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## Girl Scouts Honored with Silver and Gold Awards

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The Orinda Moraga Girl Scout Service Unit recently honored 31 girl scouts who have earned their Silver or Gold award.

The Gold Award is the highest award that a Girl Scout may earn. In addition to reaching several other milestones, each girl was required to design, plan and implement a Gold Award Project that meets an expressed need in the community, and will have a lasting impact on society. The scouts each spent a minimum of 50 hours designing and executing their projects.

The Silver Award is the second highest award in Girl Scouts and the highest award that can be earned by a Cadette Girl Scout. After reaching several milestones related to their project, each girl was then required to design, plan and carry out a Silver Award Project that took a minimum of 40 hours (per girl) to complete. Gold Award Recipients:

Troop #30189, Leaders Kappy Dye, Debra Hughes, and Colleen Stagg, Campolindo High School

Emily Gerst's project consisted of a donation drive for Shelter Inc, which she organized and facilitated for two months last spring. Jillian Hughes' project

"Healthier Lives through Healthier Cosmetics" was a faire for middle school girls to learn about chemicals in products they use every day. Sarah DeMateo ran a musical workshop for the kids at the Shelter's Inc. low income apartments in Antioch. And Amy Stagg's project "Bringing Lacrosse to Inner City Youth" was based on introducing the sport of lacrosse to youth who would not normally have the chance to experience it.

Troop #31562, Leader Brigitte Lossing, Miramonte

Amanda Bains created a sewing club as her project. The club named "sew4charity" recruited members from local schools, girl scouts troops, as well as community members at large.

Silver Award Recipients:

Troop # 30346, Leader Janice Kjell, Campolindo:

Anastasia Chilimidos, Maren Kjell, Rachel Meadows, Elizabeth Mediati, and Alicia Glidden worked together on their Silver Award project to benefit the J. F. Kapnek Foundation.

Troop # 30662, Leader Jaime Zafanella, Miramonte:

Tara Baghdassanian, Gabriela Blum, Jamie Fiero, Chelsea Godsil, Katie Latimer, Alicia Macler, Kathleen Stanaro, Sofie Woodlee, Anna Blain, Emelia Hildreth, Melanie Jones, Ashley Juarbe, Cecily Schmidt, Sophie Wegener, Leah Wolk, and Cassie Zafanella planned a special day-long event titled "iScout" aimed at encouraging middle-school aged girl scouts to stay in scouting.

Troop #: 32905, Leader Marsha Harris, Miramonte:

Hanne Andersen, Grace Hilty, Selena MacDuff, Anne Odell, Hannah Swernoff, and Hayley Young planned a Dog Faire that was held in the Moraga Commons.

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