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Photo Caption: Gateway sophomore Sebastian Szklarz.

Sophomore serves environment while hiking

Huntington – Gateway sophomore Sebastian Szklarz, and the school’s Outdoor Club, have a practice of going hiking each week. While the whole club enjoys the Northeast’s natural beauty, Szklarz is protecting it. Each week, as they prepare for their hike, Szklarz brings several 13 gallon trash bags with him. Whatever route the club takes, he picks up other folks’ garbage along the hike.

“I just think it’s a problem that people are leaving their trash out there,” remarked Szklarz. “I feel like I can’t just do nothing about it.”

Outdoor Club advisor Dawne Piers-Gamble says that the club has taken about six hikes so far this school year and that Sklarz has proven to be the most reliable participant so far. “He’s very interested in the Outdoor Club and particularly in keeping the environment clean,” Piers-Gamble said. She added that, while other club members have pitched in at times, it was Szklarz’s idea and it is Szklarz who consistently keeps at it.

Piers-Gamble estimates that Szklarsz regularly collects about 40 gallons of trash each hike.

Szklarz hopes that others will learn from his example; if everyone does a little, it will make a big difference.

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