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# **Eagle Scouts**

Eagle Scout is the highest advancement rank in Boy Scouting.

- In 2013, 56,841 Scouts earned the Eagle Scout rank.
- From 1912 to 2013, 2.3 million Boy Scouts earned the Eagle Scout rank.
- Around 7 percent of all Boy Scouts earned the Eagle Scout rank in 2013.
- In 2013, the average age of boys earning the Eagle Scout rank was 17 years of age.

### **Eagle Scout Rank**

- To earn the rank, a Boy Scout must:
  - o Progress through the ranks in the following order:
    - Tenderfoot
    - Second Class
    - First Class
    - Star
    - Life
    - Eagle
  - o Earn 21 merit badges, including:
    - First Aid
    - Citizenship in the Community
    - Citizenship in the Nation
    - Citizenship in the World
    - Communications
    - Environmental Science
    - Personal Fitness
    - Camping
    - Family Life
    - Personal Management
    - Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving
    - Cycling, Hiking, or Swimming
  - Serve six months in a troop leadership position.
  - Plan, develop, and give leadership to a service project for any religious organization or any school or community.
  - Take part in a Scoutmaster conference.
  - Successfully complete an Eagle Scout board of review.

Boy Scouts with disabilities may qualify for the Eagle Scout rank by fulfilling alternative requirements as determined by their council.

## **National Eagle Scout Association**

- Founded in 1972, the National Eagle Scout Association maintains contact with Eagle Scouts to sustain their interest in Scouting.
- Eagle Scouts in good standing may join.
- Applications for membership are available through:
  - Local council
  - The NESA Web page
  - Contacting the Scouting Alumni Association at the national office
- For more information, visit the official NESA website at www.nesa.org.