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Glorietta Junior Scouts Present a Nature Area Documentary

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Gathered in the garden of Erica and Ravi Bains June 9, the Girl Scouts of Troop 30280 presented their Bronze Award program about outdoor education in the Wagner Ranch Nature Area. The girls collaborated in scripting a video about their adventures. Each scout reported on one of the many outdoor activities.

The video opened with piano music performed by Audrey Spindler. The audience viewed scenes from the Wildlife Festival's raptor show, Native American band, and solar cooking. The scout reporters presented scenes from Rancho Days, archery and games from Native American Studies and First Thanksgiving. Other scouts featured the garden, the Olive Festival, and panning for gold. Cooking was a high point of Pioneer Days, and students made jonnie cake in the adobe oven and chili from scratch. As the documentary came to a close, Bella Crayton's piano music accompanied scenes of students exploring the trails and streams with Toris Jaeger, to whom the production was dedicated.

Photo provided

The audience of parents, local citizens, and Friends of the Wagner Ranch Nature Area supporters, talked with the

girls following the presentation. When asked about their favorite location in the Nature Area, several girls described the "beach" along the creek. The Troop cleaned up litter so that others may enjoy this lovely stretch of stream.

Jaeger thanked the Junior Scouts for supporting the Nature Area: Bella Crayton, Taylor Hernandez, Julia Lang, Kaitlin Miller, Ilana Rubin, Katrina Schrittwieser, Anika Shandalov, and Audrey Spindler. Troop leaders Lilana Spindler and Sandra Rubin took the girls on the outings and helped them choreograph the program. Spindler filmed and edited the video to a vibrant 17-minute peek into the joys of learning history and science in the outdoors. All agreed that the Wagner Ranch Nature Area is a unique gem for students in the Orinda schools.

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