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**JOHN L. MENSINGER
JULY 29, 1919 – AUGUST 28, 2007**

John L. Mensinger, a long-time friend to Scouting, died Tuesday at his Modesto home. He was 88. He was a retired president of American Lumber Co., and was married to Modesto's first female mayor.

John led the effort to build our Boy Scout camp at a former logging camp west of Pinecrest. Opened to Scouts in 1976, the camp is named Camp John Mensinger. Through his efforts, Pickering Lumber Company donated the land and his customers donated labor for the camp.

<http://www.yosemitescouting.org/files/John%20L%20Mensinger%20obit.pdf>

2007 TRAILS END POPCORN SALE IS UNDERWAY



Our annual Trails End Popcorn Sale enables units to fund their program for an entire year with just one fundraiser. Greater Yosemite Council makes it easy for you by providing the products, training, advertising and support. Each unit is responsible for distributing popcorn order forms to its Scouts and encouraging them to sell, sell, sell. Refer to the Kernel's Korner on the council web site for more information.

<http://www.bsa-gyc.org/sections/News/Popcorn>

WOODBADGE 2007 STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Our Woodbadge course has extended its registration deadline. Please see the training section below for more information about this course.

FALL RECRUITMENT PLANNING

All packs, troops, teams, crews, posts and ships are currently recruiting new youth and adults. Each new youth comes with adults. Be sure to register those adult partners and give them a job with your unit! We offer tips, techniques and incentives to help make your fall recruitment events successful.

<http://www.bsa-gyc.org/sections/joinscouting/FallRecruitment>

CAMP JOHN MENSINGER WINTERIZATION WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 21 – 22

Our Boy Scout camp winterization weekend is scheduled for September 21-22. Kenny Buehner, Vice President of Properties, reported that volunteers are needed to help. Telephone Robin at the Modesto Service Center if you can help. Camp will serve dinner Friday night plus breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday **for those who RSVP**. A list of projects is can been seen at

<http://www.yosemitescouting.org/files/CJMRepairs07.pdf>

UNIT MONEY EARNING APPLICATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR FUNDRAISERS

A unit must submit a Unit Money Earning Application to the council prior to their fundraiser. The application is available from the Council Service Center and needs to be submitted to the District Executive at least two weeks in advance of the fundraiser.

Whenever your unit is planning a money-earning project, be sure to consult the BSA's "[10 Guides to Unit Money Earning Projects](#)" as your guide. It will be helpful to you as you fill out the application. If

your answer is yes to all the questions in this document, it is likely the project conforms to Scouting's standards and will be approved. For more information consult your District Executive. The application is available at <http://www.scouting.org/forms/34427.pdf>

SHORELINE CLEANUP DAY AT SAN LUIS RESERVOIR AND LAKE YOSEMITE – SEPTEMBER 15TH



San Luis Reservoir will host a shoreline cleanup project on September 15th from 9:00 AM until noon. The park's day-use fee will be waived for participants who collect trash the entire three hours.

There will also be a shoreline cleanup project around Lake Yosemite in Merced.

<http://www.yosemitescouting.org/files/Shoreline%20Cleanup%20Day%202007.pdf>

“SCOUTING USA” TV SHOW IN PRODUCTION

Production has begun on “Scouting USA,” the first official television series about the BSA. Airing this spring on the Outdoor Channel, the network is producing a six-episode series. They are providing airtime and paying for production to make this program available to their 26 million subscribers and the Scouting community.

SCOUT NIGHT WITH THE STOCKTON PORTS



The Third Annual Scout Night with the Stockton Ports was held August 17th at Banner Island Park (the California League's newest ball park). This event is the kick-off for the Big Valley District's fall recruiting season, and serves as a great event to host new prospective members. Troops and Packs from Big Valley, 49er, Waukeen and Golden Heritage Districts

attended.

<http://www.yosemitescouting.org/files/BVD%20Stockton%20Ports.pdf>

BIG VALLEY DISTRICT MEMBERS ATTEND PHILMONT



Pat and Conor McCaa, Frank Michael, Greg Gores and Rex Starr attended training courses at Philmont Scout Ranch. "The advanced training available at the Philmont Training Center is well worth the trip".

<http://www.yosemitescouting.org/files/BVD%20at%20Philmont.pdf>



SECTION W3B CONCLAVE

September 14-16
Bakersfield College

Registration for the W3b conclave is open.

Register for the conclave here: <http://www.sectionw3b.org/>

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Woodbadge for the 21st Century

September 28-30 and October 12-14 at Camp McConnell

Application:

<http://www.yosemitescouting.org/files/Woodbadge%20Application%202.pdf>

Cub Scout Leader Training

September 29 at the Atwater United Methodist Church
For all Cub Scout leaders

<http://www.yosemitescouting.org/files/WW%20CSLT%20SEPT%2029.pdf>



Area III College of Commissioner Science

October 20 in Bakersfield

Our Council Commissioner is offering a scholarship to cover the registration fee. This scholarship is available to the first 10 commissioners to register.

Registration Form:

<http://www.yosemitescouting.org/files/CCSregistrationform.pdf>

Class Schedule:

http://www.yosemitescouting.org/files/CCS_ClassOfferings_2007.pdf

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 Switchbacks are now in stock and available for purchase

The 2007 Fall Catalog is now available. The new knives featured in this catalog have been ordered and are due any day.

Recruitment party paper products in the Cub Scout logo are available.

In order to purchase uniforms and books, new Cub Scout parents need to know what rank they will be working on, the pack number and what the unit requirements are on uniforming. Boy Scouts need to know what unit number, what color neckerchief and what the unit requirements are on uniforming. Please help your new parents and the Scout Shop by providing this information.

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