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Poway resident Ben Stirling, a member of Scouts BSA Troop 685, is among a very small group of Boy Scouts to have earned every merit badge offered by the organization.

According to Boy Scouts of America, in its 111-year history, only 490 Boy Scouts across the United States have earned every merit badge available during their years in Boy Scouts. Right now that is 137 merit badges. It is estimated that 110 million youths have at some time been a member.

Of them, around 2.6 million members have become Eagle Scouts, the highest rank in Scouts BSA. Stirling achieved the Eagle Scout rank at age 14.

Stirling is now attending Palomar College with the goal of transferring to a University of California campus to earn a degree in computer engineering.



JASON STIRLING

Ben Stirling holding up his sash with the 137 merit badges he earned.