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New Troop 224 Eagle Scouts

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Colin Porciuncula and Peter Kraszulyak

Boy Scout Troop 224 of Lafayette honors two Scouts-Colin Porciuncula and Peter Michael Kraszulyak-for achieving Scouting's highest rank of Eagle Scout. To become an Eagle Scout, a candidate must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges, including 13 Eagle-required badges, demonstrate leadership and Scout spirit, and successfully complete a community service project.

Kraszulyak, a rising junior at Acalanes High School, built a movable redwood bench, constructed a flagstone and gravel walkway, and repaired the legs of a broken bench at the Lafayette Community Garden. The project benefits the elderly community and families with small children who enjoy visiting the garden for pleasure and educational purposes. They can sit on the benches to admire the beauty of the garden, and they can use the walkway without any concern of tripping or getting their shoes muddy when it rains. Outside of Scouting, Kraszulyak enjoys playing basketball.

Porciuncula, a rising senior at Acalanes High School, also enhanced the Lafayette Community Garden by building an additional six redwood benches to provide much-needed seating for the many gardening classes held at the site. After determining the budget and the materials necessary, Porciuncula raised \$200 from friends and family members, received a generous donation of \$500 from the Lafayette Community Garden itself, and a discounted price on the redwood from Dolan's Lumber to complete the project. Porciuncula then worked with a large group of volunteers to cut the lumber, assemble the benches, and install them at the site. In addition to Scouting, Porciuncula swims varsity at Acalanes, is interested in studying environmental science, and plans to pursue a career in the fire service after college.

Kraszulyak and Porciuncula will be recognized for their achievement at an Eagle Court of Honor ceremony Aug. 10 at the Lafayette Veterans Memorial Center. Troop 224 is currently accepting boys and girls as new members. For more information visit <http://www.troop224lafayette.com>.

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