

Nick's Trail to Eagle

Joined Troop 476	April 16, 1997
Earned Scout Rank	May 29, 1997
Earned Tenderfoot Rank	March 5, 1998
Earned 2 nd Class Rank	August 6, 1998
Earned 1 st Class Rank	September 3, 1998
Earned Star Rank	July 1, 1999
Earned Life Rank	January 6, 2000
Earned Eagle Rank	September 18, 2002

Merit Badges

Art	Env Science*	Pers Fitness*
Astronomy	Family Life*	Personal Mgt*
Backpacking	First Aid*	Pioneering
Camping*	Fishing	Plant Science
Canoeing	Forestry	Reading
Cit in Comm*	Hiking*	Rifle Shoot
Cit in Nation*	Horsemanship	Safety
Cit in World*	Indian Lore	Scholarship
Climbing	Mammal Study	Soil & Water
Communications*	Metalwork	Swimming*
Cycling*	Motorboating	Theater
Emergency Prep*	Oceanography	Wood Carving
*Eagle Required Merit Badge		

Special Awards and Achievements

Ad Altare Dei Award	03/06/00
Arrow of Light	03/15/97
Bristlecone Junior Leadership Training	11/10/01
Den Chief Award	08/24/00
Firem'n Chit	08/07/97
High COPE	08/16/02
O.A. Brotherhood	06/02/01
Hi Sierra BASE Camp	07/06/02
Order of Arrow Ordeal	06/02/00
Philmont Arrowhead	08/09/02
Polar Bear	07/14/97
Pope Pius XII	03/22/01
Tribe of Hi Sierra "Chief Papa Bear"	07/12/00
Totn' Chip	08/07/97
World Conservation	07/14/00

Leadership Positions

Patrol Leader	05/01/97-11/01/97
Assistant Patrol Leader	11/01/97-05/07/98
Den Chief	09/01/98-09/01/01
Chaplain Aide	11/01/98-11/01/99
Patrol Leader	05/01/99-11/01/99
Troop Guide	05/01/01-11/01/01
Assistant Senior Patrol Leader	11/01/01 - 11/01/02

Eagle Project

Nick's Eagle Service Leadership Project was to install a drip system, tear down a fence, install patio stepping-stones, and create a play area for a transitional housing project owned by Cupertino Community Services (CCS).

The Meaning of the Eagle Badge

The foremost responsibility of an Eagle Scout is to live with **honor**. Honor is the foundation of all character. Character is what one really is, deep down inside. An Eagle will so live that he reflects well on his home, his church, his school, his friends, and himself. May the white of your badge remind you to live with honor.

The second responsibility of an Eagle Scout is **loyalty**. Without loyalty all character lacks direction. An Eagle is loyal to his ideals. An Eagle is loyal to his family, friends, and his community. May the blue of the Eagle badge inspire your loyalty.

The third obligation of the Eagle Scout is **courage**. Courage gives all character, force, and strength. Trusting in God and with faith in his fellow man, an Eagle Scout can face each day unafraid and seek his share of the world's work to do. Let the red of the Eagle badge stand for your courage.

The final obligation of the Eagle Scout is **service**. The Eagle extends a helping hand to those who still toil up the trail. The performance of a daily good deed takes on a new meaning when you enter a life of continuing service to others. An Eagle protects and defends the weak and helpless. He aids the unfortunate. He upholds the rights of others. His code of action is based on real service. May the motto "Be Prepared" always remind you that as an Eagle Scout you are best prepared to be of service to others. May the watchful eagle suspended from the ribbon remind you to perform that service when opportunities arise.

Program

Call to Order	Steve P., SPL Master of Ceremony
Opening Flag Ceremony Escort of Candidate & Family	Troop 476 Honor Guard
Invocation	Fr. Bob Hayes, St. Joseph's
Welcome	Steve P.
Call to the Eagles' Nest	Steve P.
Nick's Scout History	Mr. Brian Latona, Scoutmaster
Eagle Service Leadership Project	Ms. Erica Mayer, Director of Housing Services, CCS
Charge to the Eagle	Mr. Brian Latona
Award Presentation	Mr. Greg Buchanan District Advancement Chair
Sponsor's Minute	Mr. Brian Robertson, Holy Name Society Charter Organization Representative
Parent's Minute	Robin and L.T. Guttadauro
Eagle Minute	Nick G.
Scoutmaster Minute	Mr. Brian Latona
Closing Flag Ceremony	Troop 476 Honor Guard
Please join us for refreshments after the closing ceremony!	

"One Hundred Scouts"



Of any one hundred boys who become Scouts, it must be confessed that thirty will drop out in their first year. Perhaps this may be regarded as a failure, but in later life all of these will remember that they had been Scouts and will speak well of the program.

Of the one hundred, only rarely will one ever appear before a juvenile court judge. Twelve of the one hundred will be from families that belong to no church. Through Scouting, these twelve and many of their families will be brought into contact with a church and will continue to be active all their lives. Six of the one hundred will become pastors.

Each of these one hundred will learn something from Scouting. Almost all will develop hobbies that will add interest throughout their lives. Approximately one-half will serve in the military, and in varying degrees, profit from their Scout training. At least one will use it to save another person's life and many will credit it with saving their own.

Four of the one hundred will reach Eagle rank, and at least one will later say that he values his Eagle above his college degree. Many will find their future vocation through merit badge work and Scouting contacts. Seventeen of the one hundred boys will later become Scout leaders and will give leadership to thousands of additional boys.

Only one in four boys in America will become Scouts, but it is interesting to know that of the leaders in this nation in business, religion, and politics, three out of four were Scouts.

This story will never end. Like the "Golden Pebble" of service dropped in the human sea, it will continue to radiate in ever widening circles, influencing the characters of men down through unending time.

Thank you

Thank you to all the adults and scouts in Troop 476 who have supported me along my trail to Eagle. I would like to extend a special thanks to the following adults:

Mr. Brian Latona, Scoutmaster
Mr. Richard Anderson
Mr. Michael Chang
Mrs. Robin Guttadauro
Mr. L.T. Guttadauro
Mr. Don Pettibone
St. Joseph of Cupertino Holy Name Society

Thank you to all the scouts and adults who helped make my Eagle Service Project a success. I would especially like to thank:

Mr. David Bunzel
Mr. Steve Fleshman
Mr. Brian Robertson
Mrs. Sue Teng

Than you to the following adults who provided me with letters of recommendation for my Eagle Scout rank:

Mr. James Fallis, Archbishop Mitty High School History Teacher
Mrs. Barbara Hill, Librarian of St. Joseph of Cupertino Church
Fr. Robert Hayes, Pastor of St. Joseph of Cupertino Church

My family and I wish to thank each of you for joining us today and for sharing the joy of this special occasion. Please be sure to sign the guest book before leaving.

Thank you,

Nick G.

Troop 476 Santa Clara County Council Boy Scouts of America



Welcomes you to the

EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

For

Nicholas L. G.

St. Joseph of Cupertino Church
Saturday, November 2, 2002
1:00 pm -3:00 pm

The Boy Scout's Mother Asked

By F. Damall Daley, Jr.

"Where has my little baby gone?"
The cub Scout's Mother asked,
"He went by here awhile ago.
Did you not see him pass?"

He'd gone to be a **Tiger Cub**
And then a **Wolf** was he.
He learned to carve the pinewood car,
And sing the songs with glee.

And after that he was a **Bear**,
And then a **Webelos Scout**.
He learned the Boy Scout Oath and Law,
And fun in full amount.

Crossed over to be a **Boy Scout**,
And shown what kindness meant.
His best is what he'd have to be,
Everywhere he went.

"Where has my little baby gone?"
The Boy Scout's Mother asked,
"He went by here awhile ago.
Did you not see him pass?"

To hike the trails and pitch a tent,
To swim the lakes and streams,
To kindle a fire under the stars,
These were his every dreams.

Down the long trail to **Eagle**,
He smilingly went his way.
The many adventures that he had,
Shaped the man we see today

Learned to be a citizen,
A helping hand to lend.
He learned what cheerful service
means,
An how to be a friend.

"Where has my little baby gone?"
The Boy Scout's Mother asked,
"He went to be a Boy Scout,
And he grew to be a man.