

Carol Smith 2000-2001 Eagle Scout Class

Hiram Witkop – Troop 35 – Traverse City – October 9, 2000

Hiram planned and developed a park at his church in Traverse City for his Eagle Project. At Faith Reformed church he removed trees, cleaned up the wood and brush, put in sand and built a volleyball court. He used woodchips from the trees for landscaping purposes.

William Kinnunen – Troop 106 – Bear Lake – October 8, 2000

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Thomas Korzeniewski – Troop 167 – Manistee – November 14, 2000

Tom supervised and led a clean up and repair of the playground at the Manistee Intermediate School for his Eagle Project. He fixed up an existing flowerbed and trimmed overgrown trees. He also painted the therapy room at the school.

Ryan Deery – Troop 7 – Petoskey – November 20, 2000

For his Eagle Scout Project Ryan fixed up a trail at Camp Petosega in Petoskey. He planned a car wash to raise funds for the lumber and built five ten foot sections of four-foot wide boardwalk. They cleared and widened the trail with trimmers and axes and filled in the holes and marsh spots with sod and logs gathered from the woods. They then put in the boardwalks and leveled them. The final step was to send thank-you letters to all the people that helped.

Eric Robinson – Troop 30 – Traverse City – December 7, 2000

Eric created a campsite and a trail that leads to it for his Eagle Project. Backpackers from a religious organization called AWANA will use the trail and the campsite. AWANA is a nondenominational international organization that's goal is to reach children from pre-school to seniors in high school for Christ. AWANA is using the land where Eric built the trail and campsite as a place to hold a wilderness scholarship camp called Canadian Adventure.

Daniel Probst – Troop 37 – Grawn – December 12, 2000

For his Eagle Project Dan built benches for the Peninsula Township Park. Under his leadership seven benches were put in place for use by anyone that visits this beautiful natural outdoor setting.

David Baker – Troop 76 – Bellaire – December 9, 2000

For his Eagle Project, David cleaned up a local nature trail in the community of Bellaire. He moved brush, logs, and over hanging branches. It will benefit many people who look for a place to get away.

Doug Krusell – Troop 5 – Petoskey – December 27, 2000

Doug put in "English Garden Benches" in the Celebration Garden at his church for his Eagle Project. They put together, sanded, treated the wood, and installed the benches at the United Methodist Church in Petoskey. They provide style, beauty, and a resting place for visitors.

Keith Wright – Troop 32 – Traverse City – December 28, 2000

Keith planned and organized a blood drive at Central United Methodist Church for his Eagle Project.

His project helped with the important demand for blood and it also helped spread the word that is blood is in such need.

Dan Fleetwod – Troop 41 – Benzonia – January 9, 2001

Dan made a time capsule to be opened in the year 2100. It provided historical information on the Boy Scouts in the year 2000. He worked through the Benzie County Historical Museum. He collected letters and artifacts from many different Scouts and community leaders.

BJ Smith – Troop 31 – Traverse City – January 10, 2001

BJ built erosion dams and a stairway on Picnic Island in Long Lake near Traverse City for his Eagle Project.

The public's use of this island has caused a lot of erosion on the face of the island. The project will benefit the residents of Long Lake, tourists, and the environment.

John W Gayord – Troop 23 – Alden – January 17, 2001

For his Eagle Project JW replaced rotten boards on the trail system located in the Kalkaska School Forest. He also added erosion barricades to the steep sloped portion of the trail. His project will benefit the students of Kalkaska and the general public.

David Gagstetter – Troop 167 – Manistee – January 22, 2001

David supervised the building of bat houses for his Eagle Project. He and the crew he led built 9 rocket-style bat houses in the Lake Michigan Recreation Area in southern Manistee County. He also built and put up informational signs that described the houses. Each house provides a roosting area during the day for up to 50 bats because they block the heat. A single brown bat can catch at least 1200 mosquitoes, moths, and other insects in one hour. Campers and hikers alike will have a more enjoyable time with fewer insects in the area.

Jacob Norton – Troop 30 – Traverse City – January 30, 2001

For his Eagle Project Jacob rerouted a section of the North Country Trail around an eroded bank near Baxter Bridge. The bank had become a safety hazard, a danger to the fragile watershed of the Manistee River, an eyesore, and a tiring obstacle to hikers. They also constructed a bridge across a wash on the new route.

Matthew Fate – Troop 7 – Petoskey – February 7, 2001

Matt repaired the roof on a shower building at Camp Daggett near Petoskey for his Eagle Project. Under his leadership they tore the old shingles off the shower house and replaced any bad boards on the roof. Then they put all new shingles on the roof. Matt put on a car wash to raise funds for this project.

Sean Hendrickson – Troop 37 – Grawn – February 27, 2001

Sean replaced a 120 ft section of directional fencing at the Lone Pine Handicap accessible park/trail for his Eagle Project. It is located on Keystone, north of River Road. He worked with the Grand Traverse Soil and Water Conservation District as he provided leadership on this project. The fence will keep people from climbing down the bank and creating erosion problems and make canoeists land at the proper place.

Kevin Graham – Troop 2 – Pellston – March 7, 2001

Kevin installed two lighting detectors at Cheboygan soccer facilities for his Eagle project. He provided storage, protection and means of installing the devices. He also provided instructions on how to use and care for the instruments, which will be written and posted near each device for future use. His project will benefit many by reducing the risk of injury or death of the kids playing or the people watching.

Gabe Wallace – Troop 28 – Traverse City – April 23, 2001

For his Eagle Project Gabe began a program to teach basic obedience to the A.C. PAW rescued dogs, so as to make them more attractive to potential adopters. The Antrim County Pet & Animal Watch (A.C. PAW) rescues hundreds of dogs and cats each year. His project also evolved into a television production as well. He directed and assisted in the production of a short video introducing A.C. PAW and its' work on tctv2, a public access station in TC. He also directed the video taping of a benefit concert for A.C. PAW given by singer/songwriter, Sara Anderson at Horizon Books. It too was played on tctv2 in March of this year.

Elijah Woolcott – Troop 28 – Traverse City – June 5, 2001

Eli interviewed and videotaped World War II veterans in the Elk Rapids area for his Eagle Project. This project gave the veterans a chance to tell their stories and show them that Scouts/teens are interested. It is important to preserve these stories for the generations to come. Their stories will tell the price that was paid for freedom.

Max Anderson – Troop 32 – Traverse City – June 18, 2001

Max built a 17' bridge across a small river on a section of the North Country Hiking Trail for his Eagle Project. This also included rerouting a one-mile section of trail and building a campsite. Max worked with the Grand Traverse Hiking Club and his work will benefit many people that use the trail for recreation.

Christopher Hagerl – Troop 4 – Alanson – June 20, 2001

Chris built and installed two twelve-foot long benches at the Pellston School entrance. They will be used for waiting or eating during plays, games and special events, or just waiting for rides from practice. Many students and families will benefit from this great project.

Christopher Coughlin – Troop 34 – Traverse City – June 22, 2001

Chris worked on the North Country Trail near where 131 crosses the Manistee River for his Eagle Project. In the middle of two steep banks was a small bridge made of railroad ties, which were extremely unstable. Chris redirected the pathway to one side to create a sixteen-foot bridge that is less steep, wider and more stable. His project created a safer crossing for the many hikers that use that trail.

Shawn Grutsch – Troop 17 – East Jordan – June 27, 2001

Shawn built a Gazebo for the town of East Jordan for his Eagle Project. It was built for the GAR Park on Main Street. The Gazebo has made the park more attractive and they have seen an increase in visitors.

Seth Woolcott – Troop 28 – Traverse City – July 03, 2001

Seth built a large freestanding sign for the youth group building at the First Presbyterian Church in Elk Rapids. The sign has a base that they filled with dirt and flowers. It includes a picture of a lighthouse and a magnetic board to list events. Because of Seth the area looks nicer and the community and youth will be informed on upcoming events.

Kyle Harvitt – Troop 35 – Traverse City – July 16, 2001

Kyle built a shed for the Goodwill Inn in Traverse City for his Eagle Project. They have very little storage space and this will provide them with the room to serve more people.

Andy Cobb – Troop 37 – Grawn – July 25, 2001

Andy built birdhouses and a nest house for the tree swallow eastern bluebird for his Eagle Project. He erected these on the Bietner River Pathway along the Boardman River. They will provide nature for hikers and also the birds will help cut down the bugs for the people that hike the trail.

Ryan Rowley – Troop 167 – Manistee – July 28, 2001

Ryan reconstructed the outside stairs in the front of the old Manistee Township hall for his Eagle Project. The stairs were in a sad state of disrepair and were unsafe. The project benefited the individuals and the organizations that utilize the hall for their meetings and activities. The new stairs will allow safe access to the building.

Ben Richardson – Troop 34 – Traverse City – August 8, 2001

Ben built benches and landscaped along a children's playing area at the Traverse Bay Area Youth Soccer Complex. They had 1,200 children involved in soccer this season, which does not include their extended families. Ben also spread woodchips around the children's play structure.

Casey Stanton – Troop 131 – Suttons Bay – August 14, 2001

Casey worked on the 45th Parallel Park north of Suttons Bay for his Eagle Project. He did many landscaping projects and marked the site with a sign indicating its proximity to the 45th Parallel. The site is now more interesting to visitors and much more appealing for people to picnic and relax in.

Kevin Ennis – Troop 167 – Manistee – August 14, 2001

Kevin repaired two outhouses at Magoon Creek Recreational Area south of Manistee for his Eagle project. It included replacement of a roof, rotted wood, privacy walls, toilet seats, paper dispensers, inside latches and translucent roof light plastic. He also repainted the interior of both buildings and power washed the exteriors. The project will benefit all those who enjoy the park.

Matt Brong – Troop 53 – Boyne Falls – August 20, 2001

Matt did landscape renovation for Challenge Mountain near Boyne Falls for his Eagle Project. This included spraying, breaking up the ground and planting oats. This project will benefit many mentally and physically disabled who use Challenge Mountain for skiing

Jerry Morse – Troop 267 – Honor – August 20, 2001

Jerry built a storage shed for baseball and soccer equipment at the Elmira Township Park for his Eagle Project. This included construction, laying cement, painting and roofing. This project will benefit many youth baseball and soccer players.

Darren Paterson – Troop 14 – Gaylord – August 21, 2001

Darren cleaned and painted the Medical First Aid Building at the Lake Louise Methodist Church Camp in Boyne Falls for his Eagle Project. He demonstrated painting preparation and painting skills to four other Boy Scouts while completing his project. His project will benefit many families that visit the camp.

Matt Cowan – Troop 7 – Petoskey – August 30, 2001

Matt constructed and installed a bench, picnic table and a fire pit at three locations in the Resort Township of Petoskey. East Park, the Resort Township Hall and the Township Park were the three locations. The improvements will benefit anyone who visits and uses the facilities.

Matt Reinhardt – Troop 1 – Gaylord – September 4, 2001

Matt worked with the DNR to update the Pine Baron Pathway in Gaylord for his Eagle Project. The project included new post numbers, new map signs, fresh paint on the bulletin board, and the construction of 2 new benches. It will benefit all you use this recreational trail.

Robert Clark – Troop 1 – Gaylord – September 11, 2001

Robert created a buffer zone with the Otsego Conservation District for his Eagle Project. It demonstrates how important buffer zones are to prevent erosion and to benefit the wildlife.

James Allen IV – Troop 55 – Harbor Springs – September 13, 2001

James refurbished a building owned by the Emmet County Friendship Centers for his Eagle Project. It included sanding, replacing rotting wood, and painting. It will benefit the many senior citizens that use the Friendship Center for recreation.

Calvin Lewis – Troop 1240 – Cheboygan – September 17, 2001

Calvin worked on the Hospice House of the Straits for his Eagle Project. He finished drywall, built shelves, and constructed three horizontal storage sheds for them. His improvements made it possible for the house to pass a Medicare inspection.