

Michael D. Bubnash



Michael was born on June 26, 1988 in New Bedford, Massachusetts. He has lived in Simsbury since then. He has one brother: Stephen, a freshman at Simsbury High School. During his sophomore and junior year of high school Michael also attended the Greater Hartford Academy of Math and Science where he

was able to study chemistry and biology as well as electronics, forensics, and computer science.

In addition to Scouting, Michael has been an active amateur radio operator as well as an avid hiker. This past summer he spent five days on a section of the Long Trail that follows the Appalachian Trail from Bennington, Vermont to the peak of Stratton Mountain. He has hiked over 100 miles of the Appalachian Trail and hopes to continue adding to that number. Barring one, Michael has summited the highest peak in each state in New England and New York; all that remains is Mount Katahdin in Maine. Through all of these treks the skills he has learned during his time with Troop 174 have been extremely valuable. The highlight of his hiking experiences with the troop was the Philmont trek in 2004 during which the team hiked for eleven days in New Mexico. The team-building and camaraderie developed while on the trip have served Michael in Scouting as well as his personal life.

Michael began his Scouting career as a Cub Scout in Pack 174 at Latimer Lane School. After many birdhouses and food drives Michael earned his Arrow of Light Award and joined Troop 174. While in the troop Michael enjoyed many of the activities and trips, such as the popular Block Island bike trip and Game Night. Michael was also a member of the Venture Crew and went to Lake Placid two winters for a weekend of skiing and Olympic sight-seeing.

As a member of Troop 174, Michael served as Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Scribe, Troop Guide, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. During his first year with the troop Michael earned the Kevin Hanley Award for exceptional scout spirit. He also worked at Camp Workcoeman as a CIT for one summer and then for two summers as a staff member teaching scout skills and working in the Trading Post.

