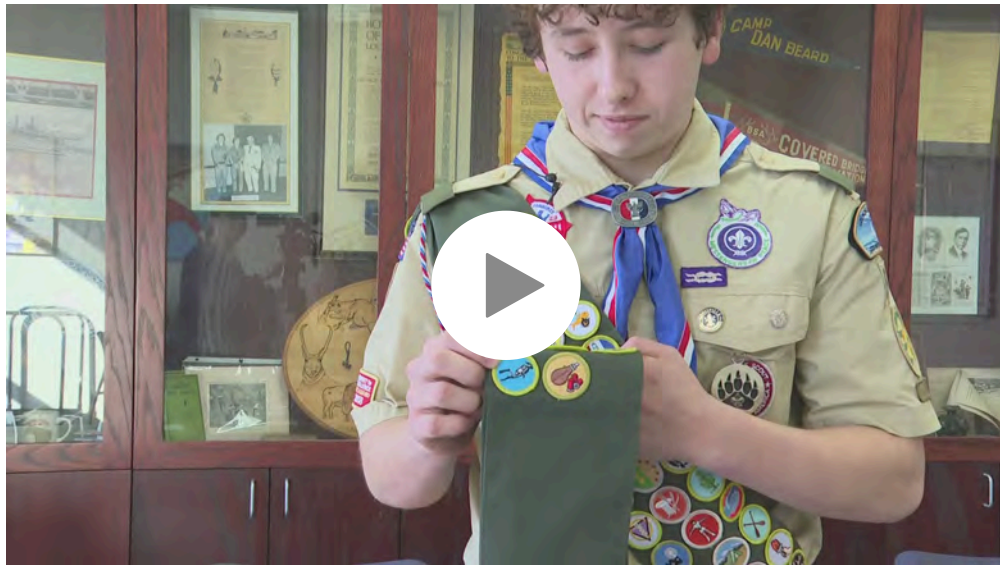


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Kentucky Boy Scout achieves rare feat of earning all 138 merit badges

Less than 1% of Boy Scouts have earned every single merit badge.



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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — When people join [the Boy Scouts](#) they take an oath to do their best but one Louisville Boy Scout definitely went above and beyond.

15-year-old George "Georgie" Green from Troop 0056 accomplished something less than 1% of scouts ever have.

He's earned all 138 merit badges.



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Greens says he doesn't have a long family history of being in the Boy Scouts but he does have an uncle who is an Eagle Scout.

He said when his local Taekwondo dojo shut down he was trying to find something new to do.

"We found Pack 56 near our house and I go for the first time and I really enjoyed it. I guess we just stayed in it ever since and I went to Troop 56 when I crossed over and I've enjoyed every part," Green said.



Credit: Scouting America

George Green on first scouting trip in 2014.

He had just earned the honor of being an Eagle Scout when he decided he wanted to try earning every badge.

Green said if he had some extra time at school he was working on a badge, emailing a counselor, or working on finishing up a project.

"Sometimes teachers would get a little mad but I'd be like 'don't worry I'll finish my work first,'" he said.



Credit: Scouting America
George Green earning his first Merit Badge in VR in 2019

The Merit Badge program is "designed to teach Scouters life skills and provide hands-on experience in a variety of subject area with the goal of sparking interest in new hobbies, promoting career exploration, and developing well rounded and comprehensive fluent citizens," according to Scouting America.

"I wanted to try and earn all the badges because, for as long as I can remember, I've always wanted to do something big in Scouts, I knew I did. I wanted to achieve something considered rare and that I could truly be proud of," Green said.

According to Merit Badge Knot, the only National Merit Badge Achievers Registry, Green is one of only 596 confirmed Scouts in America to earn this achievement.



Credit: Scouting America
George Green earning his final and last merit badge in Scuba Diving in 2024

To keep himself on track Green made a Google sheet of every badge he was working on with the counselors name next to it followed by what requirements he still had to do.

He said his favorite badges are scuba diving, rifle shooting, wilderness survival and horsemanship.

On Friday, at the Lincoln Heritage Council, Sam Swope Scout Center Green was honored during the Annual Council Business Meeting.

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He lead opening ceremonies for the meeting, answered questions from younger Cub Scouts and was recognized by the Council Board.



Credit: Scouting America

George Green presenting all of the Merit Badges in Fall 2024.

Green says earning merit badges is important because it "can it spread your horizons in the world of hobbies and even careers."

"Also, all the people I met along the way in my journey have played a huge role in making all of this seem worth it. Connections are one of the most important things one can have in this world, after all," Green said.

Green says he's thankful for his "village" and to Scouting America for the opportunity to make this achievement a reality.