

## Alexander B. Boon van Ostade



2006



2013

Alexander Boon van Ostade, currently a senior at Canton High School, was born in 1995 in Louisville, Kentucky. He has both the Dutch and American Nationality. Throughout his life, he has lived in four countries: The United States, Brazil, Belgium and Germany. In 2005, Alexander and his family moved back to the United States and settled down in Canton, CT. Alexander has two older brothers, Maurits and Jan, who joined Troop 174 after moving to Canton, with Alex joining a year later. Both older brothers attained the rank of Eagle as well.

Since Alexander joined the Troop in 2006 he has held several leadership positions such as Patrol Leader in 2009 and Senior Patrol Leader in 2010. In 2007 Alexander was the recipient of the Kevin Hanley Memorial Award, given to a Scout who exhibits true Scout spirit. Some of Alexander's fondest Scouting adventures and activities include his high adventure backpacking trip to Philmont, summer camp at Camp Workcoeman, Block Island Trip, WestPoint outings and the weeklong Scuba diving trip to Honduras, for which he earned the Scuba Diving Certification at age 12.

In addition to many years as a Scout, Alexander has been very involved in several sports. In the past four years he has played soccer, tennis and basketball for Canton High School. Alexander has been solid in the classroom while also often spending his time volunteering for Hartford Foodshare, and teaching English to Burmese Karen families, organizing holiday parties and assisting with several fieldtrips. In June 2013, he was awarded the Civitan Scholarship Award for his involvement in Boy Scouts and in the community.

Alexander will be attending the University of Alabama in the fall, where he plans to pursue a degree in International Business.

## **Rank Advancement**

Scout	04/22/06	Star	03/11/09
Tenderfoot	12/13/06	Life	05/28/10
Second Class	12/19/07	Eagle	05/08/13
First Class	05/28/08		

## **Merit Badges Earned**

Art	Fingerprinting
Athletics	First Aid*
Basketry	Leatherwork
Camping*	Mammal Study
Citizenship In The Community*	Personal Fitness*
Citizenship In The Nation*	Personal Management*
Citizenship In The World*	Scuba
Communications*	Signaling
Dentistry	Swimming*
Emergency Preparedness*	
Environmental Science*	
Family Life*	

\* Eagle requirement

## **Eagle Project**

For Alexander's Eagle Scout Project he decided to design and build storage cabinets for The Focus Center for Autism in his hometown of Canton. The Center specializes in the treatment of children and young adults with autism spectrum disorders.



Focus Center Canton, CT

Alexander met leadership and children of the Center at the yearly Rotary Christmas party for group homes and he was very impressed by their program and the dedication of the people that work and learn there. He read on their website: "If a child cannot learn in the way we teach, we must teach in a way the child can learn."

The Center was in urgent need of new cabinets in their activity-game room. Alexander definitely had to step out of his comfort zone to learn to design, cut out and assemble the custom cabinetry, then redesign the room so it would be more user friendly for the children and had more storage space. Because of generous donations, also from family overseas, Alexander was able to not only fund the total costs of the room but also help out with some additional needs of the Center. With special thanks to: Mr J. Veldman (carpentry lessons and continuous support), Mr M. Brady (for tools), Mr H. Collins (for design) and Mr A. Cohen (from Focus Center).



With Mr Veldman who teaches us everything about woodworking



Almost finished !



TV cabinet