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Volunteer Recognition Dinner

A little over 100 Scouts, Scouters, Board Members, Staff and Family Members gathered on Saturday evening April 5th at Modesto's SOS Club to recognize and award the outstanding achievements and contributions of many from our Council. Both young and old were acknowledged during this evening of good food, fun and fellowship!



Honorees and supporters filled the SOS Banquet Hall!



JAMES E WEST

James E West honorees Amanda Smith (above), Dan Wilson (right) and Dylan Law (far right).



Master of Ceremonies, Sheriff Adam Christianson, and Council Commissioner, G Bruce Olson

VETERAN AWARDS



Veteran Awards went to Bear Ventress and G Bruce Olson for 30 years of service and to Gene Standfield for 40 years.

Volunteer Recognition Dinner (cont)

SPURGEON AWARD



Explorer Post Advisor Robert Luna is awarded the **William H. Spurgeon Award**.



VENTURING AWARDS

Bear and Cindy present the **Venturing Leadership Award** to Daniel Bakken and Brynna Field.



Council Board President Duane Severson presents the **Western Region Venturing Excellence Award** to Council Venturing Committee Members Bear Ventress and Cindy Vander Ploeg.

MEDAL OF MERIT



Troop 116's Francisco Regua receives the **Medal of Merit** for assisting a deaf gentleman in Walmart last year.



A representative from the Ceres Walmart presents Francisco with a certificate and gift card.



SILVER BEAVER



Toni Welch and Cliff Bailey prepare to present the award to...



William Correll

Volunteer Recognition Dinner (cont)



Kenneth Wright



Glenn Glissman



Silver Beaver Honorees and their spouses

THE RECEPTION LINE



Sierra Valley District News

Sierra Valley District Cub-O-Ree



The Cub-O-Ree is an event put on by units in the Sonora area. The Cub Packs of the area get together annually at the Cub-O-Ree for a day of scouting fun. This year it will be held May 3 to May 5 at the Twain Harte Horsemen's Club. Cub Scouts do crafts, games, archery and BB gun target shooting. The theme this year will be "Knights of the Roundtable". The event is run by Tom Dibble, of Pack 513, and is supported by local Troops 500 and 570. The Boy Scouts supervise all the game and craft activities with Cub Scout shooting sports trained range masters supervising archery and BB shooting. The highlight of the event is the Saturday evening campfire which will be run by the Boy Scouts of Troop 570. Cubs attending the event have a bunch of fun and get a great look ahead to Boy Scout leadership at the same time.

Volunteer Spotlight on Ron Leedy

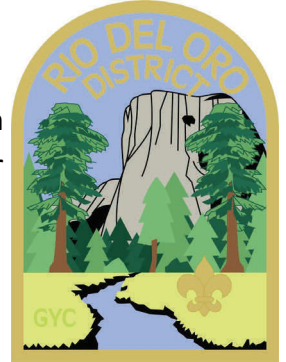


This month we are highlighting Ron Leedy, Commissioner for the Sonora area. Ron has been deeply involved in support for units in the Sonora, Twain Harte, and Soulsbyville areas of Sierra Valley District. He has worked to bring information and help to the units of the area, which are far from the Council office. Through unit visitation and contact he has brought a great deal of help to both Cub and Boy Scout units. Recently he has been working on upgrading the merit badge counselor program in his area. Ron has taken an impressive amount of training from the Commissioner level to District and Unit Committee Training to Safety Afloat and Trek Safely. He brings all his training to bear on the units he serves to their benefit. He recently completed Wood Badge training at a course held at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico which he truly enjoyed. For all his efforts he was recently honored with the District Award of Merit by Sierra Valley District. Ron is a great volunteer who is well deserving of the highest award that a District can give to a volunteer.

Rio del Oro District News April 2014

Camp Card Sales

The intent of the Camp Card sale is to allow Units to raise funds so all Scouts can earn their way to Day Camp, Resident Camp, Philmont, Sea Base, Northern Tier, other activities, or simply support unit program and supply needs.



Membership

Welcome Spring! Most Packs associate recruitment with the start of school in the fall. Why wait. Spring is such a wonderful time of the year. There are many advantages to recruiting new Tigers into your pack at the end of their Kindergarten year. For one, it gives families that may be new to scouting, the opportunity to work their way into the program slowly. Instead of jumping into months full of meeting and activities, they can start out with a simply once a month summer time activity. Second- CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP!!! What a better way to kick off ones scouting experience. Though fliers are helpful, Boy Talks are the most effective recruitment method. The Rio del Oro membership team is available to help with training and suggestions as needed. Email Dena Travao, RDO Membership Chair at denatravao@yahoo.com to discuss your packs membership strategies today.

Program



Members of Pack 1240
having Fun at a Pack Meeting

Rio del Oro District Recogniton Night

Please come join and celebrate and congratulate those volunteers who serve the scouting movement and make their communities proud.

RIO DEL ORO DISTRICT

Volunteer Recognition Night

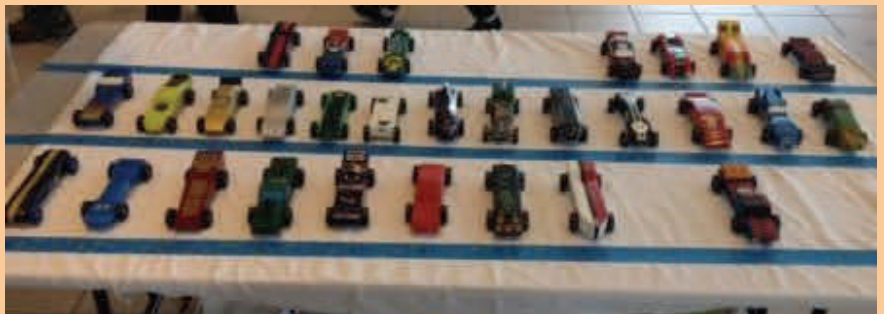
Evening dessert buffet

Saturday, May 3rd, 2014 6:59pm

Location: LDS Church—4300 Geer Rd, Turlock

Rio del Oro Pinewood Derby

The Rio del Oro District Camporee was held at Smith's Chevrolet on April 5, 2014. The event was a great success the boys had a great time. The winner was Evan Sergent a bear from Pack 1240. Congratulations to all the boys who represented their pack.



Rio del Oro District News April 2014 (cont)

2014 Rio del Oro Camporee a SUCCESS!!!



Scouts from Turlock's Troop 21



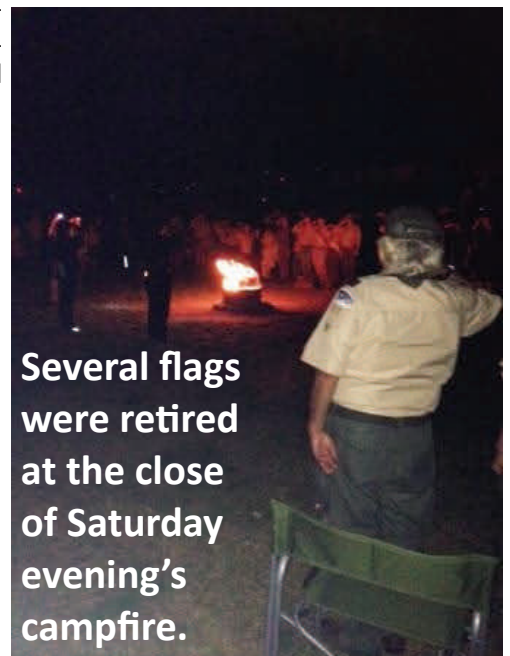
Participants learn Flag Etiquette

The Rio del Oro camporee was a great success! We had 14 units bring with them a total of 139 Scouts and 48 Leaders. They took advantage of Rio del Oro's "Celebrating America" Spring Camporee which took place April 11-13. Scouts participated in a friendly competition while rotating between twelve stations throughout Saturday. Activities ranged from tug-of-war and archery to learning the valuable skills of flag etiquette, first aid, safety afloat, map and compass and knot tying/lashing. Earning 1st Place was Troop 28's Wolverine patrol. Troop 58's Gumby patrol took 2nd and Troop 911's Frontier Weapons patrol third place. In addition to the physical challenges Scouts faced over the weekend, a competition of knowledge and resourcefulness was also made available. Each Troop was given six sheets of paper containing questions of American and Scout history along with Scout common knowledge. These questionnaires earned Troop 451 first place, Troop 81 second place and

Troop 58 third. Besides supplying each person in attendance lasting memories, approximately 115 Boy Scouts earned their American Heritage merit badge.



8 Wood Badge "graduates" received their beads at a ceremony during Saturday evening's campfire.



Several flags were retired at the close of Saturday evening's campfire.

Training, No Fooling!

Jay Herbrand, Greater Yosemite Council Training Chair



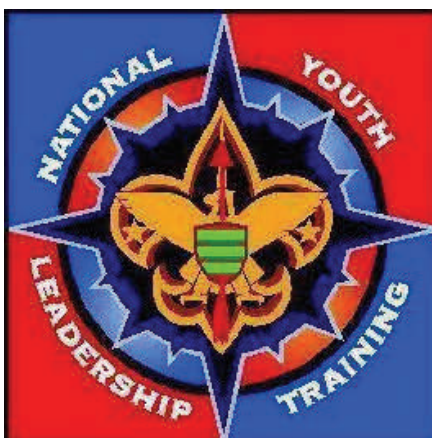
I would like to remind everyone that there are many trainings as leaders that we can take as we prepare for the busy summer season. Many of these can be done online through the E-Learning portion of MyScouting.org. The courses include Weather Hazards, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Climb On Safely, Trek Safely, as well as others. These are all important as we venture out into the outdoors for our Scouting program. As leaders, we are responsible for the health and safety of those in our units. These courses cover many of the hazards and how we can safely avoid them plus train us on the general principles of that program. Most of these trainings need to be renewed every two years. I encourage all of you to make sure you are up to date on the trainings you need for your program or take them to better yourself for this outdoor season.

I also encourage all leaders to check out the calendar of training dates on the Greater Yosemite Council website.

<http://www.yosemitescouting.org/training/council-training-dates/51167>

The Calendar is also very helpful and is the most up to date.

<http://www.yosemitescouting.org/event/calendar/2791>



National Youth Leader Training

June 23 - June 28, 2014 is the next Course at Camp McConnell. This is a great course for any youth that is in a senior leadership role in a Troop, Team, or Crew. It teaches leadership skills that are needed to make the participant a better leader. It is a program that has helped many a youth and their unit be more successful in carrying out the best, most fun-packed program for all scouts in those units. Invite your leadership team today to participate in this great program. You can find out more information at:

<http://www.yosemitescouting.org/training/nylt/51165>

Stay safe and remember: **"All Scouts deserve a Trained Leader"**

Leaders attending CJM with your Troop or Webelos Den:

Training is available to leaders up at Camp John Mensinger.

Boy Scout Leaders can take Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills, or Scoutmaster / Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific on request. Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat as well as Climb On Safely and Trek Safely will be taught by members of the CJM Staff.

Webelos Leaders can take Webelos Den Leader Specific Training as well as Cubmaster or Committee Training, if enough training staff are on hand.



EAGLES NEST

Congratulations to our newest eagle scouts in the month of March.

As of March 31, the Greater Yosemite Council, BSA has 21 Eagle Scouts for 2014.

Eagle Scout Name	Unit	District	Date
Noah Boyd Hixson	Crew 111	Rio del Oro	March 2, 2014
Benjamin Lee Jantz	Crew 97	Rio del Oro	March 9, 2014
Jared Lee Still	Troop 76	Sierra Valley	March 14, 2014
Matthew Couto	Troop 302	Gold Country	March 19, 2014
Dakota Scott Banks	Troop 562	Sierra Valley	March 20, 2014
Reed Kenneth Holland	Troop 502, Sonora	Sierra Valley	March 20, 2014
Ethan Richard Scott	Troop 570	Sierra Valley	March 20, 2014
Marcus Samuel Arellano	Crew 253	Rio del Oro	March 26, 2014
Doublas Needham Taylor	Troop 432	Sierra Valley	March 31, 2014

Greater Yosemite Council Eagle Scout Brunch



THE EAGLE Brunch was held on Saturday April 12, 2014 at the Elks Lodge #1282. The event was held in honor of the Eagle Scout Class of 2012-2013. In attendance were family, friends and Eagle Scout Alumni and 25 eagle scouts. All heard a great and inspiring speech by our guest of Honor and Eagle Scout Alumni Adam Sidwell who is an Author, Animator, and Scoutmaster.



Several of the Alumni brought items to display

Eagle Scout Alumni

The Greater Yosemite Council has a band of Eagle Scout brothers that are dedicated to upholding the honor of the Eagle Scout Badge. If you are an Eagle Scout and would like to be a part of the Yosemite Eagle Scout Alumni we would be honored to have you join. There are no dues but we encourage duty to God, community and others.



Contact **Dan Machado** @ dfmachado@ps1la.com or phone 209 840 2246.
www.eaglescoutbadge.com



Guide to Safe Scouting

Have you lost your copy of the Guide To Safe Scouting? Do you hate carrying it around with you? But are you wondering what BSA policy IS on the following items?

◇ ***Can your unit participate in tomahawk throwing?***

(Yes, with proper supervision)

◇ ***Can your unit fire off a cannon?***

(No)

◇ ***Can my unit use ATVs?***

(No)

◇ ***Unit-fired fireworks?***

(Sorry)

◇ ***Jet-skiis?***

(Nope)

◇ ***Water-skiing & wakeboarding?***

(YES!!! With proper safety training.)

An online version of the Guide to Safe Scouting is included here: <http://www.scouting.org/Home/HealthandSafety/GSS/toc.aspx>

We encourage all to read it, and check here with questions.

Thanks!

-Council Risk Management Committee

Cub Scout Resident Camping

Summer, 2014

 <p>Cub Adventure Camp @ Camp McConnell</p> <p><i>Luau</i></p>  <p>Open to all Tigers (Scouts going into 1st grade, Fall 2014) through Webelos (Scouts going into 5th grade, Fall 2014)</p> <p>Session 1: June 20 – 22</p> <p>Session 2: July 11 – 13</p> <p>Cost: \$100 per Scout \$35 per Leader</p> <p>Unit/Den Reservation Deposit: \$25</p> <p>Activities to include:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Archery</td> <td>BB Shooting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Swimming</td> <td>Astronomy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Crafts</td> <td>Games</td> </tr> </table>	Archery	BB Shooting	Swimming	Astronomy	Crafts	Games	 <p>Webelos Adventure Camp @ Mensinger</p> <p><i>WAM WARS</i></p> <p>Open to all Webelos Scouts (going into 4th or 5th grade, Fall 2014)</p> <p>One 5-day session: July 20 – 24</p> <p>Cost: \$200 per Scout \$125 per Leader</p> <p>Unit/Den Reservation Deposit: \$100</p> <p>Activities to include:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Archery</td> <td>BB Shooting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Canoeing</td> <td>Climbing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Swimming</td> <td>Crafts</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Nature-related Activity Badges</td> </tr> </table>	Archery	BB Shooting	Canoeing	Climbing	Swimming	Crafts	Nature-related Activity Badges	
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Payment Schedule:

	<u>Cub Adventure @ McConnell</u>	<u>Webelos Adventure @ Mensinger</u>
April 1, 2014	\$50 per scout deposit \$35 per leader payment	\$100 per scout deposit \$50 per leader deposit
June 2, 2014	All balances due	All balances due

P E N D O L A S I E R R A ADVENTURE BASE

The Pendola Sierra Adventure Base Trek program is a true wilderness camping experience that features hiking, backpacking, land navigation, Wilderness first aid, and leave no trace principles. As a result of this program, participants will be both better woodsmen and better people. The program offers a variety of different trek options, routes, distances, and difficulty levels depending on the skill level and ability of each group. That is what makes a program like this so desirable. Each trek will be unique and tailored to your group, and it will help to ensure that all of your goals for your week at camp are met.

Cost: \$320 / scout \$150 / leader

Treks Still Available:

June 15th—21st June 29th—July 5th July 20th—July 24th

Contact Barbara Evers, Camping Assistant: Barbara.evers@scouting.org (209)566-7704