

## **Greater St. Louis Area Council**

A Greater St. Louis Area Council Eagle Scout earns all 139 Merit Badges and visits all 4 National High Adventure Bases.

Niko Brennan earned his last merit badge backpacking after completing a trek at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimmaron, New Mexico this summer. Niko has also visited Florida Sea Base, Summitt Bechtel Reserve, and Northern Tier High Adventure Base.

Niko had two goals as a Scout to become the youngest Eagle Scout in Troop 496 and to earn all the merit badges. Niko became an Eagle Scout in 2020 at only 12 years old and earned all 139 merits badges in 2022 at 14 years old.

Niko plans to become an architectural engineer, a career he discovered while working on the engineering merit badge.

Niko credits Scouting with introducing him to some of his closes friends and teaching him valuable leadership skills.

The Greater St. Louis Area Council, provides youth with character development programs and values-based leadership training. The Council, one of the largest in the nation, has more than 25,000 youth members and nearly 12,600 adult volunteers. They come from 63 counties in southeast Missouri, southern and central Illinois, and the St. Louis Metropolitan area.