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Scout's journey finds him earning all 121 merit badges

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By age 18, the average Scout typically earns about 50 badges.

David Devor, an Eagle Scout in Troop 202, has earned all 121 of the merit badges offered by the Boy Scouts of America. And he did it before turning 18.



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David Devor, 18, an Eagle Scout in Troop 202, has earned all 121 of the merit badges offered by the Boy Scouts of America. And he did it before his 18th birthday.

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had earned 75 of the merit badges and his Eagle rank. He earned the remaining 46 during the past four years.

The merit badge program provides opportunities for youth to explore more than 120 fields of skill and knowledge, including photography, plumbing, nuclear science, metalwork and insect study.

Devor has spent more than 575 nights camping in the past seven years and played the national anthem on trumpet at Tradition Field and at Mar-a-Lago for Donald Trump.

After Hurricane Katrina he joined 40 other Scouts from Gulf Stream Council to help rebuild Camp Tiak in rural Mississippi.

The Venturing Bronze Outdoor Award, the Venturing Gold Award, the God and Life religious medal and the Hornaday Badge, which is the nation's oldest conservation award, are some of the distinctions he has received.

It's a good thing his home has a third bedroom to spare.

"That's where we keep all of the family awards," he said.

Devor's Scouting career has also taken him on trips to the National Jamboree, hiking through Philmont in New Mexico and canoeing through the Canadian Wilderness at Atikokan.

Soon he'll add one more trip to the list.

In February he will go to Japan as part of a group participating on the Friendship Program, in collaboration with the Scout Association of Japan. Devor is one of 33 Scouts chosen from across the U.S.

He studies hotel and restaurant management at Palm Beach Community College and teaches hands-on computer lessons part time at the Palm Springs Public Library.

His goal is to manage a hotel or a casino in Las Vegas.

"If I keep moving forward I know I can get there."

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