

Troop 204 welcome new Eagles

Submitted by Sara Regan



Front row, from left, Ryan Regan, Trenten Tso, Garrett Vana.; second row, from left, Thomas Edwards, Chase Severson, Joe Kahler; third row, from left, Seppi Ortman, Robby Goldman, Jack Spiering, Matthew Goldie, Luc Davis; back row, from left, John Torchio, Colin Kuiken and Michael Williams.

Lafayette Boy Scout Troop 204 will honor 14 young men who have achieved the Eagle Scout Award, the highest rank in the Boys Scouts of America, at 1 p.m. on March 25 at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church. This will be Troop 204's 64th annual Eagle Court of Honor.

To attain Eagle Scout, a Scout must earn his way up the scouting ranks from Tenderfoot to Life Scout. As a Life Scout, he must be active in the troop for at least six months, earn at

least 21 required badges, serve in a leadership position, show "Scout Spirit," and plan, develop and give leadership to others in an approved Eagle service project helpful to any religious institution, school, nonprofit organization or the community. In addition to requirements listed above, each of these Troop 204 Eagle Scouts has attended annual 50-mile backpacking trips, planned and led a trek on the nine-day hiking trip, hiked over 500 miles and actively participated in annual Camporees.

Troop 224 Eagle Scouts Honored

Submitted by Stephanie Coate



Troop 224's new Eagle Scouts.

Photo provided

Boy Scout Troop 224 of Lafayette members Dylan Lane, Jason Cornell, and Adam Coate achieved Scouting's highest rank of Eagle Scout and celebrated their Eagle Court of Honor on Sunday, Feb. 26, at the Lafayette Community Center.

Troop 224, which began in May 1953, is a boy-led Boy Scout Troop dedicated to the ideals of the Boy Scouts of America national organization. To achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, the candidate must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges, including 13 Eagle-required badges, demonstrate leadership and scout spirit, and successfully complete an Eagle service project that benefits the community.

Dylan Lane is a senior at Las Lomas

High School in Walnut Creek. For his Eagle project, he worked with Principal Matt Campbell to design and landscape the main courtyard at Las Lomas High School.

Jason Cornell is a senior at Acalanes High School. For Jason's Eagle project, he chose to give back to the Lafayette Nursery where he attended as a young child. He led the design, coordination, and construction of a large portable water basin and carpentry table.

Adam Coate is a junior at Acalanes High School. Adam's Eagle service project consisted of building and installing 150 backpack hooks at Pleasant Hill Middle School.

For information about Troop 224, visit www.troop224lafayette.com.

Project Music Unlimited soars at Campolindo High School

Submitted by Vivek Lashkari and Aman Malhotra



Back row from left: Andrew Torres (grade 10), Leif Carlson (10), Aman Malhotra (Club President, 10), Montreux Maeder (10), Vivek Lashkari (10), Andrew Yoo (Vice President, 10); Front row from left: Adriana Derksen (Vice President, 10), Sam Lum (10), Ryan Yick (10), Alex Mangoba (10), Phu-Quy Ho (9), Mr. Johnny Johnson (Club Advisor, Campolindo Instrumental Music Director) Photo Aman Malhotra

Project Music Unlimited is a group of students from Campolindo High School who work to spread the joy of music beyond our community to children without access to instruments or music programs.

It collects donated instruments that are no longer in use, and give them to organizations and schools, most of whom are part of the West Contra Costa Unified School District. WCCUSD provides services to 48 schools, and only a fraction of them have music programs, which they are in the process of rebuilding.

The project also hopes to provide mini performances at schools to inspire young musicians and to give occasional voluntary music lessons to students who do not have the necessary resources to have their own

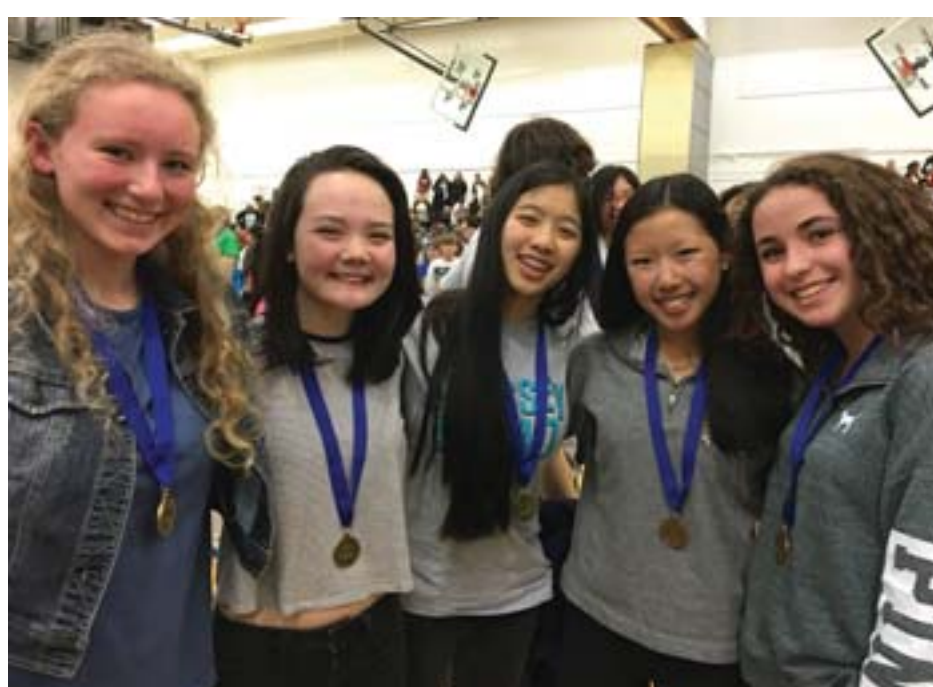
private lessons.

Project Music Unlimited is also working to invite other schools' students to Campolindo music concerts to promote music. In the club's short existence, it has received many instrument donations of all varieties, such as flutes, violins, cellos, drums and saxophones that are already being used by students in WCCUSD schools. The community can help by donating instruments or used recorders to put them to use after elementary school sessions. Recorders can be very useful to get young musicians started before they learn how to play a more advanced instrument.

For more information, visit <http://projectmusicunltd.wixsite.com/campopmuclub>, contact by email at projectmusicunlimited@gmail.com or find them on Facebook.

Lamorinda teams advance in Odyssey of the Mind competitions

Submitted by John Inouye



Division III first-place winners (left to right): Sullivan Jordan (Campo), Sarah Inouye (OSA), Stephanie Wu (CPS), Caroline Kim (Head-Royce), Amy O'Connor (OIS)

Photos provided

Many local teams competed in the Odyssey of the Mind Bay Area Regional Tournament at Concord High School on March 4. Four teams from Orinda and two from Moraga are advancing to the State Tournament at Heritage High School in Brentwood on March 25.

A Division III team, sponsored by Orinda Rotary, took first place for their solution to "Ready, Set, Balsa, Build." The problem includes building a balsa wood structure of no more than 15 grams that must hold as much weight as it can. The problem solution must incorporate the structure into a skit.

The team — Sarah Inouye, Sullivan Jordan, Caroline Kim, Amy O'Connor, and Stephanie Wu — have examined this problem with their coach, Michael Kim, for the last five years. "All the team members go to different schools now, so it's great that we still have Odyssey," said Caroline Kim. "We get to see each other a few times per week." The team has advanced to both the State and World Tournaments in past years. "It's nice to win," said Sarah Inouye, "but I've also gotten better at collaborating."

A Division II team from Orinda Intermediate School took first place in a prob-

lem that involved classics and art history. The team — Tom Inouye, Degen Naldoza, Jason Ritchey, Samantha Scott, and Owen Younger — created an original performance about time travelers looking to discover the inspiration for great works of art. Coached by Amy Inouye, the team often went to reuse centers in Berkeley and Oakland to design props and costumes. Tackling other problems in the past, this team has advanced to the State Tournament twice before.

Two Division I teams, both from Orinda elementary schools, are also advancing to State. The Glorietta Blue Team got first place in "Catch Us If You Can," a problem that includes the creation of vehicles. The Del Rey Blue Team came in second place in "Odd-a-Bot," a problem that involves the creation of a robot that learns by watching others.

In addition two teams sponsored by the Moraga Rotary are also advancing to the tournament.

Odyssey of the Mind develops creative problem-solving skills in students from kindergarten through college. Thousands of teams from the U.S. and about 25 other countries participate in the program.



Division II first-place winners (left to right): Tom Inouye, Owen Younger, Jason Ritchey, Degen Naldoza, Samantha Scott, all from Orinda Intermediate School.



Moraga Rotary Division 2 (Intermediate School) team (from left to right): Alex Clare, Sebastian Fojut, Jack Erickson-King, Vishal Lashkari, Ryan Erickson-King, Zac Yu. Photo Holly Erickson-King



Moraga Rotary Division 1 (Elementary School) team (from left to right): Julia Erickson-King, Zoe Seaman, Maddie O'Balte, Catelyn Cereghino, Elise Frippiat. Photo Holly Erickson-King