

Eagle Scout Paige B.: Leading Through Chaos

When Paige B. first joined Troop 424 as an 11-year-old in the 6th grade, she was entering a world that was about to change. Navigating her Scouting path through the “pre-COVID” and “post-COVID” eras, Paige transformed from a young newcomer into a confident leader who understands that growth isn’t about being perfect—it’s about showing up when things get messy. Today, she stands as an Eagle Scout who views the program not just as a series of requirements, but as a vital training ground for life.

Finding Her Voice



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For Paige, the heart of the Scouting experience is its safety as a learning environment. “Scouting is a place where it’s okay to mess up and figure out how to be a person,” she reflects. This philosophy was put to the test early on when she stepped into the role of Senior Patrol Leader (SPL). Inspired by her predecessor, Alyssa B.—who was one of the few older Scouts Paige could look up to at the time—Paige learned to navigate the “meaningful errors” that defined the trail to Eagle.

She candidly recalls the steep learning curve of her first time as SPL, facing those chaotic moments of realization: “I don’t know what you want?!” Yet, it was through this trial-by-fire that she emerged as a leader who is quick to address challenges and possesses the confidence to speak her mind.

Resilience in the “In-Between”

If leadership was the mental hurdle, the elements provided the physical one. Paige remembers the sweltering heat of summer campouts as her toughest challenge, noting how the rising heat and humidity made everyone irritable and tested the troop's cohesion. But in true Scout fashion, the hardships were balanced by humor found in the "in-between" moments.

Whether it was a 14-day National Jamboree or a rainy weekend at her favorite nostalgic spot, Squanto, Paige found that the best memories often came when things didn't go according to plan. During those long days, she found comfort in the simplest things: monkey bread, oatmeal, and the steady companionship of the friends she's had since the beginning.

The Eagle Project: A Family Legacy

Paige's Eagle Scout project was a unique "co-op" effort with her twin brother, both serving JPH at Ferry Hill. While her brother focused on a farming plot, Paige took on the construction and painting of a farm stand.



The project was a masterclass in management and the reality of volunteer leadership. On project day, she managed the chaos of leading both peers and adults by assigning Paige specific, actionable roles, such as painting base coats. Despite the physical success, she faced a common "headache": the paperwork. Having not tracked everything actively during the project, she had to painstakingly piece together reports and volunteer lists after the fact. Her advice to her younger self? "Just do the paperwork. Make sure you record everything".

Beyond the Rank



Like many high-achieving Scouts, Paige faced the “Eagle Slump” during high school. She pushed through with a mix of troop support, parental motivation, and a healthy dose of sibling competition with her brother.

Today, Paige is a leader who carries the skills of conflict resolution and “divide and conquer” delegation into her daily

life. When asked to describe her journey in three words, she chooses a phrase that every Scout knows by heart: “You’re being volunteered”.

It’s a humorous nod to the service-oriented nature of the program, but underneath the wit is a deep commitment to the Eagle responsibility: “Just give back to the community and follow the values and ideals”.