

Virtual Roundtable

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Philmont 2014

Doug Marks, Scoutmaster Troop 451

Two crews comprised of members and leaders from Troops 451 and 21 of Turlock participated in Philmont treks from June 17th—28th. During their trek

one crew, 617E2, hiked 120 miles and the other crew, 617E1, hiked 70 miles over 10 days.



The group of Scouts and their leaders carried everything they needed to survive during their trek on their backs while hiking from camp to camp. They participated in backcountry programs along the way including mountain biking, gold prospecting, black powder rifle shooting, search and rescue (one crew “rescued” Doug having a “fractured” leg). They climbed Baldy Mountain (12,441 elevation), and participated in challenge events designed for group interaction . The treks included a 3 hour conservation project where the Scouts and leaders worked on the mountain bike trail near Whiteman Vega camp in the Valle Vidal. Along the trail, Scouts endured tough challenges including backpacking in bear and mountain lion territory, steep climbs across country hiking (no trails) and weather changes. 617E1 was in awe when they came to a clearing and saw 150+ Elk running across the meadow!

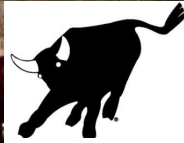
617E2 went out one evening to watch the deer and saw and watched the behavior of a momma bear and her cubs wandering along the meadow’s edge.

Any Scout Troop or Crew can participate in a Philmont trek, but you need to plan nearly 2 years in advance. For instance, if you want to do a trek in the summer of 2016 you would need to apply to Philmont in October of 2014. The experience is well-worth the time, effort and planning!





Service Project Time!



Crew E1 atop Baldy Mountain



Sierra Valley District News

Packs Combine for Amtrak Trip

In April Packs 71 and 513 from Twain Harte and Soulsbyville joined for an Amtrak trip from Modesto to Sacramento. They toured the railroad museum and Old Town Sacramento. Fifty scouts and families attended — a great time was had by all!



Kite Day in Mountain House

Pack 511 had a fun day on June 14 at Kite Day at Central Park in Mountain House. They had a great time flying kites in windy Mountain House. They also set up a recruitment booth and gathered contact information for a dozen new members for their Pack. They also proudly were showing off their new class "B" tee shirts for the first time which you see pictured. Membership recruitment can be fun for all if it is done right!



Sierra Valley District News (cont)



Sierra Valley Day Camps have been a great success with one still to go. It's not too late to sign up for the Modesto/Riverbank Day Camp!

Go to www.yosemitescouting.org and click on the CAMPING link to find "Cub Day Camp."



Young knight working on his shield at Manteca Day Camp



Gold Country

Stockton Cub Day Camp a HUGE success!



Rio del Oro District News and Events



Letter from Our District Commissioner

Richard Kleitman, Rio del Oro District Commissioner

Rio del Oro District Commissioners—heroes behind the scenes.

Since the formation of the Rio del Oro District from the merger of the El Capitan District and the Wawona District I have been proud and excited to serve as the founding District Commissioner. What makes the role so rewarding is the immense knowledge of scouting that our Assistant District Commissioners and our Unit Commissioners bring to the task of supporting the 110 units in our District. In addition to working with great folks and great units what excites me about my job is that I have the great fortune to not only talk the talk, but also on occasion walk the walk. The icing on the cake is working as part of a great team — the key three in Rio del Oro district work together seamlessly. Experience, walking the walk and a great team leading, make the Commissioners in our district heroes.

When our merger took place we took the best of both worlds and built on it. Michael Dixon from El Capitan took me under his wing and trained me and helped me recruit both existing and new Commissioners. We held a great meeting at Foster Farms early in the process and made sure that everyone was on the same page and signed up and registered. With the help of another expert Wawona District Commissioner, Robert Alvarado, I have received ongoing support as he serves as the Assistant District Commissioner and works hands-on with all of the units and unit commissioners in the Southern portion of the District. Dr. Phil Openshaw does an excellent job of working with the many LDS units and Unit Commissioners in the Northern section of the District. Marty Watson serves as Assistant District Commissioner for Venturing and Robert Luna serves as Assistant District Commissioner for Exploring. These two men have brought incredible drive and leadership to their respective programs. Marty has raised the quality of several of our Crews and Bob has developed and supported a teen week for Explorers at Camp John Mensinger. If that was not enough, add in the sheer exuberance of our highest trained Unit Commissioner Ken Horne who has earned his Doctorate in Commissioner Science and works with several units in the Northern part of the district. These scouters bring experience, knowledge, and a love of Scouting to all they do and this means our Units have great resources to call upon any time they need to.

Serving as the uniformed representative of the Rio del Oro district I get to **DO**. Sounds pretty simple, but what do I really mean? I get to celebrate the advancement and success of Scouts and Scouters. When I get a request to attend meetings they are usually celebrations, Courts of Honor, Blue and Gold meetings, Explorer Awards nights, District Awards nights, Council Awards night. I get to celebrate the advancement and success of Scouts and Scouters. I get to say yes, to requests for things like writing articles, helping plan camporees, promoting our fantastic council camps. There are instances when I get to **DO** because there is a need and no one to fill it. In 2013-14 all of our Roundtable Commissioners had to leave their positions, one for health reasons and one relocated, leaving a big gap in our unit support services. So I have stepped in and recruited others to help. Dena Travao has stepped up to work with the Cub Roundtable and I have been recruiting guest presenters to help lead the Scouting Roundtable. Having had previous experience as a Scouting Roundtable Commissioner and Scoutmaster I find this role really rewarding. So **DOING** is my one chance to get back into roles I have enjoyed in the past, from counseling merit badges to serving on Eagle Boards of Reviews, I get a chance to work with some of the best and brightest scouts in the Council.

One of the things that make all of the above possible is that the Rio del Oro District has a strong team leading. With Peter Fluetsch as District Chairman and Adan Barajas as Senior District Executive and me on the district key three our commissioners are up to speed on all of the activities in both the Council and District. Our district fires on all cylinders because the ability of any of our key three to cover for one another. We ensure that if we plan it, we accomplish it. Once it is planned our commissioners can now depend on the fact that we will make it happen. This means units can depend on getting good information and support from these commissioners. The team works well together.

So what does a hero do? They recognize scouting excellence by handing out wooden nickels. They help plan a camporee when no one is available to chair the event. Heroes set an example. They wear their uniforms with pride. They cheerlead for their units when it is deserved. What do heroes do? They register as commissioners and support the units that deliver our scouting program.

Rio del Oro District News and Events (cont)



Adan Barajas,
Sr District Executive

Message from your District Executive

Cub Scout day camp is over. I hope all our newly knighted scouts enjoyed their experience and we hope those Boy Scouts, Venturers and Explorers who have attended or are still waiting to attend their camping experience at our Camp John Mensinger had or have a great time as well. Let's not forget those Webelos who may be experiencing Mensinger for the first time or possibly their last time as Cub Scouts. Summer camps are the adventures boys and girls across the United States wait for and look forward to all year. Though it may be too late for those boys who register in the fall as new scouts to enjoy this summer's fun activities, making a display of pictures for the youths and parents to see at your upcoming recruitment events will certainly be enough to excite them, not to mention how much returning scouts love to have their pictures displayed.

It is my hope that every unit has a fall recruitment plan in place at this point as well as their 2014-2015 program planned. Having a well laid out plan and as much information on hand for those new recruits is essential to making your unit's recruitment season successful. If you do not have these key items in place yet, no worries, it's not too late. Sit down with your parents and or youth as well as your pack, troop, crew, or post committee and get it written out. By doing this you will relieve the stress of parents, leaders and youth as everyone will know what to expect in the coming year.

There are many resources available to you on our website www.yosemitescouting.org. Click on "Unit Services" then "Recruitment". There you will find: a unit recruitment packet that you can print with all the information necessary to make your unit's recruitment efforts successful, videos you can show at your open house, as well as a flyer order form so you can be sure to have an adequate supply of flyers to bombard your schools with. Should you have additional questions or need any assistance you may contact our District Membership Chair, Dena Travao: denatravao@yahoo.com.

2014 Council Popcorn Sale

Kernel's Korner

Upcoming Popcorn Dates:

- 7/28 Show & Sell order must be in the Popcorn System
- 7/31 If participating in Show & Sell the Popcorn Kernel will receive an e-mail from the Council regarding distribution
- 8/1 Begin registering online for Boomers Kickoff
Order forms go out in the mail, one to every registered youth
- 8/14 Show & Sell Distribution
- 8/15 Boomers Kickoff—2014 Popcorn Sale begins!



For questions regarding the sale contact:

Sara Heitz at the Council office: (209)566-7703 / sara.heizt@scouting.org

Regina Lackey, Council Popcorn Kernel: (209)824-5882 / regina@lackey.com

So What's New in Training?!

Jay Herbrand, Greater Yosemite Council Training Chair



Summer is in high gear and I hope all are having a fun-filled scouting summer. We on the training team are gearing up for a busy fall with many trainings offered. With the beginning of school just around the corner, planning your dates now is helpful. We have both Cub Scout Leader Specific and Boy Scout Leader Specific offered in September. We also have Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills and Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders in September.

These trainings will give all Cub and Boy Scout Leaders the basics on how to do their jobs that they volunteered for. The leader specific is geared toward the weekly meetings of Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. The Outdoor class is combined for Webelos and Boy Scout leaders with a few breakouts for Webelos Leaders and is geared to honing the skills for the outdoor events happening throughout the year and making the adults comfortable in those setting.

For more information and to register beginning in the next few weeks, go to the council website: www.yosemitescouting.org

September 13 in Modesto: Cub Scout & Boy Scout Leader Specific

September 18 in Modesto: Webelos and Boy Scout Leader outdoor Leader Skills, Part 1

September 26—27 at Camp McConnell, Livingston: Webelos and Boy Scout Ldr Outdoor Ldr Skills, Part 2



The Council now has a Pinterest page!

Go to www.pinterest.com/gycbsa to see our boards and follow us.

As we are still in the beginning stages of this venture our boards are a tad sparse but the intent is to update them on a regular basis.

You can help out by sharing helpful items to our GYC facebook page (www.facebook.com/gycbsa) and then we can grab those sharable items and pin them to one of our many boards!



EAGLES NEST

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

As of June 30, the Greater Yosemite Council, BSA has 50 Eagle Scouts for 2014.

Eagle Scout Name	Unit	District	Date
Kevin Crum	Troop 43	Sierra Valley	June 3, 2014
Kane Cory McLaughlin	Troop 49	Sierra Valley	June 3, 2014
Drew Aleksandr Gardner	Troop 505	Sierra Valley	June 14, 2014
Adam Reed	Troop 2	Sierra Valley	June 17, 2014
Tlaloc Barajas	Troop 21	Rio del Oro	June 25, 2014

Inaugural Merced County Eagle Scout Recognition Breakfast

Wednesday, August 13 7:00am—8:30am

The Merced Senior Center

755 W. 15th Street

Merced, CA 95340

Please RSVP by registering at www.yosemitescouting.org

or by calling the Council Office: (209)545-6320

Please Register by August 6, 2014



OA Summer Fellowship & Ordeal

August 22nd—24th

Camp John Mensinger

\$15 for Current Lodge Members

\$30 for Brotherhood Candidates

\$45 for Ordeal Candidates



Registration deadline: Tuesday, August 19th — register online: www.yosemitescouting.org



INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING

Onis C. Lentz, Council International Representative

The International Scouting Program was established a few short years following the worldwide rapid growth of the scouting movement following the establishment of the Scouting Movement Program by Lord Robert Baden Powell in 1907.

The World Organizations of the Scout Movement is a federation of more than 150+ recognized world national scout organizations in the International Scouting Program.

The International Division of the Boy Scouts of America is the overseer of the B.S.A. International Scouting Program and the B.S.A. is a member of the world Scout Conference and the

World Scout Committee is the executive body and **the** B.S.A. has a delegate on the committee.

Each B.S.A. Council has the responsibility to establish an International Committee to work with International Office to promote International Scouting.

The "Yosemite Area Council," now the "Greater Yosemite Council" established the International Committee and asked if I would be the Council International representative in 1992.

The committee meets quarterly to provide International Activities for the council and promote several other functions as established by the International Division.

The Council International Rep. establishes a council committee and with organizational structure the committee works to provide and inform and promote through the council to the districts the various international activities, programs and events.

These events include -- World Jamboree events, Jamboree on the Air (JOTA), International Camp Staff Program, European Camp Staff Program, World brotherhood Exchange, and other types of International Events. The International Committee provides World Support for the listed programs, World Friendship Fund, United States Foundation for International Scouting, Baden Powell World Fellowship, and Order of the Condor.

The International Scouters Award can be earned by Council International Committee Members.

Council International Committee Members represent all areas of the Council, with listed Committee Members Onis C. Lentz, Council International Rep., Committee Chair, Merced; James Horner, Vice Chair, Modesto; Cliff Bailey, Turlock; Mary Ann Bloom, Turlock; Kenny Buehner, Patterson; Michael Hisaw, Modesto; Peter Lee, Columbia; Pat McCaa, Stockton; Kenneth Moffitt, Acampo (Lodi); Jed Richardson, Mountain Ranch; Ron Swift, Patterson; Astrid Workinger, Tracy; Clinton Armes, Hughson; Jay Herbrand, Merced; Staff Advisor, Luis Jimenez.

Meeting Dates: Third Tuesday of every third month, 7:00 PM at the Modesto Scout Service Center.

The remaining meetings in 2014 will be held on Tues, August 19th and Tues, November 18th.

The meetings for 2015 will be Tues, January 20th; Tues, April 21st; Tues, August 18th; and Tues, November 17th.

Come join with us and get involved in the World Scouting International Program!!!!

Call -- Onis C. Lentz, International Rep., Cell: 761-9851



Be sure to mark your calendars for the

**INAUGURAL RUN
of the
FLY LIKE AN EAGLE 5K RUN/WALK**

Saturday, October 4th, 2014

To be held at the Ray Simon Regional Training Center
3805 Cornucopia Way Modesto, CA 95358

Check in begins at 6:30am and the race will begin at 8:00am

Cost: \$30 per runner for the 5K Fun Run/Walk (register prior to September 5th to receive a commemorative race-day t-shirt)

\$10 per participant in the 1/4 mile kids fun run

Race participants and family members are encouraged to stick around after the race and participate in the Scout Strong Health Fair that will feature the 1/4 mile kids fun run, multiple health-related booths with free screenings, and a number of fun, interactive activity areas including a 30-foot climbing wall. It's fun and informative for the entire family.

Race Day Schedule of Events

6:30am Race Day Registration

8:00am 5K Fly Like an Eagle Fun Run/Walk

(this is a 3.1 mile loop on country roads and the Ray Simon Regional Training Center Campus)

9:00am Scout Strong Health Fair Exhibits and Interactive Activities Open

10:00am 1/4 mile Kids Fun Run

Everyone is a winner in this 1/4 mile course. Each child will receive a participation ribbon.

10:30am Awards Ceremony

Trophies will be awarded in the following categories:

- Overall Men's winner (1st, 2nd, 3rd)
- Overall Women's winner (1st, 2nd, 3rd)
- Cub Scout Champion (youth 7—10)
- Boy Scout Champion (youth 11—13)
- Venture/Exploring Champion (youth 14—17)

1:00pm Health Fair Ends