

Cal High students earn top Scouting rank

WHITTIER - All three started out together as Tiger Cubs, so it was fitting that California High School students Jonathan Salas, Brett Christensen and Jeffrey Swanson received their Eagle Scout badges together.

The awards, Boy Scouting's highest honor, were bestowed on the three friends at a ceremony on March 13.

"There is a bond of friendship that will last their entire lives," said Troop 841 Scoutmaster John Salas.

The young men are three of a five-member Scout patrol affectionately known as the "Road Kill" patrol.

All three chose Eagle Scout projects that improved local schools and parks.

Salas, 16, installed a 90-foot walkway at Ocean View Elementary School, accumulating about 300 volunteer hours.

Christensen, 17, installed a handicapped-accessible drinking fountain at Vista Del Valle Park

in La Habra. He received donations of materials and about \$1,000 to complete the project. It took about 200 hours.

Swanson, 16, installed a hillside staircase at Murphy Ranch Park, which gives Whittier workers easier access to irrigation systems and helps keep brush dry.

Swanson's project required nearly 200 hours of labor and also saved the city the expense of putting in the staircase.