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## New Troop 224 Eagle Scouts

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From left: Keifer Wagener, Connor Virostek and Will Hirsh Photo provided

an outdoor weather-resistant play kitchen set comprised of freestanding stove and sink, and wood cabinets covered by a framed waterproof awning. This project was special to Virostek because he attended LNS as a young child and wanted to give back to his preschool.

For his Eagle project, Hirsh worked with the Lafayette Creek Committee and the City of Lafayette to install two informational signs along the Mt. Diablo Boulevard creek pathway that educate passers-by about the special permeable sidewalk pathway located there, as well as the native wildlife in the area. In addition, he organized a cleanup of the overgrowth affecting the creek area, which improved the health of the neighboring trees and made usable three sets of stairs down to the creek area.

Troop 224 has been a part of Boy Scouting in Lafayette for over 60 years, and offers a year-round program of activities, trips and camps. For more information, visit [www.troop224lafayette.com](http://www.troop224lafayette.com).

Three members of Boy Scouts Troop 224 in Lafayette were honored at a National Eagle Court of Honor July 19 upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the Scouting program. Keifer Wagener, Connor Virostek and Will Hirsh are all seniors at Acalanes High School in Lafayette.

For his Eagle project, Wagener made duckling boxes for International Bird Rescue (IBR) located in Fairfield, Calif. Many orphaned ducklings in the surrounding Bay Area, including Lafayette, are brought to the Lindsay Wildlife Museum every year for initial treatment, then are transferred to IBR for continued care until adulthood and released back into the wild. This project allows more orphaned ducklings to survive and increases the local duck population.

Virostek's project benefited Lafayette Nursery School, a nonprofit parent participation preschool. He led the design, construction, and installation of

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