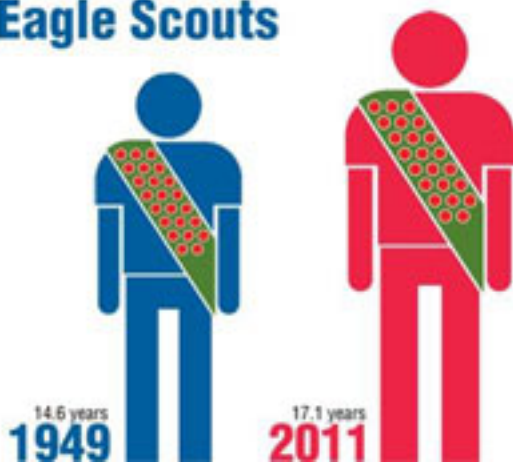


Age Requirements

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Average Age of Eagle Scouts



Boy's awards are for boys. Merit Badges, badges of rank, and Eagle Palms are for registered Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, or qualified Venturers (youth that are registered in Cub Scouting cannot earn awards in the Boy Scout program). Any registered Boy Scout or Varsity Scout may earn these awards until his 18th birthday. Another common misconception concerns "bridging" Cub Scouts into Boy Scouts before they are 10 and half years old. The Arrow of Light award is awarded based upon age or academic grades. However a youth must still meet the 10 and a half age requirements if he is academically advanced. Earning the Arrow of Light award at an early age is not an automatic advancement into the Boy Scouts Program.