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## Troop 204 celebrates new Eagle Scouts

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Lafayette Boy Scout Troop 204 honored two scouts who achieved the Eagle Scout rank at the Troop's 69th Eagle Court of Honor at the Cal Shakes Theater in Orinda on April 30. Eagle Scout is the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America.

To attain the Eagle Scout rank, a Scout must earn at least 21 merit badges including 13 Eagle-required badges, demonstrate leadership and Scout Spirit, and successfully complete an approved Eagle Service Project. In addition to the requirements above, these Troop 204 Eagle Scouts participated in the annual 50-mile backpacking trips, including planning and leading a trek on an eight-day trip.

Blake Chehlaoui, a junior at Acalanes High School collected, restored and donated over 330 pieces of used lacrosse equipment. He coordinated and led groups of Scouts and friends in refurbishing the equipment during multiple workdays. Once the gear was ready for action, Blake donated it to Play Marin, a nonprofit based in Marin City that affords underprivileged youth the ability to learn and play sports free of charge.

Ryan Coyle, a junior at Acalanes High School worked with the city of Lafayette Parks, Trails and Rec Commission on a two-part project: The first part involved working with the commission to draft a standard for all Lafayette trail benches; the second part involved constructing one of these benches. Ryan's bench is on the Jakovina trail off the Sessions Road trailhead, under an oak tree with a view of Mount Diablo.

Troop 204, Lafayette's oldest BSA Troop, is celebrating its 90th anniversary and is currently accepting new members. For more information, visit [www.troop204.com/](http://www.troop204.com/).

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