

CHARLIE MAURO – ALL AVAILABLE MERIT BADGES EARNED THEODORE ROOSEVELT COUCIL | BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



Charles “Charlie” Vincent Mauro is an Eagle Scout from Troop 189, in Wantagh, New York. Charlie has the distinct pleasure of being one of the few scouts in the Boy Scouts of America’s history to have earned every merit badge offered by the BSA. This feat accounts for having met all the necessary requirements for 138 merit badges.

Charlie began his scouting career as a Tiger in Cub Scout Pack 374, out of Levittown, New York. During his tenure, Charlie earned his Arrow of Light, became certified as a Leave No Trace Trainer and National Youth Leadership Training participant. Charlie has served as a member of the Theodore Roosevelt Council’s Boy Scout Resident Camp, Onteora Scout Reservation, for the past 4 years. Charlie currently serves as his Troop’s Junior Assistant Scoutmaster and as the Order of the Arrow, Buckskin Lodge Chief.

The Theodore Roosevelt Council has a rich history including but not limited to being home to the first ever Eagle Scout, Arthur R. Eldred and the Council’s first Commissioner being President Theodore Roosevelt. The scouts of Nassau County are honored to add to its rich history with the recognition of Charlie Mauro and this spectacular achievement.

What made you want to earn every merit badge possible?

I started when I was 11, and I was always excited to learn and do new things. Merit badges seemed like the best path to do that.

What was your favorite and least favorite merit badge, and why?

Favorite was public speaking - that gave me a skill I can use today. Least favorite was water sports – not so fun falling in the water so often.

What merit badge did you find most challenging?

Lifesaving; I’m not the strongest swimmer, so it took weeks of training to build up.

Did you ever feel that you should give up, if so why and how did you overcome?

June of 2017 realizing I only had a few months. I didn’t have any of the aquatic badges, and up to that time had extreme difficulty passing the BSA swim test. It took a lot of support from the staff at Onteora. That gave me the confidence that I could finish the rest of them.

Did you have anyone that served as a mentor or helped you along the way?

Both of my parents were a great help in singling me up for things, driving me, and providing money, time, and equipment. I also had 3 scoutmasters, so I always had adult leaders there to support me along the way.

What does the Boy Scouts of America mean to you?

It’s a program that allows people to develop skills and experiences they otherwise would not have. For me, learning those aquatic abilities and public speaking abilities will now pay off for the rest of my life.

