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## New troop 224 Eagle Scout announced

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From left: Keith Yamamura, Joshua Schmidt, Juzer Shipchandler, Dylan Potter, Braedon Christie and Nicolas Dietsch Photo John Sakamoto

Scouts BSA Troop 224 of Lafayette held an Eagle Court of Honor at the Creekside Commons for six Scouts who achieved Scouting's highest rank of Eagle Scout.

For his Eagle project, Keith Yasumura made a "Little Shared Library" to help his high school, Fusion Academy, build more community. Yasumura created a unique design for the "Little Shared Library" as a small barn to provide an additional draw and novelty to users.

Josh Schmidt improved the composting system at his local community garden in Lafayette. A new compost bin was built from recycled wood and metal, which could hold up to 500 pounds of organic waste. A storage bin was also constructed next to the compost bin, where gardeners can keep their tools and supplies. Additionally, the previously existing compost bin, which had been damaged by weather and pests, was repaired and updated.

Juzer Shipchandler designed and built a portable podium for the Monument Crisis Center in Contra Costa County. Shipchandler's project was designed to allow the crisis center to have the option of moving the podium to wherever needed, and to have enough space to hold handouts, check-in stations, a computer, and much more.

Dylan Potter chose to give back to Acalanes High School by refinishing the shot put ring, building a movable bench, and fixing the seat on an additional bench. The project took several months to complete as a result of the required research, approvals, and necessary adjustments to scope and process.

Braedon Christie's project encompassed the installation of 21 Creek Signs near walking paths in Lafayette for the Lafayette Creeks Committee. His project included working with the Lafayette Creeks Committee liaison to determine the exact locations for installation by surveying and marking each site, obtaining all necessary signs, posts, and backings along with related supplies, and then installing each of the signs in a manner where they could not be removed and were firmly in place.

The Eagle project for Nicolas Dietsch benefitted the JF Kapnek Trust to provide educational supplies for preschool children in Zimbabwe. Nick led the effort to collect new and lightly used preschool toys and supplies from neighborhoods in the community, aggregating and sorting the donations, and then organizing and labeling the boxes for transport to Zimbabwe. The goal was to collect twenty boxes of materials to be sent overseas and the troop ultimately collected forty-one boxes.

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