

# Local teen earns Eagle Scout rank

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*Nicholas Brombach stands next to the wooden fence he constructed for his Eagle Scout project at Wolcott Mill Metropark. (Photo provided by Janet Brombach)*

**MACOMB TOWNSHIP** — Even before he has started high school, Nicholas Brombach has done it all in his Scouting career.

Brombach has earned 24 merit badges as a member of Troop 248 to recently earn the rank of Eagle Scout. He is the first person in his age group to earn the designation.

"I focused on always doing something, whether it's a merit badge or a requirement in the Scout handbook that we need to achieve to get to the next rank," Brombach said.

Brombach will be a freshman at Dakota High School this fall, and he said he's looking forward to the school's tech design program.

Brombach began his Scouting career as a kindergartner with Pack 149, and has earned numerous honors along the way. He has been recognized for completing more than 50 nights of camping, and he recently earned brotherhood status with the Order of the Arrow.

For his Eagle Scout project, Brombach led the construction of a 6-foot wooden fence that now protects a utility box at Wolcott Mill Metropark. He also directed the building of a fishing rack for 12 poles at Wolcott.

To fundraise for the materials associated with each project, Brombach hosted a bottle drive and a candy bar sale.

"I originally asked my church for project ideas, but after they didn't have any, I went up to Wolcott and they had a lot of project ideas," Brombach said. "The fence and the fishing pole rack were the two I found interesting, so I decided to go with those."

David Carberry, the scoutmaster for Troop 248, has known Brombach for more than three years. He said Brombach's eagerness to help others has served him well in his Scouting career.

"Fundamentally, Nick is one of those kids that's always eager to help out and try things. He has a great drive and ambition that helps him do things a little bit quicker, and goes after things more aggressively than some of the other Scouts," Carberry said.

Carberry used the example of Brombach completing his three-month personal management and personal fitness badges on his first try as signs of his maturity and work ethic.

"It's easy for the boys to lose track after a month or so in, then have to start over," Carberry said. "He stuck to it and got through the first time."

Looking ahead, Brombach can remain a member of the troop until he turns 18 years old, which he intends on doing. Brombach said he hopes to pick up several more badges, along with helping out friends in completing their projects and badges.

"I want to stay involved and help people with their Eagle Scout projects, and help others rank up and keep going camping to stay involved with the troop until I age out," Brombach said.

Carberry expects to see Brombach in more leadership positions over the next four years.

"I'd like to see him help inspire the younger Scouts to get to Eagle, even the guys his age. I know he'll step up and do that," Carberry said. "I see him taking on several more merit badges over the next couple of years. By doing that, it might expose him to possible lifelong hobbies or careers he might find interesting."