

Evans Boy Scout earns all merit badges of scouting



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Local Boy Scout unable to enjoy his huge accomplishment

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MARTINEZ, Ga (WRDW) -- "It's really great. I earned it. I worked at this for a long time. It was a large part of my life everyday, working towards [earning](#) merit badges," said 13 year old Carter Harwell.

Harwell is now part of a club many Scouts aim towards. Earning all 134 merit badges the Boy Scouts group has to offer.

"Just over 200 in the entire history of Boy Scouting have earned all the merit badges. Most of them being back in the early days of Boy Scouting when there were only 50 or some odd merit badges," he told [News 12](#).

While many support Harwell with his accomplishments, not everyone thinks it's right.

"There's people who don't approve of it. They don't believe it's right to do that," he told News 12.

Earning all the badges isn't a requirement to reach the top of the Scouts ranking, but it sure speeds things up. That's why some say it's not Harwell's time.

"When they become Eagle Scouts, if they are 13 or 14 even, they say they are not mature enough. They don't believe they've earned the rank and that's kind of the issue I've had along this journey," he said..

"I believe he's plenty mature enough to get the recognition," Lee Harwell, Carter's dad, said.

Lee Hartwell said not everyone goes at the same pace.

"We wouldn't want to hold someone back-- I don't believe in doing that. Some people mature [faster](#) than others and Carter has done that," he told News 12.

Carter said it's okay for some not to approve of what he's doing, just like it's ok for him to pursue a goal.

"It doesn't bother me a bit. That just tells me they don't know me," Carter said.

Carter said there's no way he would've earned all the badges if it wasn't for the support of his [family](#) especially his mother, and those Scout Masters that have encouraged him to continue on in the hopes of becoming an Eagle Scout.



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