

# Scouting for Inspiration: Hannah Holmes

One year ago, this Scout became the first girl to earn all of Scouts BSA's 137 merit badges.

Each week at troop meetings around the country, scouts do amazing things. However, sometimes a Scout does something so unique, unprecedented, that ABC News calls.

One such accomplishment occurred last year, when a home-schooled lone scout from near Orlando, Florida, earned all 137 Scouts BSA merit badges. That's right, Hannah Holmes, an eventual Eagle Scout, became the first girl in the then 110-year history of The Boy Scouts of America to earn all of the possible merit badges available, a feat only 500 boys accomplished in the history of the Scouting movement in the United States.

When the news media caught wind of the accomplishment, they asked Hannah about filling her sash with stitching.

"My last badge was white water rafting," she told ABC news. "And it was kind of a bittersweet victory."

"After accomplishing my goal, I was happy," she explained. "But at the same time, I had so many good memories I didn't want it to end."

Meanwhile, Hannah encouraged others to pursue their goals, especially her fellow girls in Scouts BSA.

"When the going gets tough, it's important to persevere," said Hannah. "It's all going to be worth it in the end."

However, there's no end in sight for Hannah. With numerous speaking engagements under her BSA belt and a head start on

college, Holmes intends to earn a political science degree en route to a career in the U.S. Senate.

Finally, for more on girls in Scouts BSA, visit [about.scouting.org/girls-in-scouts-bsa/](https://about.scouting.org/girls-in-scouts-bsa/)

Then, check out Hannah's interview with ABC.

15 Year Old Florida Girl Makes History Earning All Boy Scout Merit Badges