

BOY SCOUTING AWARDS

Big Change To Eagle Palms

Eagle Palms are bronze, gold and silver awards presented to young men who earn five, 10, or 15 or more merit badges beyond the 21 required to become an Eagle Scout.

Effective Aug. 1, the way Scouts earn Eagle Palms has changed. Here's what you need to know.

1 A new Eagle Scout can instantly receive, alongside his Eagle medal, all Eagle Palms he has earned for merit badges completed before his Eagle board of review. Previously, an Eagle Scout needed to wait

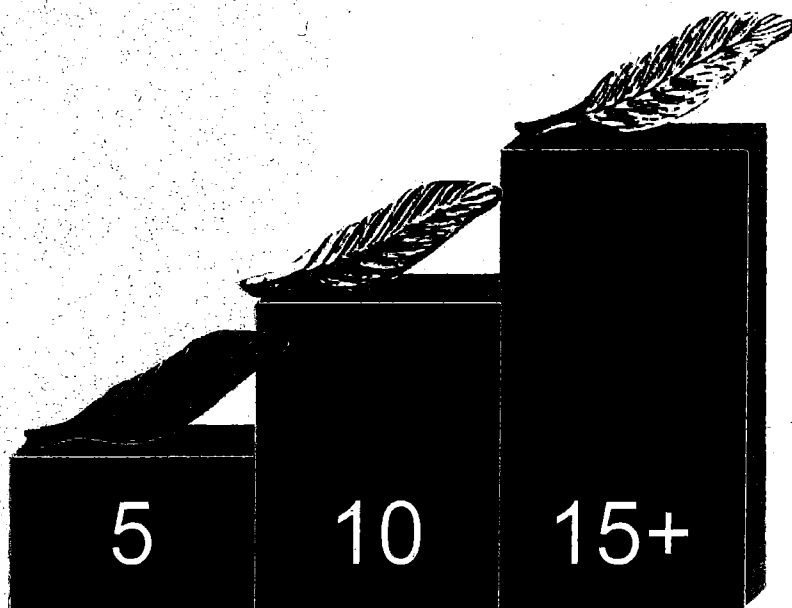
three months between each Palm — even if he earned the extra merit badges before becoming an Eagle. This meant that, under the old rules, a young man who became an Eagle Scout at 17 years and 10 months was mathematically unable to earn any Eagle Palms.

Example: Glenn, a 16-year-old Life Scout, has 36 merit badges at the time of his Eagle Scout board of review — 15 more than required. Previously, he would've needed to wait three months after his Eagle board of review to receive his Bronze Palm, another three months for his Gold Palm and another three for his Silver Palm. Under the new rules, he can get that Silver Palm (representing 15 additional merit

badges) along with his Eagle medal at his Eagle Scout court of honor. No wait required.

Note: After becoming an Eagle Scout and receiving the Palms already earned, additional Palms may be earned by completing the revised requirements, including the three months of tenure between awarding each Palm.

- 2 The three-month tenure requirement has been expanded to allow active participation in any BSA program — not just the troop and patrol.
- 3 The leadership requirement has been broadened to include "accepting responsibility" as well as "demonstrating leadership."
- 4 The Eagle Palm board of review has been eliminated. — *Bryan Wendell*



EAGLE PALMS: OFFICIAL REQUIREMENTS

Effective Aug. 1, 2017

After successfully completing your Eagle Scout board of review and being validated as an Eagle Scout by the National Service Center, you will be entitled to receive an Eagle Palm for each additional five merit badges you have completed before your Eagle Scout board of review. For these Palms only, it will not be necessary for you to complete any of the requirements stated below.

After becoming an Eagle Scout, you may earn additional Palms by completing the following requirements.

- 1 Be active in the Boy Scouts of America for at least three months after becoming an Eagle Scout or after the last Palm was earned.
- 2 Since earning the Eagle Scout rank or your last Eagle Palm, demonstrate Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Tell how you have done your duty to God and how you have lived the Scout Oath and Scout Law in your everyday life.
- 3 Continue to set a satisfactory example of accepting responsibility or demonstrating leadership ability.
- 4 Earn five additional merit badges beyond those required for Eagle or last Palm.
- 5 While an Eagle Scout, participate in a Scoutmaster conference.

Eagle Palms must be earned in sequence, and the three-month tenure requirement must be observed for each Palm.

**Merit badges earned any time since becoming a Boy Scout may be used to meet this requirement.

***For Varsity Scouts working on Boy Scout requirements, replace "Scoutmaster" with "Varsity Scout Coach." For Venturers working on Boy Scout requirements, replace "Scoutmaster" with "Crew Advisor." For Sea Scouts working on Boy Scout requirements, replace "Scoutmaster" with "Skipper."