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

⬜ 1. Be active in your troop and patrol for at least three months after becoming an Eagle Scout or after award of last Palm.\*

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| Date of Last Board of Review: |  |

⬜ 2. Demonstrate that you live by the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law in your daily life.

⬜ 3. Make a satisfactory effort to develop and demonstrate leadership ability.

⬜ 4. Earn five additional merit badges beyond those required for Eagle or last Palm.†

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⬜ 5. Participate in a Scoutmaster conference.

***NOTES****: EACH of the 6 requirements shown above, must be met for EACH Eagle Palm.*

*The Board of Review for the first Bronze Palm may be held no earlier than 3 months after the date of the Eagle Scout Board of Review.*

*The Board of Review for the first Gold Palm may be held no earlier than 3 months after the date of the Board of Review for the first Bronze Palm.*

*The Board of Review for the first Silver Palm may be held no earlier than 3 months after the date of the Board of Review for the first Gold Palm.*

*The Board of Review for the second Bronze Palm may be held no earlier than 3 months after the date of the Board of Review for the first Silver Palm., etc.*

⬜ 6. Successfully complete your board of review.

You may wear only the proper combination of Palms for the number of merit badges you earned beyond the rank of Eagle. The Bronze Palm represents five merit badges, the Gold Palm 10, and the Silver Palm 15.

\* 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.

**Requirement resources can be found here:**

[http://www.meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Eagle Palm/#Requirement resources](http://www.meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Eagle_Palm#Requirement_resources)

**Important excerpts from the** [***Guide To Advancement - 2013***](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf)**, No. 33088 (SKU-618673)**

**[1.0.0.0] — Introduction**

The current edition of the *Guide to Advancement* is the official source for administering advancement in all Boy Scouts of America programs: Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, Venturing, and Sea Scouts. It replaces any previous BSA advancement manuals, including *Advancement Committee Policies and Procedures*, *Advancement and Recognition Policies and Procedures*, and previous editions of the *Guide to Advancement*.

**[Page 2, and 5.0.1.4] — Policy on Unauthorized Changes to Advancement Program**

***No council, committee, district, unit, or individual has the authority to add to, or subtract from, advancement requirements.*** There are limited exceptions relating only to youth members with special needs. For details see section 10, “Advancement for Members With Special Needs”.

**[Page 2] — The** [**“Guide to Safe Scouting”**](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/GSS/toc.aspx) **Applies**

Policies and procedures outlined in the ***Guide to Safe Scouting****,* No. 34416, apply to all BSA activities, including those related to advancement and Eagle Scout service projects.

**In addition to the excerpts shown here, Eagle Palm candidates should review and pay particular attention to the following portion of the** [***Guide to Advancement***](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf)**, which is too lengthy to reproduce here:**

**Section 8. Boards of Review: An Overview for All Ranks**

**[Subsections 8.0.0.1 – 8.0.1.5}**

 **[8.0.2.0] — Particulars for Tenderfoot Through Life Ranks (or Palms)**

The preceding applies to boards of review for all ranks, but there are a few differences for the ranks other than Eagle, and for Eagle Palms:

1. The board is made up of three to six unit committee members—no more and no less. In units with fewer than three registered committee members available to serve, it is permissible to use knowledgeable parents (not those of the candidate) or other adults (registered or not) who are at least 21 years of age and who understand Boy Scouting’s aims. Using unregistered adults for boards of review must be the exception, not the rule. Registered committee members familiar with the unit program, who have had a background check, and who are Youth Protection trained are preferred. Scheduling boards of review when and where committee members can attend usually alleviates the problem of not having enough committee members for a board.
2. For a Varsity Scout team, the committee member responsible for advancement, the advancement program manager (youth), and the coach serve on the board.
3. One member serves as chair. The unit committee decides how he or she is chosen. The chair conducts review meetings according to BSA procedures and reports results to the unit advancement coordinator.
4. The location should be comfortable, such as the unit meeting place, a camp, or a leader’s home.
5. The review should take approximately 15 minutes, but not longer than 30 minutes.
6. Ranks and Palms shall not be presented until the signed advancement report is submitted to the local council.
7. If a Scout is to be reviewed for more than one rank (Tenderfoot, Second Class, or First Class), each rank should have a separate board of review. While these boards may be conducted on the same date, it is preferred—if feasible—that different members be involved on the boards to give the young man an enhanced experience and an opportunity to interact with a variety of adults.

**[9.0.3.0] — About Eagle Palms**

Scouts or qualified Venturers and Sea Scouts may earn Palms after they have achieved the Eagle Scout rank. The requirements can be found in the Boy Scout Requirements book. All of the requirements except the board of review must be completed before age 18, and time extensions are not available. Merit badges earned at any time since becoming a Scout may be used. Palms must be earned in sequence, one at a time (Bronze, Gold, Silver), with the time requirement observed for each one. Palms are not considered ranks, but rather degrees of the Eagle Scout rank.