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Eagle Palms

Life to Eagle Trail



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What is an Eagle Palm?

Eagle Scout is not the end but a beginning.

- ✦ Eagle Palms are not a rank but an award
- ✦ Requirements include earning 5 additional Merit Badges than those required for the Eagle Scout rank



History of the Eagle Palm

- ✦ First awarded in 1927
- ✦ Represent additional advancement for a young man who had stayed active in his unit after achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. A Palm was awarded when the Scout :
 - ✦ was active in the unit for at least three months since attaining Eagle (or a previous Palm);
 - ✦ had demonstrated Scout Spirit, leadership and ability;
 - ✦ had earned five additional merit badges beyond those required for Eagle or the last Palm;
 - ✦ had taken part in a conference with his unit leader.
- ✦ Merit badges which the young man earned before reaching Eagle Scout were acceptable to use towards earning Palms.



Changes to the Palm Process — Aug 1st 2017

- ♣ Scouts can now earn Eagle Palms as soon as they earn the rank of Eagle Scout (no more waiting 3 months)
- ♣ Changes summarized:
 - ♣ eliminated the Eagle Palm board of review,
 - ♣ expanded the definition of participation
 - ♣ all earned Eagle Palms can be awarded at Eagle Court of Honor
- ♣ Changes Detailed:
 - Eagle Scouts can instantly receive all Eagle Palms earned for merit badges completed before becoming an Eagle Scout at their Eagle Court of Honor.
 - The three-month tenure requirement has been expanded to allow active participation in any BSA program to include participation in Order of the Arrow, summer camp staff, patrol and troop activities, etc.
 - The leadership requirement has been broadened to include “accepting responsibility” and “demonstrating leadership”.
 - Eagle Palm board of reviews have been eliminated.



Changes to the Palm Process – Oct 1st 2017

- ✦ Same requirements as Aug. 1, 2017 - PLUS *all current Scouts who completed their Eagle board of review and who had not passed their 18th birthday before August 1, 2017 are entitled as well.*



For More Information

✦ *Guide to Advancement*

✦ www.Scouting.org/advancement

✦ For District & and Council advancement

✦ <https://www.monmouthbsa.org/advancement>

✦ Websites / Blogs

✦ <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2017/07/10/changes-to-eagle-palms/>

✦ http://www.scouting.org/filestore/boyscouts/pdf/Eagle_Palms_2016.pdf

✦ https://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Eagle_Palms

✦ <http://usscouts.org/advance/boyscout/changes/bsrank8-17.asp>



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