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## Orinda Moraga Girl Scouts Honor Award Recipients

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Graduating Ambassador Girl Scouts are all smiles. Photo provided

Troop Mentoring Kit; and Annabeth Chow, Aislinn Welch, and Alexandra Yokomizo (Troop 30638) for the Moraga Royale Visitors Program.

The Silver Award is the second highest award that can be earned in Girl Scouting. This project takes a minimum of 50 hours per scout towards the design, planning, and execution of the project. From Troop 30072, Kiera Crandall and Maria Wong worked together on their project titled Transitional Kindergarten Book Exchange; Kyra Merryman's project was called Mira Vista Mural; Josie Rosso's project was Shelter Inc. Kitchen Upgrade. Kim Baxter, from Troop 30114, held a Teen Game Night at the Moraga Library. From Troop 31035, Cameron Cort and Payton Ellis did a Kindergarten Supplies and Homework Readiness Kits project, while Erika Riepe worked on Safety Tips for School Children. From Troop 33120, Claire McCullough and Sasha Gordon's project was titled, Wagner Ranch Nature Area Improvements, and Erica Stephan's project was Renewed Garden for Lavonia Allen Head Start in Bay Point.

The Gold Award, the equivalent of the Boy Scout Eagle Award, was presented to three scouts this year: Katherine Coates, of Troop 30273, a junior at Campolindo High School who ran a summer reading camp and donated books to the Lyle Morris Family Center with Shelters Inc.; Jane Fessenden of Troop 30040, a senior at Miramonte High School who ran a summer arts camp at a Head Start pre-school in Concord with the goal of inspiring the children to continue with art and to aspire to great success; and Emma Patton, also a senior at Miramonte, who planned and implemented summer music lessons at a local Head Start preschool that culminated in a musical performance for the parents.

Additionally the service unit honored the following 16 Ambassador scouts for their years of dedication and service as Girl Scouts who will be graduating this June: Campolindo students Elysa Campo, Jacqueline Redinger, Bailey Thomsen, Linden Brentano, Megan Adachi, and Katherine Friedman; and Miramonte students Elizabeth Chenok, Colleen McCullough, Ariel Ramirez, Anna Finnell, Michelle Juliana Prezkop, and Julia Young.

The Orinda Moraga Girl Scout Service Unit on Sunday, May 18, honored 21 Bronze Award recipients, 11 Silver Award recipients, three Gold Award recipients and 14 graduating Ambassador Scouts. Jan Cushman, a member of the Gold Award committee of Girl Scouts of Northern California and Councilwoman Amy Worth from the City of Orinda were on hand to help recognize the Scouts' accomplishments.

The Bronze Award is the third highest award a Girl Scout can earn. The Junior Scouts awarded for their three projects included: Emma Bennett, Sadie Habas, Haley Hartman, Zoe Heidersbach, Olivia Hillhouse, Kira Jamgotchian, Jessica Long, Quincy Morgridge, Katie Price, Jennie Sheehan, Erin Thomas, Sofia Vattuone, Sarah Warner (Troop 30288) for the Moraga Easter Egg Hunt; Maddy Crain, Emma Dillard, Sarah Millard, AJ Russell, and Marit Ullrich (Troop 30318) for the Sister to Sister

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