be sent to lafayettelax@gmail.com.

Now Eric can soar with the rest of the Eagles.