

## A 2022 Success Story for... Boy Scouts of America Garden State Council



Alex is a young man growing up in Woodbury, New Jersey, who had never heard about Scouting. The Unit leader visited the local school and dropped off flyers to be handed out to the students. Alex brought the flyer home and his mother took him to the meeting! Alex had a great time at his first Scout meeting, but he did not return the following week. The Unit leader was surprised that he did not return because he seemed to be having fun. The leader found out that Alex did not join because they did not have the money. The leader encouraged him to return and promised Alex and his mother that he would find the money to help pay for Alex's scouting. Alex joined the Unit and attended a weeklong summer camp experience. When asked about summer camp, he said, "it was a lot of fun! I had a great time, even though I did not earn a Swimming Merit Badge. Hopefully, I can come back next year and earn my Swimming Merit Badge!" Alex was able to attend camp because of camp scholarship provided by a local banker and Board Member of the Garden State Council.