

SENIOR EARNS
THE EAGLE
SCOUT RANK
WITH HARD
WORK.

WINGS OF HONOR



SURVIVAL CLASS 1978

Senior Scott Cozier 78* observes how his classmate is getting ready to start his garment. The Single Survival class was mainly reserved for senior boys to teach them how to survive life as a single person. They would learn basic skills such as sewing and cooking. In this photo the seniors were working on their garments, in hope to get them done before graduation.

Earning an Eagle Scout badge is no simple task. It requires years of commitment, community service, and leadership qualities that few manage to master at a young age. For **Treyvan Berry, 12**, that challenge became a goal he was determined to achieve at the mere age of 12 years old. After years of work, Berry proudly joined the small percentage of Scouts who reach the highest rank in the Boy Scouts.

"I've been scouting since forever," Berry said. "Earning this badge has been at least three to six years in the making."

The path to Eagle Scout is not a quick one. Scouts must progress through multiple ranks, complete merit badges in various skills, and lead a community service project before earning the title. For Berry, it was a journey filled with learning experiences and personal growth.

"I had some experience before I began scouting. I would help with projects and when I became a Cub Scout, I started leading my own. That really helped me learn responsibility and teamwork," Berry said.

While the Eagle Scout badge is often seen as the pinnacle of scouting, Berry emphasized that every badge along the way holds meaning. Each one represents perseverance, skill, and personal effort.

"Even though the Eagle Scout badge is the highest rank, it doesn't make the other badges any less important," Berry said. "My favorite badge was probably the Shotgun and Rifle badge because the instructor personally knew me which made it more fun."

Beyond merit badges, scouting is also about outdoor experiences and building lasting friendships. Camping trips, team exercises, and time in nature are central to what makes scouting unique.

"My favorite part of scouting is our camping. I get to be away from home, hang out with my friends, and cook really good food. It's just fun being outdoors and working together," Berry said.

Scout leaders often describe the Eagle Scout journey as a test of leadership and character. Berry's accomplishment stands as a testament to both. Each badge, project, and camp-out brought him closer to achieving a goal that only about six percent of scouts ever reach.

"Inspiration, hard work, and absolute dedication go into earning these badges," Berry said. "The process can be complicated at times but in the end it's worth it."

For this boy scout, the Eagle Scout rank is more than a badge it's a symbol of perseverance, service, and the values that will guide him far beyond his scouting years.



"I was nervous but to mentally prepare myself I listened to music to quiet my mind. It did hurt a bit but I will be donating for the next blood drive."

Alondra Dominguez-Murguía, 12



"I wanted to do the blood drive because I do know someone would donate for me. I calmed down by playing with my Play-Doh since I am scared of needles. Hopefully next time I can donate again."

Ismael Lopez-Velasquez, 11



"I decided to donate blood because I felt like I need to help out others. I felt good afterwards because I knew I was helping someone in need."

Jacqueline Ortiz-Chavez, 11

EVERY DROP COUNTS

STUDENTS SHARE THEIR
EXPERIENCE WITH DONATING
BLOOD.



CALCULATING WITH KEVIN.

Math Club has been offered at our high school for three years. It is commonly assumed that math club is meant for academically prestigious students but Lexington utilizes this club for students who are challenged when it comes to math as a space for them to enhance their skills.

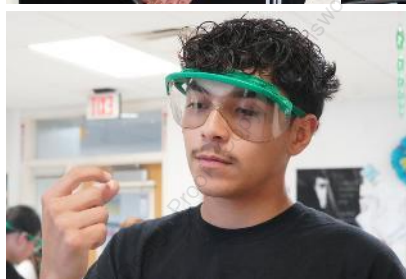
"I joined math club because honestly I wanted to improve my math skills and I genuinely just enjoy math," **Kevin Castillo-Barron, 11** said.

When it comes to competitions, the mathletes often find themselves in a rut for practicing. Practicing with harder math problems pushes boundaries for students to be able to solve complex problems.

"We have competitions in Omaha and Lincoln. When we practice, we are given a hard math problem to solve so we can prepare for the competitions," Castillo said.

Math Club doesn't just stay to themselves either, they often go out for games and help for concessions for sporting events. Members also do volunteer work for the school.

"I love doing group work and going out to help with concessions with my math club team," Castillo-Barron said.



CLOSE INSPECTION Staring at his gold penny, **David Diaz-Arriaga, 11**, inspects it to see if it came out perfect. It took about five minutes per penny. "My experiment turned out well. I made a gold penny and ended up doing more because it was fun," Diaz said.

COOL DOWN Rinsing off his gold penny, **Alejandro Rivas-Ortega, 11**, does this to make sure the penny is clean. "I was extra prepared when it came to accidents. I was really focused because I didn't want to spill the fluids anywhere," Rivas-Ortega said.

LOCKED IN Grabbing her penny, **Wendy Mejia-Paxtor, 11**, uses tongs to adjust the penny in the zinc. That mixture was what helped it reach its color. "I was a bit anxious since I had to work with the hot plate and other types of chemicals but in the end I was able to calm down and get the lab done," Mejia-Paxtor said.