



**Eagle Scout Zachary Bloom**  
137 Merit Badges & 15 Eagle Scout Palms  
Troop 325, Palmer, Alaska



First merit badge (First Aid)  
Presented by Scoutmaster Grandel - 26 Jun 2008



Last merit badge - #137 (Digital Technology) - 14 Oct 2014  
Presented by Scoutmaster Grandel - 15 Jan 2015

## Bloom completes all merit badges

Eagle Scout Zachary Bloom (18), son of 1978 Askov graduate Rick Bloom (Indra) of Palmer, Alaska, and grandson of the late Walter Bloom (Karen) of Nickerson, recently distinguished himself from 110 million other Boy Scouts over the 105-year history of the Boy Scouts of America by becoming only the 253rd Scout in the country to ever earn every merit badge available. On October 14, 2014, exactly four years to the day he made Eagle Scout, he earned his 137th and final merit badge (Digital Technology) — an Alaska best, and only three short of a

national record. Two days later, he earned a 15th Eagle Scout Palm for continued leadership and skill development. On January 15 at a Court of Honor with Troop 325 in Palmer, he culminated 11 years of service as one of the most decorated Boy Scouts in America. Only about two percent (.02) of all Boy Scouts earn Eagle Scout; scarcer yet, since 1910, only .000002 percent of all Scouts have completed every merit badge available — Bloom did both. Less than one-tenth of one percent of all Eagle Scouts have earned three Palms — Bloom earned five

times that amount. He claims scuba diving was his favorite merit badge, while bugling was the hardest. His quest began out of sibling rivalry to top his brother Spencer, an Eagle Scout, who had 52 merit badges. An Academic All-American nominee and captain of the swim team, Bloom broke 15 school records and won four region championships at Colony High School in Palmer. He plans to swim collegiately and pursue a career in medicine after graduation this year.



Submitted photo

Eagle Scout Zachary Bloom  
137 merit badges



Zachary Bloom - Eagle Scout 15<sup>th</sup> Palm (5 silver palms) and 137 merit badges  
Been in Scouting for 11 of his 18 years



Eagle Scout – 43 merit badges



Eagle Scout 15<sup>th</sup> Palm – 137 merit badges



Tiger Cub - 2003



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