

# Greater Yosemite Council, BSA eNews! March, 2006

## ANNUAL DINNER HONORS VOLUNTEERS

On Saturday, March 4 over 300 volunteer Scouters and their families gathered at the Assyrian American Civic Club in Turlock to celebrate Scouting's birthday. A program was presented by representatives of Greater Yosemite Council's six 2005 Jamboree troops. Numerous adults and youth were recognized for exemplary service. David Duran, coordinator of the council's Hispanic Youth Leadership Committee (YYLC) was honored



David Duran received Francisco Santana Award from Bill Heneks

with the inaugural Francisco Santana Award for dedicated service to high school youth.

Ten adult leaders were honored with the Silver Beaver Award, the highest award a local council can bestow upon its volunteers. Greater Yosemite Council's 2005 honorees are: Jonnie Galloway, Sean Pamer, David Seibold, Ralph Serpa, Duane Severson, Ted Snyder, Linda Trapp, Dave Tucker and Robert Watanabe.



Council Key 3 displaying Quality Council Plaque



Council Commodore, Robert French, inducts 2006 Board Members

## BSA ART TOUR HOSTED BY GREATER YOSEMITE COUNCIL

Greater Yosemite Council was selected to host the 2006 National BSA Foundation Endowment Art Tour for our area. On March 9, guests from our council and neighboring councils attended an Estate Preservation Seminar.



This was followed by a gala reception to recognize our new 1910 Society, Founders Circle and James E. West Fellowship members.

In keeping with the tour theme of "Building a Foundation for Scouting," paintings were displayed by artists Norman Rockwell, Joseph Csaturi and others to illustrate that theme on canvas. BSA national representatives reported that this tour site in Stockton was one of the best attended.





### COUNCIL PARTNERS WITH GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR HEALTH FAIRE

Tune up your bike and bring your helmet. On Saturday, April 22, 2006 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM our council will participate in the first annual health faire "**Scouting for a Healthier California: Get Fit, Not Fat**". This family event will take place at Dry Creek Park and the adjacent LDS Church building on 731 El Vista Avenue in Modesto.

The purpose of this event is to bring focus on the concerns of youth obesity and inactive lifestyles. The general public, Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venture Scouts, Explorers and their families are invited to participate. There is no charge for this event. A safe bike ride opportunity for families on the Dry Creek bike path will be part of this program. A passport will be issued to participants and the first 100 to complete the circuit will receive a complimentary t-shirt.

For more information on ActiveCA including the free Boy Scout patch program log on to <http://www.Activeca.org> and click on Governor's Challenge or call the Council Service Center at 545-6320. This is the Council's Good Turn for America event for 2006.

### FRIENDS OF SCOUTING CAMPAIGN SUPPORTS OUR COMMUNITY'S YOUTH

Each spring individuals, families, community businesses and organizations are asked to show their support for our program by participating in our "Friends of Scouting" campaign. This fundraising campaign enables the Greater Yosemite Council, Boy Scouts of America to continue providing an outstanding program to more than 10,000 youth in our community. Through our children, families and communities are stronger and better prepared for the future.

"Friends of Scouting" gifts support:

- Scouting programs throughout the central valley for more than 10,000 youth.
- Camping experiences for over 10,000 youth.
- Basic and advanced training for youth and adults.
- A professional staff to provide program and administrative support to adult leaders.
- Three Council Service Centers providing extensive information, supplies and materials for all volunteers.
- Camperships for youth who need financial assistance for camp.
- Maintenance and operation of three camp properties.

We request that all donors submit their completed pledge cards and/or payment to the Council Service Center by April 1. For more information telephone 545-6320.

### COUNCIL CAMPS OFFER NEW SUMMER EXPERIENCES

Camp John Mensinger will be celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. This year's camp staff, led by Camp Director Ken Moffitt, promises to make your long-term camping experience one to remember. Weekly camp sessions begin on June 18<sup>th</sup> and continue through July 29<sup>th</sup>. Our camp offers programs for Scouts of all ages: younger Scouts will have an opportunity to complete a number of requirements toward First Class rank. Over 30 merit badges are offered to older Scouts, as well as biking, hiking, sailing, boating, climbing and rappelling, and shooting sports activities.



Cub Scout Resident Camp will be offered at two of our camps this summer. Cub Scouts and their adult partners can experience outdoor camping and numerous program activities at Camp McConnell, near Livingston. Beginning this year, Webelos Scouts and their adult partners will have the opportunity to attend Resident Camp at Camp Mensinger, where they will share the camp with Boy Scout campers. Both camps will offer archery, BB gun shooting, swimming, nature discovery and other Cub Scout experiences.

Camperships are available for all of these camping experiences. The deadline for submission is April 1. For more information please click on the following link

<http://www.yosemitescouting.org/sections/Camping/mensingering>.

## WESTERN REGION'S INFORMATION ON THE WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

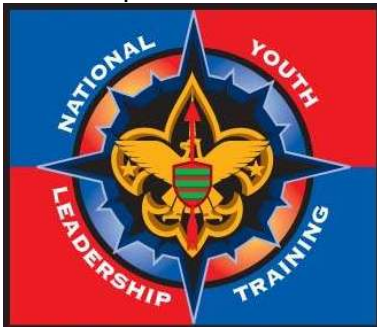


Welcome to a once in a lifetime opportunity! Scouting will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in England in 2007; the country where scouting began. In Western Region, our goal is to put together at least three Venturing Crews and over twenty Boy Scout Troops.

Western Region has done a great job of recruiting youth to attend the World Jamboree but there is still room for both Venturers and Boy Scouts to join. This means that the region needs everyone's help to continue recruiting the most qualified young men and young women in The Greater Yosemite Council. Cliff Bailey from the El Capitan District has been selected by Western Region as Scoutmaster for the Central California Contingent. This Troop will consist of Scouts from Nevada, Sacramento, Sequoia and Greater Yosemite Councils. Contact Cliff for current information, World Jamboree programs, the tours, and the excitement of attending the 21<sup>st</sup> World Jamboree in London, UK. He is available to present informational programs to Scout groups and District Roundtables. Give him a call at: (W) 209 667-3441 or (H) 209 634-0185, or email at [CBailey@csustan.edu](mailto:CBailey@csustan.edu) BSA Jam Website <http://www.scouting.org/jamboree/world/index.html>

### NYLT TEACHES YOUTH LEADERSHIP

National Youth Leadership Training is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. Scouts must be at least First Class in rank and be age 13-18 to attend. This course will be offered June 11-17 at Camp Mensinger.



The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW, and what he must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a Quest for the Meaning of Leadership.

NYLT is a six-day course. Content is delivered in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. Interconnecting concepts and work processes are introduced early, built upon, and aided by the use of memory aids, which allows participants to understand and employ the leadership skills much faster. For more information telephone the Council Service Center at 545-6320 or visit our web site <http://www.yosemitescouting.org/sections/Training/NYLT>

### SEA SCOUTS ANNOUNCE OPEN HOUSE

The Greater Yosemite Council Sea Scouts are having an open house! We would like to invite all Webelos, Boy Scouts, and Venture Scouts to join us for a day on the river.

Saturday, April 22nd, 10:00AM  
Stockton Sea Scout Base  
3100 Mt. Diablo Ave, Stockton  
(west of I-5, across the street from Luis Park)



There will be tours of the base, boat rides on some of our boats, a BBQ lunch, and some demonstrations of some of the unique activities that take place in Sea Scouting, and the best part – Its FREE!!! If your troop, crew or Webelos dens are interested in a little different mode of transportation to a campout this summer, we can offer a unique way to get there. There are many places around the delta and bay area for camping which can be reached by boat. If this sounds like fun to you, come to our open house and check out the best kept secret in scouting. If your den, troop or crew plan on attending, we would like to know by April 10<sup>th</sup> so we can be sure to have enough food and supplies. For more information, or to let us know your coming, call (209) 333-2732 or email us at [ptweber@pointweber.org](mailto:ptweber@pointweber.org). You can also visit one of our ship's web sites at <http://www.pointweber.org>.