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## Eight New Eagle Scouts in Troop 246

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front row: Matthew Lenhart, Daniel Ingersoll; middle row: Gregory Angelides, Stephen Gessling, and Kevin Condie; back row: Michael DeChenne, Aric Morton, and Coleman Williams Photo provided by The Photo Cottage

Boy Scout Troop 246 of Moraga is pleased to announce the advancement of eight young men to Eagle Scout. Only about 5 percent of all boy scouts in America earn the rank of Eagle Scout and this troop is celebrating its third consecutive year with eight Scouts being honored at the troop's annual Eagle Court of Honor.

The following is a summary of their Eagle Scout Projects:  
Gregory Angelides

A Campolindo senior, Greg led a team of volunteers that spent 130 hours cleaning up the area behind the community center of the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Ascension in Oakland. The team refurbished 54 chairs, saving the church \$3000 in replacement costs, recycled 90 metal chair frames, and moved and reused 15 large barrels of decorative rocks weighing 800 pounds each.

Kevin Condie

Kevin, also a Campolindo senior, built benches for a garden area at Cambridge Elementary School in Concord. The bulk of the material for his project was donated by Sierra Point Lumber in Brisbane, Calif.

Michael DeChenne

Michael's Eagle project took place at St. Monica's Catholic Church in Moraga, where he led a team of nine scouts and adult helpers in building a new fence and gate, and cleared weeds and prepared soil for planting. The new fence is 24

feet in length, and was constructed completely from scratch with donated materials and equipment over a three day period. The project included over 170 man hours to complete.

Stephen Gessling

For his eagle project, Stephen (a Campo senior) renovated the access trail between the Campolindo neighborhood and the Lafayette reservoir. He removed overgrown brush and weeds, installed recycled plastic timbers to create landings, and put down a layer of crushed gravel. Donations were made by Mr. Snyder of Ace Hardware in Moraga, Lowe's, Diamond K of Lafayette, Campolindo Homeowner's Association and Mrs. Deb DeTrane, who suggested the project.

Daniel Ingersoll

A freshman at Campolindo, Daniel refurbished two large benches at Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School. The wood was splintering, the paint was peeling, and some of the posts were rotting away. This required replacing most of the wood, sanding, staining, and waterproofing the whole thing. Nearly 100 hours were spent on this project.

Matthew Lenhart

Campo senior Matthew Lenhart built planter boxes for the kindergarten class as Cambridge Elementary School in Concord. The boxes will be used for the school's life science programs as well as to beautify the school grounds.

Aric Morton

Aric's Eagle project benefited St. Monica Catholic Church and its parishioners by refurbishing two atriums and other planting areas. Morton invested 198 hours to remove dying plants and old tree roots, install new irrigation and replant the areas with 50 plants.

Coleman Williams

Campo senior Cole cleaned up and restored a creekside area at Rheem Elementary School. He also built and installed benches and a sign identifying the creek. The area will be used by teachers at Rheem to teach students

about the watershed. The Moraga Kiwanis provided funding for the project materials.

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