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Fall Family Join Nights

“Lets Give all youth the Benefits of Scouting”

Fall is almost here, and that means that it's time to recruit new youth and new leaders.

It is a tremendous opportunity to reinvigorate your Packs, Troops, Teams, and Crews with fresh kids, fresh ideas. And new leaders

The council Membership committee will be conducting a **Fall recruitment training session on the evening of Thursday, August 12, 2010 at 6:00pm in conjunction with the Fall Program Kick Off Event at the Dale Road Stake Center in Modesto.**

All units should plan on sending at least one representative to this briefing meeting. It will be an opportunity to pick up all of your Fall recruitment materials as well as receive some valuable training on important topics such as “How do I recruit more Leaders?” Please be sure to attend.

Our focus for 2010 is on making sure that every Boy and girl, in the case of Venturing, is given an opportunity to join one of our Packs, Troops, Teams, and Crews.

The reality is that families need Scouting now more than ever, and no one else is available to give it to them except us. This means that we will likely need to do some things a little differently than we have in the past.

1. We need to set and achieve aggressive growth goals for our units. Every Pack should set a goal to recruit no less than 15-20 new members— 10 of which should be Tiger cubs. And, we should not stop until we have achieved that goal.
2. We need to use multiple methods of invitation in our lead up to our various Family sign up nights. Research shows that people need to hear something 7

times before it actually sinks in. This means that one round of flyers at a school is not enough. We need other methods. The council has developed a whole guidebook to help you identify and use different methods.

3. We have to recruit enough quality leadership to be able to run larger Packs, Troops, Teams, and Crews. We will be conducting a workshop on how to recruit quality adults at the training on August 12.
4. Finally, we have to be sure to have a great program plan going into the new program year so that we can communicate this to our new families. Great program is the best sales tool there is.

We will see you on August 12th!

2010 Popcorn Sale

Congratulations! You and your Scouts raised more than \$110,000 to fund your unit's programs in 2009! This was the largest Popcorn Sale in Council history in the middle of the worst economy in many years. It just goes to show that in these strained economic times parents are looking for any way to reduce the out-of-pocket expenses of Scouting. The popcorn sale is the easiest

way to do this! The 2010 Popcorn Sale will be bigger and better than anything we have seen to date. First, the council will be conducting an awesome kick off at Boomers in Modesto on the evening of August 19, from 6-9:00pm. You can bring up to three members of your unit for free; however, units are encouraged to bring their entire pack or troop.

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2010 Popcorn Sale (cont.)



Trail's End and the Boy Scouts Support the Troops!

Council has negotiated a special \$10 per person rate that includes unlimited games and attractions! So why not bring your whole unit and use this as your Fall kick off. Pre registration is required.

There are a bunch of new prizes and incentives as well as the mid season sales rally with the Oakland Raiders. So, don't miss out on what will be the best Sale in Council History. Be sure that your unit benefits from more than \$137,000 in unit commissions. That will help us all run a better program

Units have already started planning back in June. However, if your unit has not yet decided to sell Popcorn, its not too late. Contact Sara at the council office today. We are ready and

willing to help you plan an awesome sale!

2010 Timetable

June & July

Conduct Sales Planning session with District Executive and or District Popcorn Kernels

August 2

Popcorn Show N Sale Orders Due

August 19

Popcorn Sale Kick Off at Boomers in Modesto open to all Scouts and leaders (Popcorn Units get 3 individuals in at no charge otherwise \$10.00 per person)

August 21

Show & Sell (Show & Deliver) Orders Distribution (Sale Begins)

October 10

Mid Season Sales Rally with the Oakland Raiders

November 1

Show N Sale Ends Show N Sale Payment Due

November 1

Take Order sale deadline to place orders. Prize Order Deadline—*Remember, we need your council level prize order form*

November 20

Take Order Sale Popcorn Distribution

December 20

Take Oder Final Payment Due
Final Prize Order Deadline
No Prize Orders Accepted After This Date
Incentive Forms Due
Trails-End \$1,500 Prize Order Form Due

Summer Camp 2010—Going Strong!



Summer Camp is under way and going strong. The first weeks of camp have already set an attendance record! We are estimating that Camp John Mensinger will be home to over 810 Scouts and

240 Adults for the 2010 Summer Session. That is a growth of over 26%! Thank you all who attend Camp John Mensinger and make it their summer camp home!



Our first year with the Pendola

Sierra Adventure Base is under way with current registrations at 34 Scouts and 7 Adults. Units have already began making reservations for the 2011 camping season. If you are looking for an awesome adventure for your older scouts, varsity team members, and venture crews, then this is it. Contact the council office for more information.

Camp Akela 2010



The Webelos Adventure at Camp Mensinger has been a sell out once

again! This year four sessions for the Webelos with 175 Webelos attending with their parents. This is a growth of 28% over last year!

2011 should be our biggest session yet because we plan to fill the camp with Webelos and their parents. The week of July 3 will be a special Webelos only session at John Mensinger with different programs for Webelos I and Webelos II scouts. You will not want to miss it!



Camp Akela at Camp Warren McConnell is once again a hit with our younger Cub Scouts and their parents! If you have not been to camp Akela, make plans to attend next year as it will be bigger and better than ever! The program is awesome, the food is awesome, and the experience will last a lifetime.

Big Valley District

District Executive
Darrell Pedersen
 District Chairman
Frank Michael
 Camping Chairman
Steve Crow
 District Commissioner
Greg Gores
 Advancement
 Chairman
Mike Heer
 Boy Scout Roundtable
Richard Ventress
 Training Chairman
Mark Presler
 O/A Adviser
Dan Wilson
 Cub Scout Roundtable
Open

Fall School Nights for Scouting

Now is the time to plan or recruitment of **new families** into your unit. We want to not only concentrate on **new youth**, but more importantly **new adult leaders**. Please arrange for a date to do a school night (both Packs and Troops) and let us know. We will provide flyers and district program material, training and manpower support. We want you to grow with new leaders and members for the new Scouting year. We will cover most of the schools that do not support packs and troops. Please call the Stockton office at 472-9960 for more information.

Fun For All

August 20 is the Big Valley

“Night at the Ports”. If you haven’t attended one of these, you need too! This “All Scout Night at the Ports” will include a Scout Parade around the infield to open the fame, one of Scouters singing the National Anthem, Scouts doing the flag ceremony, a commemorative Stockton Ports Scout patch, numerous activities including a climbing wall, post fame fireworks, snacks and you can camp out on the outfield grass after the fame. Cost is \$22 per participant (youth and adults). You can pick up an informational flyer at your local Scout office in Stockton or Modesto or call us. Event Chair is DeAnna Zamora at 483-2536 or the Stockton Office at 472-9960.

Calendar

July

19 - 21 - Stockton Day Camp

August

3 - District Committee/Commissioners/Roundtable Meeting (at Allied Credit Union on March Lane)

12 - Council Program Kick-Off

19 - Popcorn Orientation Night at Boomers

20 - Ports Baseball

September

2 - District Committee/Commissioners/Roundtable Meeting (at El Dorado LDS Church)

11—Scout Challenge - New Hogan Lake

18 - Literacy Day at University Park

Chief Tenaya District

District Executive
Bill Heneks
 District Chairman
Hal Smeltzer
 Camping Chairman
Tim Long
 District Commissioner
Dan Machado
 Advancement
 Chairman
Ray Lindsey
 Boy Scout Roundtable
Talmage Allen
 Training Chairman
Paul Waddell
 Activities Chairman
Denny Hoeh
 Cub Scout Roundtable
David Buxton

49er District

District Executive
Steve Olson
District Chairman
John Droge
District Commissioner
Bill Blackford
Advancement
Chairman

District Committee Meeting

All Scouters are encouraged to attend the 49er District Committee meeting. It is held at the LDS Stake Center Building in Lodi on the first Wednesday of the month. The address is 1510 W Century Blvd (near Ham). The meeting runs from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. District finance, membership and program are discussed. Contact District Chairman John Droge at 368-6720 for more information.

District Roundtable

The District Roundtable is held at the LDS Church at 731 N Ham in Lodi on the second Wednesday of the month. Our Roundtable features enrichment training in the various levels of Scouting from experienced lead-

ers. The meeting runs from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Contact Roundtable Chairman Garth Johnson at 368-3127 for more information.

Looking For Adventure

The Annual 49er District Cache Creek White Water Rafting Trip will happen on August 13 to August 15. Raft this class 3 river with others from the District. There is a \$62.50 camp fee that includes a day of rafting and the use of the Cache Creek Canyon Regional Campground. Registration information is in both of the Scout centers and on online. Contact event chairman Robert Watanabe at 334-5381 for more details.

Waukeen District

District Executive
Steve Olson

District Committee Meeting

The Waukeen District Committee Meeting is held on the first Thursday of the month. The meeting runs from 7:30 pm to 9:00pm and the content is District Finance, Membership, and Program. The meeting will be held in August at the LDS Chester Building at 1981 Chester Drive in Tracy. This is a change from the usual meeting location at the United Methodist Church on East and Acacia in Tracy due to changes happening at the Methodist Church in August. Please contact District Executive Steve Olson about the meeting location for September at 545-6320 x 108 or by email at solson@bsamail.org.

District Roundtable

Waukeen holds its District

Roundtable at the LDS Stake Center at 6060 Northland Road in Manteca. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm and goes to 9:00pm. The Roundtable features breakout sessions in all the levels of Scouting that are conducted by experienced leaders. Contact Roundtable Chairman Jason Osborn at 824-0924 for more information.

Fun for Cub Scouts

Cub Scouts should prepare themselves for a Belt Loop Day on August 28. It will be held at the Northland LDS Building at 6060 Northland Road in Manteca. A variety of belt loop activities will be offered. Contact Teresa Lorentz for more details at 858-5957 or blorntz@comcast.net.

Special District Event

September 8th will be the 5th Annual 49er District Dutch Oven Cook off. It will be held at our Roundtable location at the LDS Chapel at 714 Ham Lane in Lodi. This is an opportunity to compete in a friendly cook off. Show off your culinary skills! In the past we have tasted a variety of dishes including pork tenderloin, slow cooked brisket, pizza, cobbler and cinnamon rolls cooked in Dutch ovens. There will be a \$10 entry fee per chef. Contact Garth Johnson for more information at 367-3225 during the day.

El Capitan District

District Executive
Luis Jimenez
District Chairman
David Day
District Commissioner
Ron Schell

Wawona District (Mariposa, Atwater, Merced, Livingston, Los Banos)

District Executive
Adan Barajas
District Chairman
Onis Lentz
Camping Chairman
Judith Alvarado
District Commissioner
Robert Alvarado
Advancement
Chairman
Lester Holmes
Boy Scout Roundtable
Richard Kletman
Finance Chairman
Vacant
Training Chairman
Jay Herbrand
Exploring Chairman
Robert Luna
Cub Scout Roundtable
Melissa Puita

Meeting Dates

Wawona District Committee meetings occur on the first Thursday of each month. The meetings will continue to be held at the LDS Church on 1080 Yosemite Ave Merced, CA and will begin at 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 12, 2010. The September meeting will be held Thursday, September 2, 2010. Please plan to attend.

Recruiting and Registration Vital to Scouting

Every boy deserves the opportunity to be a Scout. Some will join and prosper, others will find that it's not for them and still others will never try Scouting. No matter what their preference, they all deserve the opportunity.

While recruiting boys is important to the continuation of the Scouting program, the recruiting of adults is equally important. Let's face it, without the adult leadership there would be no Scouting. We all need to be recruiters and salesmen for the boys and adults. The fall recruiting season is upon us. Once that boy or adult is recruited, they need to be registered. Registration gets them registered with the unit and puts the BSA insurance in place. In both cases it provides a place for training and advancement to be recorded. Please remember to register your new members as soon as they join your unit.

Calendar

August

12 - Roundtable 7:00pm
12 - OA Chapter Meeting 7:00pm
14 - Membership Recruitment Night
21 - District Commissioners Meeting

September

2 - District Meeting 6:00pm
2 - Commissioners Meeting 6:00pm
2 - Roundtable 7:00pm
11 - Den Chief Training (Saturday)
18 - Cub Scout and Boy Scout Training
25 - Merit Badge Clinic in Los Banos

October

7 - District Meeting 6:00pm
7 - Commissioners Meeting 6:00pm
7 - Roundtable 7:00pm
7 - OA Meeting 7:00pm

Schedule of Events

- 4-10 - Boy Scout Session 4
- 4-10 - Pendola Sierra Adventure Base Session 4
- 9-11 - Akela at McConnell
- 11-17 - Boy Scout Session 5
- 11-17 - Pendola Sierra Adventure Base Session 5
- 13-15 - Los Banos Day Camp
- 16-18 - NYLC Campout at Mensinger
- 18-24 - Boy Scout Session 6
- 18-24 - Pendola Sierra Adventure Base Session 6
- 18-22 - Webelos Adventure Camp at Mensinger
- July 19-21 - Stockton Cub Day Camp
- 20 - Jamboree Contingent Depart
- 21 - Executive Board Meeting
- 21-23 - Modesto Cub Day Camp
- 27 - Properties Meeting
- 28-30 - Merced Cub Day Camp

July 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 <i>Happy Birthday America</i>	5 <i>Office Closed</i>	6	7	8	9	10
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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Schedule of Events

- 8 - Jamboree Contingent Return
- 17 - Order of the Arrow LEC Meeting
- 18 - Executive Committee Meeting
- 27 - Chief Tenaya Annual BBQ
- 27-29 - OA Fall Ordeal at Mensinger
- 28 - Soccer and Scouting Day Camp at McConnell
- 31 - LDS Relationships Meeting
- 31 - Properties Meeting
- 31 - Risk Management

August 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30	31				

Schedule of Events

- 6 - Labor Day - Office Closed
- 15 - Executive Board Meeting
- 18 - NYLT Reunion
- 21 - Order of the Arrow LEC Meeting
- 23 - Program Meeting
- 24-26 - Order of the Arrow Conclave
- 28 - Properties Meeting

September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 <i>Office Closed</i>	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

The Oakland Raiders and The Greater Yosemite Council



Are you ready for some football? Has the thrill of the pigskin missing your weekend schedule? Then visit the website—www.yosemitescouting.org for information on purchasing reduced cost tickets for all Oakland Raiders Home Games. You can purchase \$70 seats for as low as \$45! As an added bonus, the

council will be conducting a first ever mid season popcorn sales rally at the October 10 game with the San Diego Chargers. Tickets will be \$40-45 dollars and must be ordered in advance. Additionally, there will be a special Pre Game tail gate party hosted by Trails-end and the Greater Yosemite Council that