

SCOUT SHOUT

TRIPLE EAGLE

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- FEBRUARY 19
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- MARCH 19
DOUBLE DIPSEA HIKE
- MARCH 5–6
KLONDIKE DERBY
- APRIL 1–3
WENTE CAMPING TRIP
- MAY 7–8
OHLONE & DEL VALLE
BACKPACKING TRIPS
- MAY 14
HALF MOON BAY FISHING
TRIP



SCOUTING REFLECTION

BY EDMOND C.

It has been six years and eight months since I joined Troop 88 and I have enjoyed each and every moment of it. Whether attending troop meetings at the Clubhouse on Wednesday nights, hiking local trails around the Bay Area on weekends, or backpacking in the High Sierras over the summer, I've truly come to appreciate the fun and fulfillment I've experienced.

Many of my favorite memories revolve around experiences I've had with scouting. I'll never forget the tranquility of sunrise in the High Sierras; I'll never forget the feeling of accomplishment after summiting Mt. Whitney; I'll never forget the unbreakable bonds I've made with my fellow scouts.

I've learned a lot in the past six years. Some of the time, I was learning from older scouts who would pass on their experiences to me, and other times, I was learning from

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SCOUTING JOURNEY

BY MILAN G.

I can easily say becoming an Eagle Scout is my greatest achievement. However, the experiences and memories I've gained along the way are much more important to me than any status or rank. Scouting has helped me grow in many ways. It taught me responsibility and leadership, and showed me that by helping others, I also help myself. It also taught me many skills that I will be able to use, not only in the outdoors, but in every day life. It has given me confidence and made me more independent. I know these lessons will help me in every part of my life.

I have also gained many friends along the

way. As valuable as the skills I have gained may be, it is the other scouts in the troop that have made the scouting experience fun. I certainly wouldn't have been able to get up at five in the morning

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JOURNEY TO EAGLE

BY CHRIS Y.

As a Boy Scout, I have learned countless lessons and enjoyed many adventures. One of the most fulfilling and memorable experiences was earning the Eagle Scout, the highest Boy Scout Rank, through the Eagle Project. The Eagle project is a straightforward requirement for the Eagle Rank—plan and carry out a project where I demonstrated leadership and provided service to benefit the community. The project I chose was installing the first 13 wayfinding trail markers in Mt. Sutro Forest in San Francisco. In addition to giving directions to passerbys, the project would serve as the beginning of a larger endeavor of marking all of Mt. Sutro's trail junctions. In retrospect, my Eagle Project was more complicated in scope and took longer than expected, but I learned the importance of making good choices, planning well, and persevering towards goals.

When I first thought about my Eagle Project, I wanted to do something unique with lasting benefit. Luckily, I came across an opportunity that I could not pass up. I was volunteering with an organization called Mt. Sutro Stewards, whose mission was to maintain "Nature in the City" for

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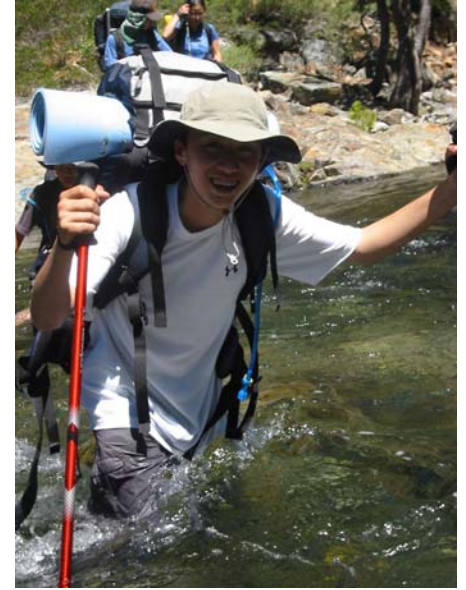
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**SCOUTING REFLECTION**

my own mistakes and the mistakes of those around me. I remember going on my first High Adventure Team 50-mile backpacking trip. I was so keen on packing lightly that I brought very little food. My lunch consisted of pita bread and mustard. Now imagine for a second, eating that. Not bad, but now imagine eating that for four days straight! I learned my lesson that sometimes, packing more and sacrificing those extra pounds is necessary to abide by the "be prepared" motto.

I have made some of my closest friends through scouting. You get to know your fellow scouts quite well after going on a 9-day backpacking trip on the John Muir Trail. I'm grateful for the friends I've made and hope to keep.

Six years and eight months of true greatness. I'm thankful for opportunities provided to me through scouting and I hope my fellow scouts feel the same. Scouting is a brilliant program, and each and every one of us should take advantage of the opportunities it provides and make the best out of the years we have in Troop 88. —Edmond C.

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to go hiking and backpacking, had I not been looking forward to meeting up with my friends. I will always cherish these friendships and have fond memories of all the adventures that we shared.

One of my greatest and most memorable challenges as a scout was our High Adventure Team's 100-mile backpacking trip along the John Muir Trail. Walking 100 miles is a major undertaking, and we met many times to carefully plan our journey, preparing the proper supplies, charting our course, and deciding where to camp. The hike was extremely demanding yet extremely rewarding. We hiked over four 12,000 foot mountain passes and climbed more than 19,000 feet. We had planned to complete our hike in 9 days. What a great sense of accomplishment it was to not only finish the trip successfully but a day earlier than scheduled. After 7 days of freeze dried dinners, the prime rib we had that night at Vermilion Valley Resort was like food from heaven.



I truly appreciate everything that my troop has given me. I will always be proud of what I have accomplished as an Eagle Scout, and will always cherish my scouting memories and experiences.

—Milan G.

JEFFREY'S EAGLE PROJECT

JOURNEY TO EAGLE

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locals and tourists to enjoy the wilderness in San Francisco. After several sessions of trail building services, I realized that these newly restored trails lacked signs to guide visitors through this stretch of urban wilderness. Coincidentally, the head steward had been thinking about creating trail markers for the new trails. Soon enough, I found myself coordinating with the head of Mt. Sutro Stewards to carry out this project.

The trail marker construction was a complicated and demanding process. It required many steps including the design of the plaques and the exact locations of the posts, so that they may be most helpful to visitors. As I became more invested in the project, I found that the planning was crucial and that I had to consider many steps to ensure the success of the project. I broke down the project into three major tasks, which were carried out over six days, and I enlisted five to ten volunteers each day depending on the task. One day required digging the holes where the posts would be installed, another day was the fabrication of the post and trail name plates, and finally the last day was the actual installation of the posts. Each day contained numerous tasks that had to be carried out with both hard work and dedicated precision, which made it difficult to direct and manage all the events going on at a time. However, with conscious planning, it became apparent that most of the decisions I made came together as a whole that enhanced the outcome of the Project.

Despite the careful planning, the project actually lasted over nine months, much longer than usual, because of unforeseen setbacks. The largest obstacle was the initial resistance of the neighborhood around Mt. Sutro. After I was given the green light and half way through my project, my project was halted due to complaints from the neighborhood. Some people desired to keep Mt. Sutro untouched and wished to restrict its popularity. They feared that the trail markers would draw more and more attention and ruin the urban wilderness. Given the situation, I could have changed the project and finished early, but I stayed with the project that I had grown a deep responsibility to. Through multiple discussions and debate from supervisors, we were eventually granted clearance to continue with the project. Through this experience, I learned how to make intuitive decisions and cling to the goal, which helped immensely in the success of this challenging Project.

In addition, I learned invaluable leadership skills that I would carry with me for the rest of my life. One of the most challenging tasks for me was to recruit and organize fellow Boy Scouts to perform the tasks with high quality. I had to send out constant notices to contact and recruit able volunteers. On the working day, the key was to delegate the tasks to ensure everyone working efficiently. It was important to carefully instruct all of my volunteers so that they conduct the best job to produce good results. The project sometimes came down to the nitty-gritty details like the height of the pole and the soil texture it was to be placed in. I demonstrated to my team first how to carry out the specific tasks. It was important that I gave a demonstration first so that they could follow my examples. I divided the volunteers into groups to work efficiently to avoid idle workers. As a result of my guidance and the enthusiastic volunteers, we were able to create a memorable community service.

I walk with a sense of pride and accomplishment when I reflect on my journey to Eagle. Undoubtedly, I am a changed person. Boy Scouts has changed me from a boy to a young adult. I have begun to hold multiple responsibilities and I am regarded as a mature individual who has a strong sense of judgment. I feel the Eagle Rank itself is not as important to me. I treasure the opportunity in which I have grown a great deal just from the years of experience with Boy Scouts and the conducting of the Eagle Project. After the project, I have begun to conduct myself with more care outside of Scouting as well. When I face decisions in my life, I attempt to take all things into consideration, so that I can make the right decisions. Ever since I installed those posts into the ground on Mt. Sutro, the trail markers have guided me as well on a trail through life.

—Chris Y.



The fact that a boy is an Eagle Scout has always carried with it a special significance, not only in Scouting but also as he enters higher education, business or industry, and community service. The award is a performance-based achievement whose standards have been well-maintained over the years. Not every boy who joins a Boy Scout troop earns the Eagle Scout rank; only about 5 percent of all Boy Scouts do so. This represents more than 1.7 million Boy Scouts who have earned the rank since 1912. Nevertheless, the goals of Scouting – citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness – remain important for all Scouts, whether or not they attain the Eagle Scout rank.



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TO DO MY DUTY
TO GOD AND
MY COUNTRY
AND TO OBEY
THE SCOUT LAW;
TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE
AT ALL TIMES;
TO KEEP MYSELF
PHYSICALLY STRONG,
MENTALLY AWAKE, AND
MORALLY STRAIGHT.

SCOUT LAW

A SCOUT IS:
TRUSTWORTHY
LOYAL
HELPFUL
FRIENDLY
COURTEOUS
KIND
OBEDIENT
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BRAVE
CLEAN
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PINNACLES TRIP OCTOBER 2010

BY JOSH W.

In October some of us went to the Pinnacles National Monument. Only two of us went on the 10-mile hike and the rest of us went rock climbing. On the hike, it was a rocky trail and tough, but in the end they got an awesome patch that goes with 3 others to make a square. On the rock climbing part of the trip, we took a walk up to this big rock that was about 130ft to 160ft tall. While we were there we learned how to put on the harness with the 3 C's. We also got to wear these really tight shoes that really helped us when we were climbing.

When we got back to the campsite we all got unpacked and set up our tents. After we finished we used some rope that we had brought with us to make these awesome swings. That night we went to troop 15's campsite, roasted marshmallows and listened to the Giants game (and they won). In the morning we packed up and before we left we stopped at the store to get food and drinks for the ride home.



SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE

A Warped Wheel

Scouts, if you loosen five or six adjoining spokes on a bicycle wheel, it will warp out of shape so that it no longer makes a true circle. Pretty soon you're going to have a bumpy ride. Your character is something like a bike wheel. The spokes are a series of rules that in Scouting we call the Scout Law. The points of our Scout Law are guides to help you stay straight and true. If you get loose and sloppy on any point of the Scout Law, the result will be the same as loosening the spokes on a bike wheel. Your personality will be warped and out of shape.

One way to stay true to yourself is to see that your observance of the Scout Law is always foremost in your mind. When doubts creep in and you might consider violating one of the points of the Law, think about the warped, out of shape bike wheel and resolve to live up to the ideals of Scouting.



Michael Dotson