



OHS YOUTH NEWSLETTER

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Noah's Story - Boy Scouts

By Noah K.*

*Note: Only part of Noah's Eagle Scout Project Narrative is included here. His entire story is presented on our OHS YouTube channel at this link: <https://youtu.be/hgrpyhdwmmA>
Thank you, Noah!

I have always loved animals. One of my earliest memories is of picking up what I now realize was a garden snake and bringing it into our kitchen, much to my mom's horror. My happiest childhood memory is the day our family brought home our beloved pet, Hugo, who passed 2 years ago. I've always dreamed of growing up and building a home filled with animals.

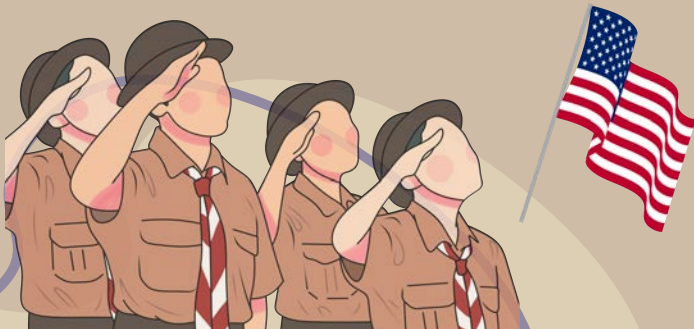


Scouting has been a huge part of shaping who I am today. Initially, I joined because my older brother was a Scout, and at that age, everything he did was something I wanted to do. Over the years, I worked my way through the ranks and eventually became a Life Scout.

When it came time to choose a project for my Eagle Scout rank, I knew this was the perfect opportunity to combine two of my biggest passions: serving the community and my love for animals. With my mom's help, I reached out to Kelli at OHS, who was excited to collaborate with us. I worked closely with Ms. Angela, the volunteer coordinator, to brainstorm ideas for a meaningful project. Together, we decided to build planter boxes with protective cages that OHS could use to grow plants for feeding rescued animals.

Planning and executing the project was no small task. Honestly, I didn't realize how complex and time-consuming it would be, but I was ready for the challenge. Local businesses in Alameda County also contributed generously, donating items like a table saw rental and soil, which helped reduce the overall cost of the project. In total, the project took over 200 hours and spanned a month and a half to plan and execute. It was my first time managing a project of this scale, and I was amazed at how many details needed to be accounted for.

One of the biggest lessons I learned is that no matter how big or challenging something seems, it becomes achievable when people who care about a cause come together. I'm incredibly excited and proud to have completed this project. I'm also deeply grateful for the opportunity to support OHS and contribute, even in a small way, to the remarkable impact this organization has on our community.



Animal News & Community Service Opportunity Ideas at OHS Youth Volunteering and at Other Organizations

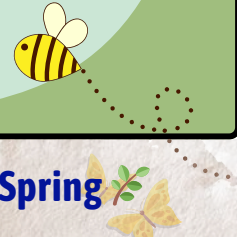
This information is shared from other organizations is for your convenience only, and we do not endorse or take responsibility for the event.

The following events are listed through City of Fremont and you must sign up through their website:

- [Garden Volunteering](#) April 12 Fremont

The following events are listed through Eventbrite.com and you must sign up through their website.

- [When the Litter Gets Tough, the Tough Get Cleanups!](#)
[Creek Cleanup](#) March 15 San Jose



March into the Wild: Signs of Spring

March brings nature back to life. Robins return with cheerful songs, frogs and toads fill wetlands with their calls, and foxes and rabbits welcome new litters. Early pollinators like bees and butterflies emerge, visiting the first spring blooms.

As days grow longer, take time to spot these signs of renewal—nature's reminder of resilience and beauty.

Wild Tip: Plant native flowers to support pollinators and migrating birds this spring!



Interested in writing an article or sharing original animal art for the OHS Youth Newsletter?

Tell us your thoughts on animal issues.
Draw a picture or take an original photo of an community animal in its local habitat.
Share an original nature poem.

Contact youth@ohlonehumanesociety.org for more info about community service hours for participation in the newsletter.

