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From left: Nik Levandowski and Ben Krey Photo provided

Boy Scout Troop 243 in Lafayette is inducting two new Eagle Scouts - Ben Krey and Nik Levandowski - at an Eagle Court of Honor Nov. 3 at the Lafayette Christian Church. To earn this highest advancement rank in Scouting, Scouts must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills, complete at least 21 merit badges, and plan, organize, lead and manage a service project benefiting his community.

Krey, a junior at Acalanes High School, has been active in Troop 243 since bridging from Cub Scout Pack 643 in fifth grade. For his Eagle Project Krey had an interest in building something that would last. He learned of a thirdgrade class in Richmond that was in need of culturally appropriate books and somewhere to store them. He raised \$400 for the purchase of books and built two sets of shelves. He delivered the books and shelves to the classroom and was lucky enough to meet the students. He hopes this project will have a lasting impact on the

classroom

Levandowski, who is a senior at Campolindo, joined Troop 243 in fifth grade after starting his scouting life as a Cub Scout in Pack 643 at Burton Valley Elementary. He learned that clothing donations to the homeless rarely include socks, and health conditions like diabetes, prevalent in the homeless population, can be further complicated without access to clean, dry socks.

For Levandowski's Eagle Scout project, he collected over 700 pairs of clean socks and assembled toiletry bags with wipes, Band-Aids, lip balm, toothbrushes and more for the homeless population in East Oakland.

Both join the less than 4 percent of all Scouts who achieve Eagle Rank.

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