

Congratulations, Grady Rose!

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Graydon David Rose was awarded his Eagle rank by Point Loma Troop 500 Scoutmaster, Mr. Stan Miller in Graydon's Eagle Scout Court of Honor held Friday, March 12, 2004. Among many tasks that Graydon has had to accomplish, building a 200-foot fence that completely enclosed the park at Westminster Presbyterian Church was his most recent endeavor. The project took over 100 hours by Grady's family and Troop 500 scouts and families.



To obtain an Eagle rank is quite remarkable. It is the highest honor offered in the Boy Scouts. Less than 4% of all Boy Scouts actually achieve this rank. Graydon has been awarded this rank at the age of 13, which is the youngest age one can attain such a title.

Grady Rose's Eagle Scout Project

By Grady Rose

"For my Eagle Scout Project, I completed the fence at Westminster Church Park that the Point Loma Rotary sponsored approximately 5 years ago.

My Project was building an additional 222 feet of fencing, including a 4 foot pedestrian and 12 foot vehicle gate at the foot of Ullman Street and Canon Street. The completion of the fence made the park safer for young children and pets.

The new fencing matched the old fencing, except we used 2 X 4 cross-pieces, instead of 2 X 3 cross-pieces. We are also used a new type of bracket to hold the cross-pieces to the aluminum posts. Both alterations added to the strength. The total material cost was approximately \$1,600.00. All labor will be donated by Troop 500, my family and friends.

On the first day, we dug the holes and then mixed the cement right into the hole. Then we placed the 5 foot posts into the holes and made sure they were level. On the second day of work we attached the 2 X 4s to the pole with pipe grips. After that, we screwed in the cedar fencing to the 2 X 4s with electric screw drivers (donated by Troop 500 parents and neighborhood friends). Finally, we will set up the two gates. We worked on the project on October 26 and November 2, from 9 to 1:00 each day. My Dad and I spent several weekends 'prepping' the work so the volunteers could get right to work on our work days.

We had so many volunteers that some people worked on the gardening - pruning back the bushes, pulling out stumps, pulling weeds - on both weekends. It made the whole area look neater.

Funding for the project was from the Westminster Church, Friends of Westminster Park and the Point Loma Rotary Club (\$1000), Mr. Dennis Pekin and Mrs. Donna Stoner. Dixieline Lumber gave me a discount for materials (see section on materials). My mom provided drinks and food."

(Grady's grandfather, Harley L. Stoner, after working 3 hours on Grady's project on October 26, 2003, the first day of the firestorm, suffered a fatal heart attack. He was surrounded by his family and doing what he loved to do - helping his family and working outdoors.)