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Luke Teske of the Potawatomi Area Council in Wisconsin earned 124 merit badges as of 1994. There was enough time left after earning his Eagle for him to earn 15 palms. He wears five silver palms on his Eagle ribbon.

He has earned the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII religious awards. He was also presented with the Silver Good Citizens medal by the Sons of the American Revolution.

He also earned the Explorer GOLD award.

He has done a trek at Philmont in 1992. He attended the Jamboree in 1993. He went to Philmont to attend NJLIC in 1994. He was on NJLIC staff in 1995. After that he was invited to be a Ranger and has done that for the last three years including 1998.

He loves Scouting. He has learning problems in school but the Scout way of 'learning by doing' is just perfect for him. I don't know where he'd be without the Scouting program!

A proud father

PS Sorry I bugged up the first message. I learned computers as a goal for my 1994 Wood Badge Course. I enjoy it but I'm still learning.

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21. **McClatchy-Tribune Regional News (USA)** - July 9, 2008

**Virginia Eagle Scout is trying to bat 1,000: The Orange County boy is trying to attain all of the 121 merit badges**

Jul. 9 Sam Osterhout, 17, of Orange County plans to be one of the few Boy Scouts in the nation who gets all the merit badges offered by the Boy Scouts of America."I have all the counselors lined up to get the merit badges. It's a question of getting the work done," Osterhout said of the remaining eight badges he has yet to gain. Though the Boy Scouts of America doesn't keep records on the number of boys nationally who achieve all 121...

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22. **Newstex Blogs (USA)** - April 28, 2009

**Films About Organized Labor**

Apr. 28, 2009 ( Conglomerate Blog delivered by Newstex) As readers of The Glom know, my twin sons are trying to earn all 121 Scouting merit badges. This is a goal that was suggested to them by their first Boy Scout leader after he saw how diligent they were in fulfilling their assignments. Recently, we learned that earning all available merit badges is extremely unusual. Troy Pugh is attempting to collect information on every Scout who has ever accomplished this goal at Merit Badge Knot,...

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23. **SACRAMENTO BEE** - January 5, 1995

**NEW EAGLE SPREADS WINGS FOLLOWING A 32-YEAR WAIT**

He may have some difficulty squeezing into his old uniform, but that won't stop Tom Baxter from receiving his Eagle Scout badge after a 32-year delay. Baxter, 49, will finally receive the award during a ceremony Jan. 28 at the Centennial United Methodist Church at 5401 Freeport Blvd. His 13-year-old son, John Baxter, will pin the award to his father's shirt. Baxter, who lives in Land Park, still has his old Boy Scout uniform from three decades ago, although he...

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24. **Daily Press, The (St. Marys, PA)** - April 28, 2009

**Scouts presented with Eagle Awards**

On April 5, Boy Scout Troop 99, sponsored by the St. Marys Sportsmens Club, held its annual Court of Honor at the SMCES Cafeteria. As with tradition, all members of the troop were recognized for all their hard work during the past year. Advancements, merit badges, service and participation were all recognized. Special guest was Smokey the Bear from the Department of

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Conservation and Natural Resources. Smokey presented the Forest Conservation Award from the Pennsylvania Bureau of...

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25. **Milwaukee Sentinel** - July 26, 1994

**ELITE EAGLE 17-year-old earns all 124 Scout merit badges**

Waukesha A 17-year-old Eagle Scout has accomplished a rare feat earning all 124 merit badges offered by the Boy Scouts of America. Luke M. Teske needed 21 merit badges to become an Eagle Scout. He didn't stop until he had those, plus all 103 more. During a ceremony this month at the National Boy Scouts Reservation in Philmont, N.M., it was announced that Teske is one of 500 people who have earned all 124 merit badges in the 84 year- history of the Boy Scouts of...

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26. **San Jose Mercury News (CA)** - September 8, 2005

**CHRISTIAN GUIANG, MT. PLEASANT HIGH SCHOOL, SAN JOSE**

Age: 19 Grade: Graduate Personal: Lives in San Jose with mom, dad, and two brothers. Accomplishments: Christian started scouting in the third grade as a Cub Scout, and earned his Eagle Scout rank in May. He completed 23 merit badges and his Eagle project all before his 18th birthday. His project was to build a planter's box surrounding the outdoor sign of Creekside Cabana Club, a community swimming center in Evergreen. About the Boy Scouts, Christian said:...

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27. **Rocky Mountain News (CO)** - December 9, 1997

**WHEAT RIDGE EAGLE SCOUT EARNS ALL 121 MERIT BADGES  
NATHAN ODOM JOINS CLUB WITH ONLY 25 U.S. MEMBERS**

Nathan Odom made Boy Scout history last month when he became the nation's 25th Eagle Scout to earn all 121 merit badges. "I look at it this way - I've achieved it, I've learned from it, and I move on to the next goal," said the 18-year-old Wheat Ridge High School senior and a member of Troop 130. He was honored at a ceremony at First Methodist Church of Golden Monday night. "This is a remarkable feat, and we are proud to..."

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28. **Standard-Examiner (Ogden, UT)** - August 13, 2007

**On Eagle's Wings Duncan earns all 121 merit badges from Scouts**

BOUNTIFUL -- Parker Duncan gave a proud smile as he looked at the oversized black frame showcasing the results of many years of hard work. At the age of 11, Parker set a lofty goal, not only to achieve Eagle Scout status but to earn all 121 possible merit badges available in Boy Scouts of America. He achieved his goal recently, shortly before turning 17. A picture of him in his Scout uniform sporting a sash filled with badges sits at the top of the display. Several medals are next to...

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29. **Sarasota Herald-Tribune (FL)** - November 28, 2006

**Boy Scout maxes out merit badges, Thomas Hall joins a small group that has all 121**



Thomas Hall didn't set out to become a Boy Scout merit badge superstar. But while other scouting high-achievers around him were satisfied by earning a mere few dozen merit badges, the 18-year-old Bradenton high school student just kept ticking them off. Then, about a year ago, Hall realized he had 105 and was within striking distance of earning all 121 merit badges, a feat few have ever achieved. "I just kept getting all my merit badges and I figured,..."

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30. **Daily Herald (Arlington Heights, IL)** - March 14, 2007

**Learning and doing Boy Scouts attend Merit Badge University**

Boy Scouts from all over the suburbs recently descended upon York Community High School in Elmhurst with their eyes on the prize: Earning merit badges. Merit

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Badge University, a one-day marathon of learning and doing, has been offered by the Three Fires Council for 10 years. During the event, Scouts could start and even finish requirements for up to four badges in topics ranging from archaeology to woodworking. While it started as a local event, this year Scouts came from as far...

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