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Troop 110

Eagle Application
Requirement 5

Eagle Project

My Eagle Project began April 10, 1990. This is when I first consulted Judy Gregg, Director of Hastings Ranch Nursery School (HRNS). She then gave me the idea of replacing the play structure in the toddler yard. The requirements of this project were to take measurements of the existing structure and make a new structure because the original was getting to be hazardous.

April 10, 1990, I discussed my project with my Scoutmaster, and he signed my proposal form.

April 25, 1990, I visited the Eagle Board Review Chairman, Mr. Gaffney, and he approved my project.

Monetary donations were requested from the parents of children currently enrolled at HRNS, material donations were requested from Arcadia Lumber, and requests for assistance of any nature went into the Sierra Madre News. In response to these appeals, \$70 in cash donations were received from two families at HRNS, Dr. and Mrs. Wear and Mr. and Mrs. Wells; and wood dowel was donated by Arcadia Lumber. My uncle, Fred Dow, donated the metal and fabrication for the slide. The remaining expenses were covered by personal family donations.

Finally, I arranged June 16, 1990, to be my first day of work. On this day, I had three people other than myself working. We started by cutting the lengths of wood to match the legs and rails of the original structure. Also that day, we drilled holes and mounted closet poles (dowel) into the rails to form monkey bars.

Our next day of work was June 23, 1990; and we worked primarily on finishing up the legs and rails that we had started on the first day of work.

August 11, 1990, we erected the upper row of monkey bars on its legs with carriage bolts. Each of the boys took part in the drilling and bolting of the legs.

August 25, 1990, we put in closet pole across the legs to form ladders so the kids could have something to climb on. Also this day, we sanded and stained what we had completed up to this point.

September 21, 1990, crossbars over the face of the structure, a platform from where a slide would be positioned, and a ladder that stood on the opposite side of the platform were completed. From this ladder, we fastened retaining bars so that the kids would be more secure.

September 25, 1990, my dad and I constructed the slide by ourselves because it needed to be cut with a table saw and was very difficult to make.

September 28, 1990, one friend and I sanded the new pieces and stained them. Along with putting on the braces, this completed the building of the project except for the varnishing.

September 29, 1990, my friends and I painted about two coats of varnish.

About every other day, a member of my family or I added another coat of varnish on the completed structure until we reached a desired finish. We added about six coats of varnish to the structure with more coats to higher traffic areas.

October 6, 1990, five scouts and myself loaded the structure in my grandfather's truck and transported the structure to its new place in the toddler yard of the nursery school with the added assistance of my father and grandfather. This completed by project.

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Requirement 6

Life Purpose, Leadership, and Other Positions

After I receive the Eagle award, I would like to share my experiences and skills with new scouts. I see that earning the honor of Eagle Scout is a glimpse into my future. I believe it will be a source of assistance down the path of life. With the completion of this work, I believe I can accomplish anything. I also hope that my achievement will have a positive effect on my brother so that when he gets older, he will also attempt to make the climb to Eagle. Right now I am attending Don Bosco Technical Institute and am majoring in the field of Electronics. I hope to continue in this field and maybe own my own electronics business.

The following are honors, awards, and leadership positions I have earned over the past few years:

Honor Award received from the Daughters of the American Revolution 1985 and 1986
Sierra Madre Little League 1985 and 1986
"A" Honor Roll 4th through 8th grade
Altar Server St. Rita's Church 1985 to present
Order of the Arrow Ordeal Member 1989
Troop 110 Patrol Leader 5/87 - 11/87 and 7/88 - 9/89
Troop 110 Senior Patrol Leader 3/88 - 7/88
Troop 110 Communications Merit Badge Instructor 2/90 - 3/90
2nd Highest Scholastic Achievement Award in elementary school 1989
Mathematics Achievement Award 8th grade 1989
Student Council representative elementary school 1987
Presidential Academic Award 8th grade 1989
Honors at Entrance for Don Bosco Technical Institute
Highest Scholastic Achievement Award for team member in basketball
Venture Captain 1990
Excellence in Technical Rotation Don Bosco Technical Institute 1989-1990
Participated as part of Organizing Staff for 1990 St. Rita's Search Retreat