

Big Accomplishment for Local Boy Scout

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LeRoy, MN - For over 100 years, Boy Scouts has been a popular activity, teaching boys valuable life skills.

Today, there are millions of active Boy Scouts in the United States, but only a handful of them achieve the organization's top honor.

Each one of 17-year-old Bradley Schroeder's Boy Scout badges has a unique story behind it.

"My very first badge, aviation. I love flying, my dad owns a plane," said Schroeder.

Schroeder has been a scout for more than a decade, following the footsteps of his older brother.

"My family is kind of big in scouting, we've always pushed towards scouting. It's a good program, it offers kids a lot of opportunities to learn stuff," said Schroeder.

Schroeder stuck with the program, working his way up to the Eagle Scouts and earning every single merit badge possible, all 132 of them. It's an accomplishment that many strive for, but few achieve.

"Boys are required to earn 21 merit badges, and most of the boys, even if they go beyond that, probably earn somewhere in the 30's," said Schroeder's Scoutmaster, Mike Conlan.

Conlan said in history of the organization, less than 200 scouts

have earned all 132 badges.

"We're proud of all the boys, but Bradley has done an excellent job and obviously it's a huge accomplishment," said Conlan.

It's an accomplishment Schroeder has been working on for years.

"Very amazing, very happy," said Schroeder.

He even has some words of wisdom for scouts who want to follow in his footsteps.

"It's only hard if you want it to be. Mostly just plan ahead and it's far easier than you actually think it would be," said Schroeder.

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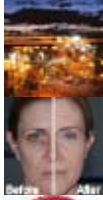
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