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ANNUAL SCOUTING FOR FOOD DRIVE BENEFITS LOCAL COMMUNITIES



Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers throughout Greater Yosemite Council performed a good turn for the hungry in November. During our annual Scouting for Food good turn, Scouts canvassed neighborhoods, collected bags filled with canned goods, and deliver them to local food banks. Nearly 50 tons of food and non-perishable items were distributed to community food banks. Individual units also collected clothing or donated money.

Units have been asked to report to their District Executive the total poundage collected. Also, report your service hours on the Good Turn for America web site.

[View the photos that have arrived from participating units](#)

POPCORN REACHES A NEW LEVEL IN 2007

As the 2007 popcorn sale draws to a close, the council has reached a new high. Total sales for 2007 reached \$230,838. This is the highest gross sale ever. Congratulations and thanks to all participating units.

Don't forget to send in the names of your \$1000 sellers for the K-Klub. Also there are awards for Scouts selling \$1500 or more, \$2000 or more, and \$2500 or more. Send the information to Bill Heneks (c/o Greater Yosemite Council, 4031 Technology Dr., Modesto, CA 95356 or bheneks@bsamail.org).

Money and names due to council by December 7th.



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Greater Yosemite Council will hold its Annual Meeting on January 23rd, 6:30 PM at the Council Service Center. Board Members, Executive Committee Members and Unit Chartered Organization Representatives should plan on attending. RSVP to Robin at rwilson@bsamail.org or 545-6320 by January 16th. Dinner will be served for \$12.00

INTERNET RE-CHARTER IS IN PROCESS



All packs, troops, teams and crews will expire on **December 31**. Units have been encouraged to complete their re-charter by December 1st. Online help and tutoring is available. Visit our web site for more information.

The re-charter process is not complete until a signed re-charter application, completed applications for all new youth and adults, and all applicable fees are submitted to the Council Service Center.

PLAN TO ATTEND CAMP MENSINGER IN 2008

As your troop plans for its long-term summer camp experience next summer, we encourage you to support your council's camp. Our "new" Camp Mensinger offers many new physical improvements and a superb staff. Mike Rich is continuing as Camp Director and is already planning an expanded program. Donald Sonnefeld is finalizing a camp video which will soon be available for distribution. Contact the Council Service Center for more information.

CAMP MCCONNELL WORK DAY – DECEMBER 8

Brian Ramos has scheduled a fall work day at Camp McConnell on December 8th. He has a long list of projects. Your unit is invited to participate, assist in the beautification of our camp, and earn service hours. Projects will begin at 8:00 AM.

RENEW YOUR MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR REGISTRATION



It is time for all current merit badge counselors to renew their registration. Each person wishing to continue must contact their District Advancement Chair. You will be asked to provide your name, address, phone numbers, merit badges listed and if you wish to work with a certain troop only or with all units. Current registrations expire on December 31. New merit badge counselors must complete an application and send it to the Modesto Service Center. For more information contact your District Advancement Chair.

SILVER BEAVER NOMINATION DEADLINE APPROACHES



The deadline for Silver Beaver nominations is **December 7th**. The nomination form is available on the council web site. Each district has been assigned a goal to nominate six (6) highly qualified candidates for this prestigious award.

[Silver Beaver nomination form](#)

ANNUAL COUNCIL DINNER

Greater Yosemite Council's Annual Council Dinner is slated for **March 1, 2008**. Dinner Chair Megan Mallory and her committee are planning a memorable event. The theme will be *Exploring into Careers*. Place this date on your calendar and plan to join us as we recognize Scouts, plus district and council volunteers for outstanding service. The dinner reservation form will be available on the council web site soon.

TOLOMA LODGE HELD ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER



The annual Toloma Lodge, Order of the Arrow awards dinner was held Saturday, November 3rd. Sixty people attended and enjoyed a great prime rib dinner prepared by Eric Handel, Clint Armes and their staff. Harvey Webb was presented the Toloma Lodge Lifetime Achievement Award for his many faithful years of service to both Sumi and Toloma Lodges.

Earlier in the day, lodge members received leadership training and elections were held. Congratulations to our new Lodge Chief James Serface Jr., Vice Chief Spencer Chase, Secretary Phillip Goodwin and Chris Huffman Treasurer.

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FREE SNOWSHOEING AND CROSS COUNTRY SKIING FOR FAMILIES

Winter Trails, organized by SnowSports Industries America, has scheduled January 12, 2008 as an opportunity for children and adults to try snowshoeing and/or cross country skiing for no charge. Participants need to simply show up wearing warm clothes and a pair of boots.

For more information visit www.wintertrails.org

FAMILY NEEDED FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE SCOUT

International Education, Ltd., a non-profit organization in the Fresno/Clovis area has a foreign exchange student who needs to be placed in a local home as soon as possible. Anthony participates in the Boy Scouts program in Germany, and hopes to continue his Scouting experience here.

Call Erin at Inter-Ed for details (559) 930-7274

TOUR PERMITS COMING SOON ON THE WEB

Coming soon, an online method for approving national and council tour permits! This system is entirely electronic, allowing you to create and obtain approval quickly.

Adult leaders can enter all the information for the tour, and BSA rules specific to tour permits will be applied. Once the tour permit has passed the rules as outlined in the Guide to Safe Scouting, the tour permit will be submitted.

Driver information for transportation and adult leadership qualifications will be stored in the system database, making the entry of future tour permit applications quicker and easier.

The online tour permits program is still undergoing testing. Watch for updates on the council web site.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

University of Scouting Cub Scout Pow Wow

A full day of training for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity and Venturing adult leaders.

Den Chief Training will also be offered for Boy Scouts

Saturday, December 1

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

LDS Northland Building (Manteca Stake Center) in Manteca

[Registration Form](#) [Map to Location](#)

Commissioner Training Conference

Training for all commissioners.



February 2, 2008
Modesto Service Center
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

[Flyer/Registration Form](#)

First Aid for Scouters



Saturday, February 9, 2008

Course includes American Red Cross certification for Adult CPR, First Aid and When Help is Delayed

This course will be especially formatted for Scouters.

Course size is limited to 30 participants. Register early!

[Flyer/Registration Form](#) (Remit to Stanislaus Chapter American Red Cross)

Northern California Commissioners College



Training and advanced training for all commissioners

Saturday, February 23rd in San Ramon

Morning Speaker: Rick Cronk, National President

Luncheon Speaker: Wayne Brock, Assistant Chief Scout Executive

For the latest information go to www.norcalcommissioner.org and click on "College 2008"

BSA's Online Learning Center Offers New Courses

Recently added modules: Venturing Youth Protection and Staffing the District committee.

The Online Learning Center offers Youth Protection Training, Cub Scout Leader Fast Start, Boy Scout Leader Fast Start, Venturing Advisor Fast Start, Troop Committee Challenge, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat and Venture Crew Orientation.

Visit the council web site www.yosemitescouting.org for more information on these training courses.

GOLD DUST SCOUT SHOP NEWS

Cub Scout Immediate Recognition Replacement Patches are Available



BSA has discovered defects in the Cub Scout Immediate Recognition Kit (Item No. 01804). We are requesting anyone who may have purchased the item to remove the Cub Scout Recognition totem badge from their children's possession.

Bring the old plastic patches to the Gold Dust Scout Shop in Modesto for exchange and receive a ticket for a chance to win one of three BMX bikes. Return the completed ticket in the self-addressed stamped envelope provided by February 29, 2008. Winners will be contacted by phone. The replacement patches may be identified by the diamond shape imprint on the

back.

DISTRICT AND UNIT NEWS WANTED

News!

Send us articles and photos (.jpg format) about your district events, unit service projects and other special activities. We'll include as many as possible in upcoming issues of *eNews!* Email to RSchell@bsamail.org



Waterford Pack 45 Participated in the annual Veterans Day Ceremony



Los Banos Pack 58 toured Castle Air Force Base



Troop 3 campout 11/10/2007 at Cleo's Bath on the east side of Pinecrest Lake in a "very heavy rainfall".



Order of the Arrow Awards Dinner
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