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Troop 204 to honor new Eagle Scouts

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Front row, from left: Arlo Evans, Alek Treplicki, and Jackson Reilly; back row: James Edwards, Tristin Tzortzis, Ethan Johnston, and Nick Rynne. Photo provided

Lafayette Boy Scout Troop 204 will honor seven young men who have achieved the Eagle Scout Award, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America, at 1 p.m. March 17 at Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, 1801 Lacassie Avenue. This will be Troop 204's 65th Eagle Court of Honor.

To attain Eagle Scout, a Scout must earn his way up the scouting ranks from Tenderfoot to Life Scout. As a Life Scout, he must be active in the troop for at least six months, earn at least 21 required merit badges, serve in a Leadership position, show Scout Spirit, and plan, develop and give leadership to others in an approved Eagle service project helpful to any religious institution, school, nonprofit organization or the community. In addition to the requirements listed above, each of the Troop 204 Eagle Scouts has attended the annual 50-mile backpacking trips including planning and leading a trek on the nine-day trip, hiked over 500 miles, and actively participated in annual Camporees.

James Edwards built four benches for Youth Homes, which houses children with disabilities. Arlo Evans organized and ran a robotics summer camp for middle schoolers at Monument Crisis Center. Ethan Johnston designed and built a 6 by 8 foot outdoor whiteboard workstation for the Springhill Elementary Science Lab and Garden. Jackson Reilly built a 10 by 10 foot storage shed for Shelter, Inc. at their Family Emergency Shelter in Martinez. Nick Rynne built a Plexiglas root viewing station and a Plexiglas earthworm farm for the new Lafayette Elementary School garden. For the Lafayette Elementary School garden, Alek Teplicki built an 8 by 4 by 2 foot redwood storage bench with self-closing hinges; it is used to hold garden tools/equipment and is big enough for kids to sit on. Tristan Tzortzis built an 8 by 8 by 2 foot U-shaped teaching garden box for the Burton Valley Elementary School Garden.

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