

Eagle Scout Tucker Graham earns 131 merit badges

Boy Scout Troop 100 recently conducted a Court of Honor. The Court of Honor is a time to present merit badges, rank advancements and other awards the boys have earned with their families present.

The highest honors of the evening went to Eagle Scout Tucker Graham, the son of Lea Stallings of Milburn.

"Tucker recently turned 18 and can no longer earn advancements but that is probably okay," said Scoutmaster Doug Blackburn, "because the Boy Scouts of America were running out of awards that Tucker didn't already have."

Graham began his Scouting journey when he was six years old as a Tiger Cub. While a Cub Scout he advanced through the ranks of Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos. He earned 34 belt loops, 13 silver arrow points and two gold arrow points. He also earned all 20 of the Webelos activity pins and the Arrow of Light.

As a Boy Scout, Graham earned the National Badge for Outdoor Achievement by accumulating over 150 nights of camping, 150 hours of aquatic activities, 200 miles of hiking, 200 miles of cycling, and 10 high adventure activities.

He then became the 10th Boy Scout ever to earn the National Medal of Outdoor Achievement by adding various training and service proj-

ects to the badge requirements.

Graham earned the rank of Eagle in 2009 and has since been awarded nine palms for continuing to earn merit badges and staying active in the troop to mentor the younger Scouts.

His final achievement as a Boy Scout was to earn all 131 of the merit badges offered by BSA. This is a task accomplished by only 160 boys since 1920.

Scouts like Graham are extremely rare and Troop 100 and the Arbuckle Area Council are blessed to have been part of his Scouting career.

Also during the Court of Honor, the Troop presented 35 merit badges to the nine boys present. Most of these were earned while attending Winter Camp in December at Camp Simpson in Bromside. They covered areas such as first aid, wood carving, plumbing, photography and computers.

Two Scouts received rank advancements. Chris Coulter earned the rank of Star, while Dakota Taylor achieved the rank of Life which is the rank just before Eagle.

For more information on becoming a Boy Scout, contact Scoutmaster Doug Blackburn at (580) 371-9183 or visit a Monday night meeting at the First Baptist Church in Tishomingo.



Tishomingo Eagle Scout Tucker Graham completed all 131 merit badges offered by the Boy Scouts of America prior to turning 18 years old. Only 160 Scouts have accomplished such a feat since 1920. Graham is pictured above alongside a private cemetery he restored as his Eagle Project.