

Scout Troop 303 hosts Open House for boys and girls



Photo Angelica Steinmeier

Troop 303 Scouts camped on Tomales Beach in Point Reyes National Seashore for two nights. Six fought wind and current to bring oysters back from Hog Island Oyster to camp. From left: Aimee Steinmeier, Ira Manav, Gunn Young Kim, Brandyn Iverson, Camille Peterson, Orion Filippenko, Capri Filippenko and Collin Finegan.

Submitted by Angelica Steinmeier

Orinda Troop 303 would like to invite children ages 11-18 to join us for adventure and discovery. Scouts in our troop are encouraged to organize and lead outings. They learn valuable life skills, mentor younger scouts and ex-

plore interests and hobbies with friends. Our troops will be hosting an Open House at 7:30 p.m. March 27 at St Stephen's Episcopal Church (66 St. Stephens Dr., Orinda). Students fifth grade and up are welcome to attend.

For more information, please email troop303g@gmail.com or visit our website at <https://www.troopweb-host.org/Troop303Orinda> for details.

Troop 204 honors new Eagle Scouts



Photo provided

Submitted by Matt Adler

Lafayette Boy Scout Troop 204 will honor four scouts who achieved the Eagle Scout Rank at the Troop's 70th Eagle Court of Honor at St. Perpetua Church on March 18. 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 14 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.

Ben Adler of Lafayette, a junior at Acalanes High School, worked with Napa and Sonoma to restore the habitat of the barn owl population by building 30 owl boxes. These boxes will be placed in both areas to restore worn out homes, or homes destroyed by wildfires.

Andrew Baxter of Walnut Creek, a

junior at Las Lomas High School, collected over 100 pairs of running shoes to be distributed by One World Running to support the charity in their mission to bring people closer together through running.

Antonio Godwin of Lafayette, a senior at Acalanes High School, led a donation drive to collect new and used soccer equipment to be sent to a mission in Mexico through an orphanage organization called Nuestros Pequenos Hermanos.

Milan Reimer of Lafayette, a junior at De La Salle High School, led a group of volunteers to refurbish the four baseball dugouts at Stanley Middle School. The group sanded and repainted the benches and backstops and built four removable bat and helmet racks with the goal of encouraging more kids to experience the joys of playing baseball at Stanley.

Troop 204, Lafayette's oldest BSA troop, is celebrating 91 years of scouting and community service and is currently accepting new members. For more information, please visit www.troop204.com

Two Troop 243 Eagle Scouts honored



Aidan Clark and Owen Smith

Photo provided

Submitted by Dean Smith

Two Lafayette Boy Scouts were awarded the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout from Troop 243. Aidan Clark and Owen Smith, both residents of Lafayette, earned the rank of Eagle after 12 years of Scouting in the Burton Valley area. The Scouts were awarded the rank on Nov. 5, 2022 at an official ceremony at Lafayette Christian Church.

Aidan Clark began his Scouting adventure in Pack 643 at Burton Valley Elementary School. After receiving his Arrow of Light as a Webelo in 2016, he transitioned to Troop 243. Aidan served as Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader and a number of other leadership posts during his years in the troop. For his Eagle Scout project, Aidan designed and built a solar charging station for use by Acalanes High School. Aiden is currently a senior at Campolindo High School.

Owen Smith followed a similar path in Scouting, beginning as a Tiger Cub in first grade in Pack 645. While in

troop 243, Owen participated in a wide range of activities, including shooting, sports, backpacking and community service projects. For Owen's Eagle Scout project, Owen worked with more than a dozen volunteers to re-purpose shipping straps into dog leashes to support Rocket Dog Rescue of Oakland. More than a dozen volunteer sewers helped to create over 500 Dog Leashes that will be provided to new dog owners when they adopt an animal.

Owen is currently a senior at De La Salle High School in Concord.

The two young men experienced a wide-range of community service projects, and learned the vast knowledge of outdoor survival over the course of their 12-year Scouting experience.

Both Aidan and Owen plan to continue their work in Scouting, serving as Junior Assistant Scoutmasters and attending campouts and activities as adult leaders. Both Scouts plan to attend a four-year university after graduation.

Aidan and Owen join more than 75 Scouts who have "Eagled" from Troop 243, including Aidan's father Cooper Clark who earned the Eagle Scout rank in 1982. Cooper Clark has been an active Scout leader since Cub Scouts, where he served as Den Leader, Cub Master, and most recently Assistant Scoutmaster at Troop 243.

Troop 243 meets weekly at the Lafayette Christian Church at 535 Glenside in Lafayette. For more information on joining the Scouts, you can email the troop at Troop243CA@gmail.com.

Campo Key Club Food Drive continues through March 17

Submitted by Tim Freeman



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Nina Damiano picks up a donation for the Campo Key Club Food Drive benefiting the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano. The Food Drive extends through Friday, March 17 (four Fridays). Email your address to campkeyclub@gmail.com. On Friday morning place a canned food bag by the front door. Friday afternoon it will be picked up and delivered to the Food Bank.

Community Service: We are pleased to make space available whenever possible for some of Lamorinda's dedicated community service organizations to submit news and information about their activities. Submissions may be sent to storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com with the subject header In Service to the Community.

Share Your Celebrations and Remembrances

If you would like to share an announcement about a special event or achievement, such as a wedding, engagement, scholarship or graduation of a local resident, or about a special person from Lamorinda who has passed, send a photo along with your text (up to 250 words) to storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com, and include "Celebrations and Remembrances" in the subject line.

Not to be missed

ART

Valley Art Gallery exhibition until March 18, "California Remembered" features the well-known Bay Area artist Maralyn Miller, who works in oils and pastels, painting the golden rolling hills and dramatic coastlines of California. 1661 Botelho Drive, Suite 110, Walnut Creek. www.valleyart-gallery.org (925) 935-4311 or email us at valleyartgallery@gmail.com

Music

Gold Coast Chamber Players concert Cello Extravaganza on Saturday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m., Pre-concert talk at 7 p.m.

Don Tatzin Community Hall at the Lafayette Library, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. The concert will be recorded for online viewing beginning March 21. Single tickets \$15-45; Online: www.gccpmusic.com, by phone: (925) 283-3728. Pamela Freund-Striplen, (925) 283-3728

Crowden Music Center presents Sundays @ Four: Quartet San Francisco on Sunday, March 12, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Crowden Music Center, 1475 Rose Street, Berkeley. Crowden is proud to present Grammy-nominated Quartet San Francisco performing works by 20th century American legends Eddie South and Raymond Scott. Cost: Free to \$25. For more info

see <https://www.crowden.org/quartet-san-francisco/> or call (510) 559-6910 or email concerts@crowden.org.

Benicia Chamber Players present on March 3 at 7:30 p.m. Jean Francaix, String Trio in C Major; Paul Schoenfield, Café Music and Gabriel Fauré, Piano Quartet No. 1, Op. 15. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd, Pleasanton. Adults \$20 and students \$10. www.eventbrite.com/e/benicia-chamber-players-perform-francaix-schoenfield-and-faure-tickets-552302741367

Pacific Chamber Orchestra (PCO) presents Passionate, Saturday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. at

St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Orinda and Sunday, March 26 at 3 p.m. at Livermore's Bankhead Theater. This thrilling program welcomes audiences to experience the passionate Nuevo tango of Piazzolla's The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires, an exquisite blend of classical and jazz. Tickets for the performance at Livermore's Bankhead Theater at <https://livermorearts.org/events/pco-passionate/> and for the performance at St. Stephens Episcopal Church at www.pacificchamberorchestra.org. (925) 373-6800

Diablo Ballet celebrates its 29th Anniversary with a one-night only performance featuring a

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mixed bill including the premiere of Confetti by Gerald Arpino in honor of his Centennial Celebration, Paquita and the premiere of company dancer, Amanda Farris' ballet, Elevator Operator. One night only on March 31 at 6:30 p.m. at the Leshar Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive in Walnut Creek. Single tickets are on sale now (\$25 - \$52) with senior and youth pricing available. Early bird pricing through March 8. For performance tickets, call (925) 943-SHOW (7469) or visit www.lesherartscenter.org or <https://diabloballet.org/anniversary-gala/>

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