

Kevin J. McCann



Eagle Scout Kevin Joseph McCann was in 1992 in Connecticut. Kevin lives in Simsbury with his family and is a freshman at North Carolina State University majoring in Engineering.

Kevin began scouting as a tiger cub in Winsted, CT where he was the proud winner of the Rain Gutter Regatta, and his first Pinewood Derby trophy. Kevin moved to Simsbury in 2000 and joined Cub Scout pack 276. His best memories are of pinewood derbies, saying the pledge of allegiance over the intercom at Tootin' Hills School and retiring their flag. After earning his Arrow of Light, Kevin crossed over to Troop 174 in 2003 along with the other Webelos in his den. He held leadership positions of Troop Scribe, Troop Guide, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Junior Assistant Scout Master. Kevin moved to Illinois in 2005 where he was active in Troop 317. He participated in camping and hiking trips in Illinois and Wisconsin as well as summer camp on Lake Michigan. Kevin moved back to Simsbury in 2007 and re-entered Troop

174 to complete his Life and Eagle ranks. Kevin's fondest memories are going to Philmont in the summer of 2008, hiking in the White Mountains, Christmas tree selling and raking leaves with the troop.

In addition to his many years as an active Scout, Kevin has participated in a variety of other activities. He played travel basketball since grade 5 earning positions on both his Illinois and Simsbury High teams culminating with his starting position of center for Simsbury High both Junior and Senior years. Kevin played Lacrosse for many years, and joined SHS Boys Volleyball as a senior where he was voted an All Conference player.

Kevin is a member of the National Honor Society, a recipient of the AP Scholar with Distinction Award, a High Honor Roll student and a member of the Future Business Leaders of America. As a member of St. Catherine of Siena Church, he participated in community outreach activities. Kevin held a part time job at Little City Pizza while in high school and for the summer of 2010 Kevin worked full time as a member of the outdoor maintenance staff for the Simsbury Parks and Recreation Department. His experience balancing scouting with school, religion, sports, and work will serve him well all his life.

Rank Advancement

Scout	03/14/04	Star	07/13/07
Tenderfoot	03/14/05	Life	03/11/09
Second Class	03/15/05	Eagle	06/16/10
First Class	03/16/05		

Merit Badges Earned *Eagle Requirement

Camping*	Lifesaving*
Canoeing	Motorboating
Chemistry	Personal Fitness*
Citizenship In The Community*	Personal Management*
Citizenship In The Nation*	Pioneering
Citizenship In The World*	Rifle Shooting
Communications*	Small Boat Sailing
Environmental Science*	Sports
Family Life*	Swimming*
Fingerprinting	Weather
First Aid*	

Eagle Project

Kevin started his Eagle Project early senior year of high school realizing that he had to find a project and start working in order to finish before his 18th birthday. With the persistent encouragement and helpful advice of his mother, Kevin began to search furiously for a project that was both relevant to his interests, the community, as well as being difficult enough of a task to be considered an Eagle Project.

Kevin found his Eagle Project when his mom gave him contact information to the president of Farmington Valley Trails Council. The project he was given involved making five town line markers along the bike path all the way from Farmington to Suffield. He carefully determined where each town line was, ordered the posts and signs that would display each town name with their respective town colors, put it all together and then installed them.

Kevin talked to the Treasurer of Farmington Valley Trails Council in order to solicit funds. To make up the difference between what the FVTC donated and what the project cost, Kevin contacted the parishioners of his church as well as family members and friends to collect empty bottles and cans which he returned for money to fund the project.



Most of the man-hours spent on this project involved phone calls and organization in order to get the project approved by each town as well as the Trails Council. It also involved finding the correct spot for each marker and coordinating many different groups together to finish the project. Between ordering the posts, the signs, and installing them in a timely and orderly fashion, the project was a major balancing act that had to be finished around school, work, and sports. In addition, the sign company was late with their commitment and required many calls and a visit to expedite. The inclement spring weather added a major installation challenge.

Kevin would like to thank all of his friends, family members, fellow scouts and members of St. Catherine of Siena Church for graciously donating funds to his project and for all of their support during the completion of his project. He would also like to thank everyone involved in the planning including president of FVTC, Bruce Donald, Treasurer, Steve Noble, and the woodshop teacher at Simsbury High School, Kurt Dougan. Special thanks go out to those who helped him through the hours of labor putting in the signs during an unexpected downpour including his Uncle Jim Brady, Matt Joyal, and the scouts from his troop in Suffield. Kevin encourages all to go out and be active by using the bike path managed by the Farmington Valley Trails Council and stop to enjoy the town line markers he installed.

