

# MARICOPA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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To Whom It May Concern:

I recently had the privilege of reviewing with Tracy Armstrong, his Eagle Project. He has, to my satisfaction, filled the requirements of his project as it was stated. Tracy has done a very good job.

People viewing the Desert Foothills Scenic Drive (going north on Cave Creek Road), can now read the signs and identify the plants.

Tracy has benefited from his project by becoming more aware of the time, cost, and labor involved in maintaining public parks.

Sincerely,

*Robert A. Ingram*

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Park Ranger II

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Foothills Scenic Drive was the place I selected to do my Eagle Service Project at. The Drive is along the Cave Creek Road, going toward Cave Creek and Carefree. The area which I selected to do was the beginning on up to the Carefree Highway. This consists of 18 plants and lots of work. The Scenic Drive has desert plants selected and marked. On signs the plants are identified and tourists can learn some of the names of the desert plants. The Drive was hit by vandals lately and was in need of repair. I first discussed this project with my scoutmaster on about May 4. It was Mr. John DeYoung who approved the project on May 30. The Maricopa County Parks and Recreation is who he works for.

The materials which I used are as follows: rakes, shovels, white paint, redwood stain, 6 paintbrushes, 2 wire brushes, hand broom, bolts and nuts, wrenches, wagon, Igloo water jug, rope, pruners, gloves, hedge trimmers, paper cups, turpentine, empty bleach bottle, knives, and aluminum foil. A prickly pear plant was donated by Claudia Weathersbee. I had the help of the following people: Ronald William Davis, David Allon Vann, Joseph Kelley, Quinn Armstrong, my father, my mother, and then there was myself. First, this is how we would do the work.

up, and making a big pile with the cut limbs and the stuff that they had raked up. David and I worked on painting the signs and the posts and I painted the lettering of the names of the plants. We started at the Creasote Bush, and we worked on up to the Blue Palo Verde. Mom helped David with his job so we could move faster. We then went to pick up Ronny and Quinn at the Catclaw. While we were waiting for them I decided to wire brush the Catclaw sign. (Some guy who was riding by in a car and he thought that I was trying to destroy the sign and he pulled over).  
Time: 4 hours

8-30-75 David, Mom, and I went out and painted the rest of the signs on up to the Barrel Cactus. We also painted the rocks at the Barrel and the Catclaw.  
Time: 4 hours

9-1-75 David, Dad, and I went out and painted the rest of the signs in the project. We didn't have enough paint for the posts. We will have to come out another time to do the posts.  
Time: 3 hours.

9-4-75 Me and Dad went out to finish the posts, which I did. We also took before and after pictures.  
Time: 1 hour

If you ask me, I think it looks beautiful out there now!

Total time spent by myself on project: 25 hours

I have listed below the cost and materials for my project:

Estimated cost of gas-----	\$15.00
Paint brushes -----	4.39
Two gallons redwood paint (wholesale from K Mart )-----	4.00
Four gallons white paint (donated by K Mart) -----	00
Paint thinner (Standard Brands Paint) --	.50
Screw Bolts -----	.50

All other items were borrowed from my Father and then returned.  
A new "Hedge Hog" sign was also made with the help of my Father with no expense.

We would wire-brush the signs and this would take the paint off and also clean them of the dirt. We raked around the plants and then put the rocks around the plants in a circle. We also wire-brushed the rocks off to get rid of the dirt and then we painted them white.

Here is the personal record which I kept:

- 7-30-75      Dad took me to get rocks from the Cave Creek riverbed to put around the plants.  
Time: 30 minutes
- 7-31-75      Dad took me to the beginning of the Scenic Drive and we started there unloading rocks along at each plant until we ran out of rocks.  
Time: 30 minutes
- 8-18-75      Joe, David, and I went out to the Creasote Bush. Mom dumped them off with the equipment and she took me up to the Prickly Pear and I planted the new Prickly Pear plant. (The old one had died). Mom took me back to the other guys and we started our work. We raked, wire-brushed, put the rocks around the plants, wire-brushed the rocks, and then painted them. We ended up at the Saguaro.  
Time: 5 hours
- 8-19-75      Quinn and I started at the Desert Hackberry, and we did the above. We ended up at the Staghorn Cholla.  
Time: 4½ hours
- 8-21-75      Ronny, Quinn, and I went and started on the Yucca Eleta and finished the rest of the plants on up to the Yucca.  
Time: 2¼ hours
- 8-21-75      (Later on in the day). Ronny, Quinn, David, and myself with mom went out. Quinn and Ronny went to work on the Catclaw, trimming it, raking it



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