

Steve's Story



Eagle Scout Stephen E. Stockwell is proud to be an alum of the Scouting program. Steve was a youth member in Troop 22 in Newark, Ohio where he moved up through the ranks completing all of the requirements for the Eagle Award. Due to a family move, Steve was never awarded his Eagle Rank.

After attending college, Steve joined another esteemed organization, the Marine Corps, where he served his country for 7 years. Steve retired from Armstrong World Industries as a Senior Vice President in 2002.

In 2012—55 years after having earned the rank of Eagle—the Pennsylvania Dutch Council had the honor and privilege of presenting it to Steve.

Steve has led by example: serving with the Lancaster United Way, S.C.O.R.E, the Lancaster Rotary Club, and coaching lacrosse at Conestoga Valley for 13 years.

Why did you join Scouting?

The experiences I had in the Cub Pack were very positive and allowed me to expand my circle of friends. After having been a Cub Scout for several years, moving to the Boy Scout Troop was a natural move.

How has Scouting impacted your life and what does Scouting mean to you?

*My Scouting experience provided me with skills and values that I was able to apply—not only as a Scout—but also throughout my education, military experience, and business career. To plagiarize the BSA tag line.... **It helped me to be Prepared...For Life.***

Also, as a result of my leadership positions within Scouts, Explorers, Order of the Arrow, and as a camp counselor, I had a solid foundation on which to expand my leadership role during my business career. Scouting's focus on living with nature and outdoor adventures allowed me to a better Marine Corp officer.

Can you share a real life experience of this impact?

One of the real life examples of how Scouting impacted my life was swimming. Because it was a requirement for all ranks within Scouting, I became a competitive swimmer. This helped me get into the college of my choice and assisted in financing my education.

If you could describe Scouting in one sentence what would it be?

Bottom Line: Scouting will help take you to where you want to go and where you want to be.

Describe Scouting in one word:

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