

Jay D. Burrows



Jay Burrows was born in 1996 in Valencia, CA. Three weeks later Jay and his family moved to Simsbury where he and his older sister Alison have grown up. Jay is finishing his sophomore year as an Honor Student at Simsbury High School. Alison recently finished her sophomore year at Hobart and William Smith Colleges and will be traveling to Australia for the fall semester.

Jay began his scouting career with Pack 276 at Tootin' Hills School as a tiger cub scout at 7 years old. Jay's Dad was the Den leader. Many of the cub scouts in the Den crossed over and joined Troop 174 and are still active in the Troop today. Jay earned many of the Webelos activity pins and also earned the Arrow of Light, which is Cub Scouting's highest award.

After joining Troop 174 in February 2007 and coached by Assistant Scout Master Mr. Johnson, Jay began to get a few requirements signed off at each scout meeting he attended. He quickly advanced to Tenderfoot and Second Class Scout by the end of 2007. Jay always looked up to the older scouts in the Troop. He also had some friends outside of Simsbury that were scouts working towards earning their Eagle. This motivated Jay to work on advancement requirements and Merit Badge worksheets. Jay's Dad often encouraged him to complete 20 minutes of scout work at night after finishing his homework to progress toward his goal.

Like most scouts in Troop 174, Jay's first outing was the Patrol Challenge at Camp Workcoeman. His Patrol leader at the time was Jeremy Jacob who was determined to win the competition by cooking lobster for dinner! Jay's first scout night was with three scouts in a two-man tent with freezing rain and ice expected that evening.

Jay has held numerous leadership positions in the Troop including Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Troop Guide and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. He will be the Senior Patrol Leader for 2013-2014 scout year along with Piers Lucker.

Jay's fond memories of scouting trips are Block Island, Patrol Challenge, 20 mile New York City Hike, canoeing and water skiing in the Adirondacks and the Klondike Derby when Will Scully attached the rockets to the sled and lit them at the end of the race. The big trip for Jay was the 12-day, 75-mile wilderness trek at Philmont Scout Reservation in New Mexico in July 2010. Jay's trip included eight scouts and four adult leaders. It was challenging and rewarding for both Jay and his Dad.

Jay spends his summers in the Adirondack Mountains on Big Moose Lake where he earned his New York State Boaters License at the age of 10 and is an accomplished water skier. Jay works about 24-32 hours per week as kitchen help at a restaurant on the lake preparing dinners, salads and desserts. In addition, he and two other friends have a summer business (Big Moose Trash Men, LLC) picking up household garbage and recycling from summer residents and hauling it across the lake to the garbage trucks twice each week.

Jay is passionate about snow skiing and always looks forward to winter.

Rank Advancement

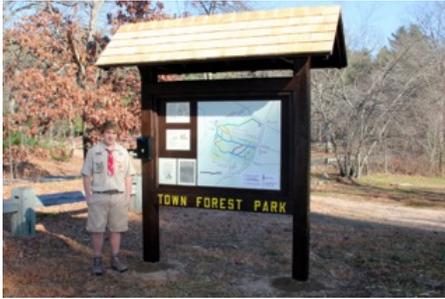
Scout	03/07/07	Star	01/08/10
Tenderfoot	05/30/07	Life	01/07/11
Second Class	12/19/07	Eagle	05/07/13
First Class	03/11/09		

Merit Badges Earned

American Business	Fingerprinting
Camping*	First Aid*
Carpentry	Motor Boating
Citizenship In The Community*	Path Finding
Citizenship In The Nation*	Personal Fitness*
Citizenship in the World*	Personal Management*
Communications*	Snow Sports
Emergency Preparedness*	Swimming*
Engineering	Tracking
Environmental Science*	Water Sports
Family Life*	Woodworking

* Eagle requirement

Eagle Project



Troop 174 frequently camps and has meetings at Town Forest Park. Jay was curious about the hiking trails that exist in the woods behind the pavilion, and realized that there was no map, guide or any information available to the scouts, or any visitors to the park. He decided a Map Kiosk was needed, and that he could construct one for his Eagle project that would display a large scale, color-coded map of all the trails. Jay contacted Mr. Toner of Simsbury Parks and Recreation for approval. He gave a presentation to the Parks and Recreation board for initial approval, and to the Board of Selectmen for a final approval in order to obtain his building permit. The Kiosk construction started in October 2012 and was completed just after Thanksgiving. The project took roughly eighty-five hours of volunteer community service to complete. Jay learned some valuable leadership lessons about the high cost of building materials, environmental permits and time schedules. He also learned about the generosity of his friends, fellow scouts, and adult leaders as they gave their time, assistance, and advice to help him complete his project. He especially appreciated help digging the holes for the posts!

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