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Troop 219 honors 11 new Eagle Scouts

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Lafayette Boy Scout Troop 219 will honor 11 young men who have achieved the Eagle Scout award, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America, at 2 p.m. March 17 at Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church.

Led by Scoutmaster Tyler Higgins since 2010, Troop 219 has held its meetings at Lafayette United Methodist Church for 66 years and produced 206 Eagle Scouts.

"Troop 219 is blessed to have so many terrific families involved in our program, and together, we have built something special for the boys in Lafayette," said Higgins, who earned his Eagle in Troop 219 in 1982. "I am so proud of these young men, and know each is headed for great things."

Front row, from left: Liam Morley, Michael Terentieff, Henry Huchingson, Parker Henderson and Nicholas Krozek; back row: Drake Fettig, Henry Rogers, Nicholas Stevenson, Foster Jones, Nicholas Price and Kenny Workman. Photo provided

As part of earning their Eagle badge, the 11 newly minted Eagle Scouts of Troop 219 completed the following Eagle service projects:

Drake Fettig constructed and installed a Friendship Bench at Happy Valley Elementary, providing a place for children to resolve conflicts and make new friends;

Parker Henderson renovated the science garden at Stanley Middle School and created and mounted signs to inform and direct visitors to activities at the school; Henry Huchingson built a large cabinet for the Lafayette Historical Society to house its antique fire truck equipment, and organized and cleaned a historical display area; Foster Jones removed and rebuilt an 80-foot redwood fence at Lafayette United Methodist Church, correcting a fire hazard and ameliorating a public safety concern; Nicholas Krozek and other scouts he directed spent over 200 hours at the Lafayette Community Garden, designing and building a shed for hay, and remodeling the chicken coop; Liam Morley built over 150 feet of fence in a Bay Area wetland to protect both a nesting zone for endangered species and a historical ferry house; Nicholas Price partnered with the Environmental Science teacher at Acalanes High School to relocate, rebuild and enlarge the program's chicken coop, adding a new nesting box and enclosed run for the chickens; Henry Rogers designed and organized the construction of two benches in the courtyard of Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, using specialized Ipe hard wood which required special tools and is difficult to cut but will provide beautiful and long lasting seating; Nicholas Stevenson overhauled the irrigation system at Lafayette United Methodist Church, by replacing outdated and broken pipes and equipment, and digging holes and running new lines for a planter box; Michael Terentieff built a large redwood picnic table and completely refurbished an old table to match for Shelter, Inc., providing much needed outdoor seating for families who live at a transitional facility in Pittsburg; and Kenneth Workman designed and constructed a large wooden and enclosed Communication Center at the Lafayette Community Center, where community members now post notices of events and inquiries, to help others learn of opportunities and stay informed.

To attain the rank of 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 offer leadership to others in an approved Eagle service project helpful to any religious institution, school, nonprofit organization or the community.

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