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Castle Rock Eagle Scout Earns Every Merit Badge

*Less than 600, out 130 million Scouts in 1910**



Owen Boetel, age 17

earned 139 of 139 Merit Badges and 23 Eagle Palms

Scoutmaster, Branson Haney and Committee Chair, Jonathan Bankhead have confirmed that Owen Boetel, age 17 of Scouting BSA, Troop 780B and Venturing Crew 780 has earned 139 of 139 Merit Badges and 23 Eagle Palms. The purpose of the Merit Badge program is to allow Scouts to examine subjects to determine if they would like to further pursue them as a career or vocation. You can earn Merit Badges across many subject areas, citizenship, sports, crafts, science, trades, business, and future careers. There are more than 135 Merit Badges, and any Scout, or any qualified Venturer or Sea Scout may earn any of these at any time.

“Witnessing Owen’s remarkable achievements and unwavering dedication has been an extraordinary experience.” said Branson Haney, Scoutmaster, Troop 780B.

Positive Impact

“He has not only earned the highest and most coveted award of Eagle Scout, but has achieved the remarkable feat of earning all 139 Merit Badges possible.” said Branson Haney, Scoutmaster, Troop 780B.

“I have always been impressed with Owen’s great attitude, humor, willingness to help others and his determination of reaching his goals.” said Dean McCracken, Eagle Scout, Troop 780 Committee member.

Determination

“Owen was our crew leader of a 60 mile - seven-day backpacking trip at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico in the summer of 2022. Owen led our crew the entire way. He was responsible for planning duties for the crew, navigating our planned route, and making sure we were safe and had fun.” said Dean McCracken, Eagle Scout, Troop 780 Committee member. “His resilience, courage, and positive attitude in the face of his personal challenges has been nothing short of remarkable.” said Branson Haney, Scoutmaster, Troop 780B

Eagle Scout is the highest rank awarded to youth scouts in the Boy Scouts of America; unfortunately, only a small percentage of all scouts achieve this rank. Out of those who reach the rank of Eagle, only a portion of them continue to remain active in the program increasing their own skills and experience as well as offering their leadership and skills to the other scouts in their troops. Scouts who continue to be active in the program have many activities available to them, the broadest of which is the Merit Badge program. Scouts who continue to be leaders in their troops and who continue to earn Merit Badges are awarded Eagle Palms for their service.