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Troop 249 honors three new Eagle Scouts

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From left: Grant Larsen, Ben DeLange, Kyle Davis Photo provided

Boy Scout Troop 249 will honor three new Eagle Scouts for attaining Scouting's highest rank. Ben DeLange, a senior at Miramonte High School, Kyle Davis and Grant Larsen, both seniors at Campolindo High School, will be recognized in an Eagle Court of Honor held on Nov. 19. Scoutmaster Craig Anderson will present the awards.

For his Eagle Project, DeLange provided school kits for 50 children in a remote region of Guatemala. He organized a car wash to raise funds, then purchased and assembled the kits with his fellow Scouts, and finally delivered the kits to the school. DeLange loved meeting the director of the school and also the kids who were in need of basic supplies like pencils and notebooks to succeed in school.

With a challenge to do an Eagle Project that was both meaningful to him, and something that would help others, Davis chose to help provide a permanent and

safe environment for kids to play basketball at the Bay Area Rescue Mission in Richmond. His project included the installation of a new in-ground basketball standard and court-side landscaping. This project was an opportunity to meld his love for basketball and his desire to impact the lives of others through his passion for the sport.

Larsen's Eagle Project was completed at Moraga Retreat Care Home, the place where his ailing grandfather lived after suffering a stroke. At the request of the Moraga Retreat Directors, Larsen designed and built a wheeled, raised planter box for the residents to enjoy. With the help of his fellow Troop 249 scouts, he also beautified the landscaping of the care home by planting bushes and mulching the grounds.

These young men are grateful for the dedication and support of their Troop 249 leaders.

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