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## Moraga Boy Scout Troop 212 Honors 10 New Eagle Scouts

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10 new Eagle Scouts in Moraga Troop 212. Photo provided

Moraga Boy Scout Troop 212 presented its 56th Eagle Court of Honor April 28 at Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church to recognize the achievements of 10 new Eagle Scouts: Brent Avenell, Jake Crumbaugh, Randall Gee, Chase Giglio, Grant Harper, Braden Maher, Pablo Nguyen, Conor O'Brien, Nolan Wilson and William Woolsey.

Each young man earned at least 21 merit badges and participated in an average of 40 camping trips, including annual wilderness camps and high adventure experiences such as kayaking in Oregon, 50-mile Sierra treks, a Canadian bike trek, and pack-rafting in Montana.

For their Eagle projects, involving on average 100 hours of planning, leadership and work, this group of Scouts focused on making the world a better place through sports, charities, arts and education, and patriotism.

Avenell collected gently used sporting and gym equipment for CityTeam in Oakland and refurbished a space to create a training room for them. Maher designed and built a flagpole for the Campolindo baseball field and a bat holder for the dugout, while Harper designed and built a designated baseball scorekeeper table.

Crumbaugh planned, filmed and edited a documentary on Bay Area Crisis Center, a nonprofit that provides safe shelter for children in crisis, for use on their website and marketing materials. Woolsey oversaw the creation of 40 fleece blankets for Monument Crisis Center to distribute to children who have been victims of violence.

In regard to local and global education, Giglio designed and built new Senior Class Memory Boards for Campolindo High School; Nguyen collected, organized and shipped school supplies for children in the Dominican Republic; O'Brien designed and built an art cabinet for Mulberry Tree Preschool; and Gee organized an art supply drive for Drawbridge, a nonprofit organization that provides art programs for Bay Area kids.

Wilson interviewed United States Veterans and transcribed their accounts for the Library of Congress.

Under the leadership of Scoutmaster John 'Otter' Drennan, Troop 212 is chartered by Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church. Since 1963, Troop 212 has awarded 431 Eagle Scouts with Scouting's highest honor.

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