

Patrick Sammons An Eagle Scout in Record Time

At age fifteen years and 10 months, Patrick Sammons joined Troop 677 Scouting because his younger brother, Brian, was having so much fun camping, hiking, and living in the outdoors. He immediately set a goal to become an Eagle Scout. The time line to achieve the rank of Eagle meant that he could not miss an advancement rank by more than two weeks. Patrick had to become an Eagle Scout by age 18.

On Wednesday, August 11, 2004, Patrick Sammons became an Eagle Scout. He is Troop 677's 99th Eagle Scout.

Patrick attended three summer camps after joining Scouting. In 2004, along with his father, Jon, and brother, Brian, Patrick joined other Troop 677 Scouts to hike the new Double HH Ranch in southwestern New Mexico. This is the first year that Double HH opened, so Patrick and his crew wear a unique patch – the first ones from Double HH. It was challenging. It was fun. Pictures of the trip will be posted on the Troop web site (www.troop677.org) under "High Adventure." Patrick returned from the Double HH fired up about high adventure and would like to return as a Guide at Double HH or the Philmont Scout Ranch.

Patrick's Eagle Scout project was to build outdoor tables designed with wheelchair access for use by the Babler State Park Outdoor Education Program.

Patrick served as Senior Patrol Leader for the Troop, Patrol Leader and Troop Guide. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow. He completed Junior Leader Training (JLTC) in 2003 and was elected as his patrol's Permanent Patrol Leader.

Patrick will be a senior at Lafayette High School. He is active in student government, a member of the Scholar Quiz Bowl competing against other high schools, and the Robotics Club (where a 135 pound robot is built from scratch to compete against high schools throughout the United States). Patrick plays lacrosse and is a varsity player. He will be the starting goalie his senior year. Patrick ran cross-country his junior year and was in wrestling his freshman and sophomore years.

Patrick's favorite subjects are math and science. He plans to major in mechanical engineering and obtain a masters degree in business. He would like to attend Lehigh University.

Patrick plays the bass guitar, builds model airplanes, and enjoys reading.

Patrick's mother, Kathie, is an active adult leader in Troop 677, serves on the Troop's Eagle Board of Review, and is a member of the New Horizons District Eagle Board of Review. Along with Kathie, Patrick's father, Jon, brother Brian (a Life Scout in Troop 677) and sister Kelly (in college) are very proud of Patrick as Troop 677's newest Eagle Scout.

Now Patrick flies with the rest of the Eagles.