

# Virtual Roundtable

March, 2014



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Message from the Scout Executive...



Richard E. McCartney

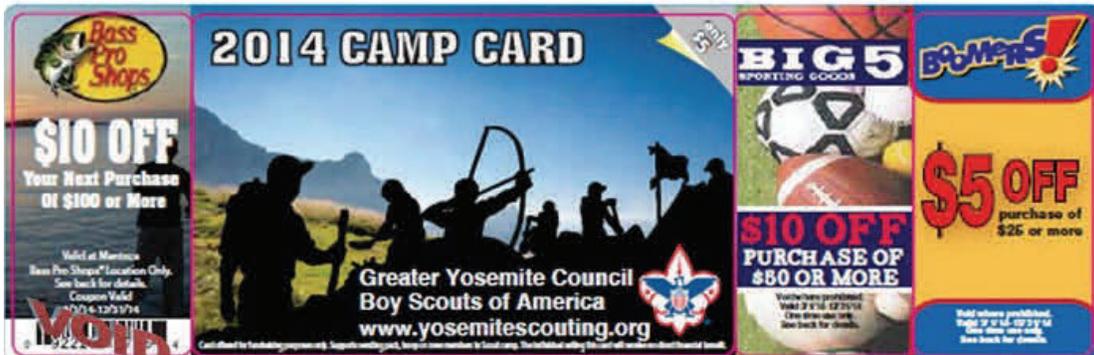
### Happy Spring, everyone!

Don't forget to register for one of the Spring Camporees:

**NORTH:**  
**Gold Country Camporee**  
May 2nd—4th  
Hansen Ranch in Linden  
Scouts \$10 (by April 25th)  
Adults FREE  
**REGISTER ONLINE!!!**

**SOUTH:**  
**Rio del Oro Camporee**  
April 11th—13th  
Camp McConnell in Livingston  
\$7.50 per participant (before 4/1)  
**REGISTER ONLINE!!!**

**Don't miss out on this year's Camp Card Sale!**



**The Camp Cards are In!!!**  
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**COME AND GET 'EM!!!**



## Greetings Gold Country Scouters

**Volunteer Recognition Dinner is April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm!** Are you signed up to congratulate the newest members of the Silver Beaver Family? How about William H Spurgeon Award (For Exploring), Veteran's Awards, and Life Saving Award? Go to the council website [www.yosemitescouting.org](http://www.yosemitescouting.org) to sign up for the Volunteer Recognition Dinner – it's all about YOU! Come enjoy fellowship with volunteers from around the Council. See you there!

**Cub Scout Pine Wood Derby**, on Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> the Cub Scouts of Gold Country came together and enjoyed a morning of racing fun. They took over the mall with their Blue and Tan Cub Scout uniforms and had a great time . . .

Overall winners were:

Shawn Oliver – Pack 199 – First Place  
Garrett Lee – Pack 52 – Second Place  
Brandon Eggert – Pack 52 – Third Place  
Brian Taves – Pack 9 – Fourth Place

Thank you to all of those who were in attendance and to those volunteers who helped run the races. Thank you for your dedication to the Cub Scouts in your District.

**Recruiting Leaders:** Calling all Units are you looking to fill positions left vacant by leaders who have moved on to Boy Scouts? Your answer is spring recruitment! If you were to get 10 new Cub Scouts that would mean you could have 10 new parents to help with planning your activities or filling the positions of those parents who are bridging to Boy Scouts. Give the office a call so we can schedule a Spring Recruitment to get you 10 NEW PARENTS!

Webelos Leaders . . . do you have some Scouts that haven't decided which troop they would like to join? Do you have parents unsure about a particular Boy Scout Troop, then call the Office and we will gladly hook them or you up with a Boy Scout Troop. Summer camp is just around the corner and these Webelos need to get camping.

Eagle Scouts of 2013 the **Eagle Recognition Brunch** is on April 12<sup>th</sup> and you are invited to attend. To sign up go to the council website [www.yosemitescouting.org](http://www.yosemitescouting.org) and click on the banner for the Eagle Brunch. Also, we are looking for sponsors to host the Eagle Scout. Sponsorship opportunities are also on the website. The Eagle Scouts of 2013 thank you for your sponsorship and your attendance. See you all on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April.

## Sierra Valley Leader Appreciation Night

We had a great leader appreciation night at Sierra Valley's last Roundtable. District Awards of Merit, a special Commissioner Award, and a special appreciation award were passed out.



District Awards of Merit were given out to Carolyn Clark and David Parker. These were well deserved honors. Carolyn has been involved in the Manteca Stake Primary and has served as its President. She has focused on training new Cub leaders as they are called to their position. She has been very active as a Unit Commissioner for a variety of units. She also has given great service to the Tracy and the Manteca Cub Scout Day Camps and has been involved in the leadership selection and training of leaders for both camps. David Parker has given above and beyond service to the District. He is serving as an advancement chair for the District in Lathrop and Manteca. He authorizes Eagle projects and runs Eagle Boards. He has been very active on the District Committee and recently earned his District Committee Key. He also has given great service in training district volunteers about the mysteries of internet advancement and rechartering.

Talmage Allen also received a plaque and acknowledgement as a Distinguished Commissioner . This rare honor was earned through years of faithful service as both a Roundtable Commissioner and as a Commissioner to the units of the Modesto North Stake.

A special appreciation was given to Ray Lindsey, the District Advancement Chairman. A statue of a Boy Scout holding an Eagle was given to Ray for his years of faithful service as Sierra District Advancement Chairman. Ray has been in his position for over 10 years. He calculates that he has worked with at least 50 Scouts becoming Eagle Scouts each year for each of these years. This means over 500 Eagle Scouts! All the attendees at the Roundtable gave Ray their heartfelt thanks for a job well done.

At the end of the meeting all joined together for fellowship and desserts. It was a very special and enjoyable leader appreciation night.

# Rio del Oro District News March 2014

## Camp Card Sales

The Camp Card is designed to help units fund their way to 2014 Camp programs. 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. This program is completely *RISK FREE*, because any unsold Camp Cards can be returned to the Council office.



# RIO DEL ORO DISTRICT

## Volunteer Recognition Night

Evening dessert buffet

Saturday, May 3rd, 2014 6:59pm

Location: LDS Church—4300 Geer Rd, Turlock

**\*\*COME AND HELP HONOR YOUR UNIT & LEADERS & SCOUTS\*\***

District Award of Merit

Adult Leadership Recognition

Cub Scout ~ Boy Scout ~ Varsity Scout ~ Venture Scout ~ Explorer Scout Awards

Plus District Unit Awards

6:59 pm Opening Flag Ceremony — Closing Ceremony 9:00pm

\*\*\*\* ADVANCE RSVP REQUIRED BY APRIL 19TH \*\*\*\*

\*\*\**“Bring your favorite Dessert to Share”*\*\*\*

\$4 per person (non-scout youth under 10 years — *NO FEE REQUIRED*)

***RSVP DEADLINE: Friday, April 18, 2013***

Fax option: (209)545-6321, attn.: Barbara — call with CC info: (209)566-7704

# Rio del Oro District News March 2014 (cont)

## Boy Talks at Richard Moon Elementary School in Waterford



### Program



Troop 315 planting trees in the City of Los Banos on Arbor Day



LEFT: Troop 81 Color Guard from Patterson is ready to open a Court of Honor

ABOVE: Turlock's Troop 21 ready to spend the night on the USS Hornet Aircraft Carrier

# Rio del Oro District News March 2014 (cont)

## Membership

The first step's always the hardest.

And when it comes to recruiting future Scouts, that first step is simple awareness. If a boy (or Venturing-age girl) in your area doesn't know about your Scout unit, how can you recruit him or her?

Thankfully, you don't have to do *all* the work yourself. The BSA's marketing team has your back with a treasure trove of fliers, billboards, posters, yard signs, door hangers, bookmarks, postcards, Web banners, PSAs, and e-blasts. And it's all available in three flavors: English, Spanish, and bilingual.

New this month are Tiger Cub recruiting materials, which join the high-quality Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing materials already available.

Simply download the PDFs, add info about your unit's meeting location, Web site, and contact info, and then print/post/publish wherever boys and girls are found. I'm thinking schools, youth sports facilities, places of worship, supermarkets, community centers, etc.

Find all the National Recruitment Campaign materials at [the BSA's marketing site](#).

For more information you can email Rio del Oro Membership Chair Dena Travao at [denatravao@yahoo.com](mailto:denatravao@yahoo.com)



Visit Council website for more information and to register your unit:

[www.yosemitescouting.org](http://www.yosemitescouting.org) > Districts > Rio del Oro > 2014 Camporee

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## Rio del Oro District Pinewood Derby

Date: Saturday, April 5, 2014

Cost: \$5.00 per racer (prepaid only)

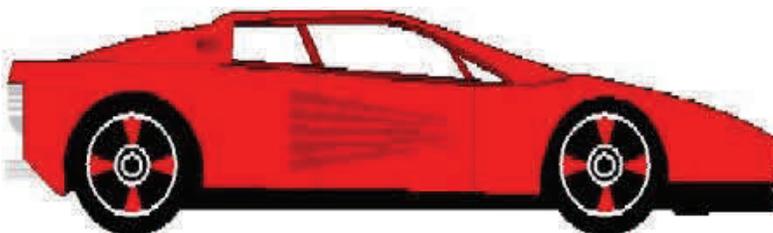
Location: **Smith Chevrolet**

Smith Chevrolet Cadillac, Inc. 1601 Auto Mall Drive, Turlock, CA 95380

Check-in: 11:30AM

Race Starts: 12PM

Because names need to be entered into the computer and nametags made, all registration forms are due on March 28, 2014. Mail to *Greater Yosemite Council 4031 Technology Dr Modesto, 95356* or fax to (209)545-6321. For additional information contact Adan Barajas 566-7709.



# Leadership - What it is all about!



Jay Herbrand, Greater Yosemite Council Training Chair

We as adult leaders have many skills that we need to improve on. How to run a Den Meeting, tying knots, or planning a high adventure week. These are all important but one that we don't always worry about is how to be a better leader. We worry about the day to day operations of our unit while we should plan on how to better lead either the other adults or the youth leadership in the unit. Our responsibility is to make sure they know how to do all the jobs that need to be done. So if you think about it, all we need to know is how to be a better leader.

**WOOD BADGE** is the BSA's advanced training course that is all about leadership. It is one of the best ways to learn the skills that will make you a better leader. Scouting, home, business, church, and other organizations will all benefit when you learn these skills. The biggest benefactor is the unit or group you serve. It will change your life for the better.

Greater Yosemite Council is offering this 6 day training course over two - three day periods in May. Check out all kinds of information at this link -

<http://www.yosemitescouting.org/training/wood-badge/51499>

**Be a better leader, check it out. Lead by Example!**

Now that we are leading our youth, wouldn't it be great if *they* learned those same leadership skills so they could do a better job in their Scout Troop, Varsity Team, Venturing Crew, or Sea Scout Ship. Yes, that is correct. Youth are meant to be leaders in the Scouting program. Well, they can. Meet the National Youth Leadership Training or **NYLT** for short. This is the advanced training for youth in leadership.

NYLT is offered by Greater Yosemite Council this summer in a six day weeklong course. To get more information, check out this link:

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

**Have a better Unit. Have Youth Lead by Example!**

Don't forget to check out all the other trainings that are being offered to make you a better Leader. Every Scout deserves that from their leader.

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



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

As of February 28, the Greater Yosemite Council, BSA has 12 Eagle Scouts for 2014.

Eagle Scout Name	Unit	District	Date
Keegan Jacob Rivera	Troop 537	Sierra Valley	February 23, 2014
Fabian Gutierrez	Troop 85	Rio del Oro	February 26, 2014
Paul Jackson	Troop 517	Rio del Oro	February 26, 2014
Trenton Daniel Howze	Troop 451	Rio del Oro	February 26, 2014

### Greater Yosemite Council Eagle Scout Brunch

In recognition of Greater Yosemite Council Scouts who earned their Eagle Rank during 2013 and 2012, an Eagle Scout Recognition Brunch will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2014, at the Modesto Elks Lodge#1282/ Charity Way Ballroom 645 Charity Way Modesto, CA 95356. Participating Eagle Scouts will receive at no cost to them a great brunch, a certificate from the Marine Corps League as well as an Eagle Scout Gift.

The Eagle Brunch Committee is in the process of recruiting sponsors to cover the expense of this Recognition Program. The cost to sponsor an Eagle is \$100.00. This year we are also asking for Bronze Palm sponsorship of \$300 and Gold Palm Sponsor of \$500 and the Silver Palm Sponsor of \$700. These gifts will be used to add extra value to this year's celebration of Eagle Scouts and their families at the Eagle Scout & Alumni Recognition Brunch.

For more information contact the Modesto Scout Office at 209-545-6320 or email [abarajas@bsamail.org](mailto:abarajas@bsamail.org)

### 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](mailto:dfmachado@ps1la.com) or phone 209 840 2246. [www.eaglescoutbadge.com](http://www.eaglescoutbadge.com)



# Cub Scout Resident Camping

Summer, 2014

 <p><b>Cub Adventure Camp @ Camp McConnell</b></p> <p><b>Luau</b></p>  <p>Open to all Tigers (Scouts going into 1<sup>st</sup> grade, Fall 2014) through Webelos (Scouts going into 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Fall 2014)</p> <p><b>Session 1:</b> <b>June 20 – 22</b></p> <p><b>Session 2:</b> <b>July 11 – 13</b></p> <p>Cost: \$100 per Scout \$35 per Leader</p> <p><b>Unit/Den Reservation Deposit: \$25</b></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><b>Webelos Adventure Camp @ Mensinger</b></p> <p><b>WAM WARS</b></p> <p>Open to all Webelos Scouts (going into 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Fall 2014)</p> <p><b>One 5-day session: July 20 – 24</b></p> <p>Cost: \$200 per Scout \$125 per Leader</p> <p><b>Unit/Den Reservation Deposit: \$100</b></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](mailto:Barbara.evers@scouting.org)      (209)566-7704*

**CALLING ALL COMMISSIONERS!!!**

**BASIC**



**TRAINING**

**Thursday  
March 27th**

**6:00pm  
~ 9:00pm**

**Modesto Scout Service Center  
4031 Technology Dr Modesto 95356**

***Topics to include...***

- ♦ ***Ways of Supporting Your Unit***
  - ♦ ***The Commissioner's Role***
  - ♦ ***Journey to Excellence***
    - ♦ ***Resources Available***
    - ♦ ***Voice of the Scout***
    - ♦ ***Unit Visitation***

***Items to bring...***

- ♦ ***Laptop or notebook for internet access***
- ♦ ***Paper, pen/pencil for taking notes***

***Items available/provided...***

- ♦ ***Gold Dust Scout Shop will be open until 7pm***
- ♦ ***CD with Commissioner materials provided for each participant***
- ♦ ***Refreshments***

In order to get the most out of this training it is recommended you take the following online courses:

- ♦ Youth Protection (must be re-taken every 2 yrs)
- ♦ Unit Commissioner Fast Start (for a basic understanding of the commissioner role)

**Cost: Your Precious Time!**

**Value: Priceless!**

**Questions:**

**G. Bruce Olson:** [arrowmen@wildblue.net](mailto:arrowmen@wildblue.net) (209)772-2404

**Jay Herbrand:** [jayherb@aol.com](mailto:jayherb@aol.com) (209)349-8547

Register for this course by downloading, completing and submitting the flyer by Wednesday, March 26th:

<http://www.yosemitescouting.org/document/basic-commissioner-training-2014/136033>

**OR** simply contact Barbara Evers: [Barbara.evers@scouting.org](mailto:Barbara.evers@scouting.org) or (209)566-7704