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Courage:

“I believe that anyone can conquer fear by doing the things he fears to do.”

Eleanor Roosevelt



100 YEARS OF SCOUTING

*Celebrating the Adventure
Continuing the Journey*

In February 2010, the Boy Scouts of America will celebrate 100 years as an organization. Founded as an outlet to prepare every eligible youth in America to become a participating citizen and leader, BSA has more than fulfilled its mission.

[View promotions and activities BSA is planning.](#)

November 2008 BSA Cubcast

“Holiday Lights, Philmont Training Center”

[Click Here to Download This Month's Cubcast](#)

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Internet Rechartering!

Charters for the current year expire December 31st. Aim to get your signed forms and all fees turned in by December 1st, 2008.

The year-end re-chartering period has begun. Your [District Executive](#) will be distributing re-charter packets for every unit. Pick it up and entrust your re-chartering to one individual in the unit.

The Internet Rechartering Window opens November 1st!

[Internet Re-charter Starts Here.](#)

Need assistance? Consult the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) or View the [Flash Tutorial](#).



NOW ACCEPTING SILVER BEAVER NOMINATIONS

Do you know someone who should be nominated as a Silver Beaver? Someone who has helped the Council, helped Scouts, or has been a silent Scouter for many years? Now is the time to nominate that person as a potential Silver Beaver. Silver Beaver is the highest award our local council presents.

The Silver Beaver recognizes outstanding service to youth; Scout leaders who have served "beyond the call of duty" in number of years, number of volunteer assignments, or as leaders of special significant projects.

All forms must be submitted by January 9, 2009.

[Nomination Form](#)



TERI SCHELL PASSES ON OCTOBER 9TH, 2009

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of another dedicated scouter: Teri Schell, wife and love of former District Executive Ron Schell.

Veteran Scouting volunteer, Teri Schell passed away after a four month battle with pancreatic cancer on October 9th. She dedicated her life to serving youth through her career in teaching and involvement numerous volunteer organizations.

Greater Yosemite Council benefited from Teri's service from 2004-2008. She accomplished most of the following on weekends, as she lived in Morgan Hill during the week. Cub Scout Training Team Chair for El Capitan and Wawona Districts, El Capitan District Unit Commissioner, Cub Scout Pow Wow staff, Pow Wow Chair, Council Commissioner Conference Trainer, Council Jamborall Commissioner, Cub Roundtable Trainer at multi-council Commissioner Conference and Council Recognition Dinner Committee Member. She also created the monthly Cub Scout Roundtable handouts for El Capitan and Wawona Districts; and trained the El Capitan District Cub Roundtable staff. Teri stepped in and became the cook for Camp Akela in 2005, when the hired cook quit. She created the syllabus and served as the trainer for the Cub Scout breakout in the council's first LDS Little Philmont Conference.



Teri has received the following awards and recognitions:

- 1987 Den Leader Award, Scenic Trails Council
- 1988 Scouter Award, Scenic Trails Council
- 1989 Cub Scouter Award, Scenic Trails Council
Commissioner Arrowhead, Scenic Trails Council
- 1990 District Award of Merit, Scenic Trails Council
Attended Cub Trainer Woodbadge, Eastern Region, BSA
- 1991 Volunteer of the Year, Michigan Special Olympics, Area 2
- 1992 Commissioner's Key, Scenic Trails Council
Distinguished Commissioner Award, Scenic Trails Council
- 1993 Silver Beaver, Longs Peak Council

A "celebration of her life" will be held on November 15th, 1:00 PM, at Oakwood School, where she taught for seven years. Teri's family has requested that black clothing not be worn. Volunteer Scouters are invited to attend and are encouraged to wear their uniform.

A scholarship has been set up, in Teri's name, at Oakwood. Any memorial donations can be made by writing a check out to Oakwood School, noting the Teri Schell Scholarship Fund and sent to:

Teri Schell Scholarship Fund
Oakwood School
105 John Wilson Way
Morgan Hill, CA 95037

We hope you join us in sending our deepest sympathy to Teri's family in their time of loss.

SCOUTING LOSES A GIANT: ERNIE GEMPERLE PASSES ON NOVEMBER 15TH, 2008



Words Written by Scout Executive Robert Dees:

“Ernie Gemperle was not a tall man but his shadow cast a warm, nurturing glow over this valley. He passed away on Saturday, November 15, 2008 after a battle with cancer. His support of higher education, the arts, his church, health care, and the cause of helping the downtrodden stood him tall among his peers. His support of the Greater Yosemite Council and Scouting in general was second to none.

Ernie Gemperle served as Council President for two terms from 1990-1991. He received the Silver Beaver for his service to Scouting in 1991. He had been serving as the chair of the council’s Investment Committee from its inception in 2006 to present. He served on the Executive Board of the Council from the early seventies until his passing. His son, Michael, serves as Nominating Committee Chair and as the Executive Vice President of the Council slated to become President in 2010. His other sons and daughters are active in the community in a number of capacities serving on boards and helping to promote the legacy of the causes Ernie supported.

Ernie was the force behind the Gemperle Family Bar-B-Que which started in 1971 and has raised money for Scouting each year. This unique event is always at a Gemperle family home. The food is served by family members and Ernie was always there to greet you with his smile and handshake. It is estimated that over \$500,000 has been raised as a result of the BBQ. Ernie was the driving force behind many of the Council’s initiatives over the years, most notably the building of the new Rogers Service Center in 1999-2000. His leadership and generosity has been passed down to his children who now run Gemperle Enterprises. The family was honored at the Distinguished Citizen’s Dinner by the Council in 2005 for their good works in the community.

His support of UC-Stanislaus, United Samaritan’s of Turlock, Emanuel hospital of Turlock, Sacred Heart Church and the Boy Scouts of America was exemplary and helped the people of this valley in ways that they were not even aware of.

In 1950 Ernie and his late wife of forty five years, Annemarie, started an egg producing business that has grown to become the largest in California. He helped found Nu-Laid Foods and served on the board of that company until recently. Honored by every major Agri-Business entity in California and the Central Valley, Ernie was a looked up to as an example of what hard work, intelligence and ingenuity could accomplish.

He may have been under six feet in height but his stature as a leader and philanthropist made him a true giant. He will be missed.”

Please join us in extending your sympathy and gratitude to the Gemperle family.

CHIEF SCOUT EXECUTIVE ROBERT “BOB” MAZZUCA COMING SPRING 2009

Chief Scout Executive for the Boy Scouts of America will be returning to the council he started out at.

April 27th thru 29th, 2009 Bob will be in town for a series of events.

- April 27th - Reception for the Chief
- April 28th – Lodi Friends of Scouting Breakfast Speaker
- April 28th – Modesto Rotary Speaker

All event details still to be determined. Mark your calendar for your chance to hear the top professional in Scouting speak.



From his personal bio:

“Robert “Bob” Mazzuca serves as the Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, headquartered in Irving, Texas. A native of San Juan Bautista, Calif., and a graduate of California Polytechnic State University, Mazzuca is a long-time supporter of the Scouting movement and has served the BSA as a professional for 37 years. He assumed his current position in September 2007.

As a youth, Mazzuca earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest in Scouting. For Mazzuca, this was not only a youth achievement but also a valuable lesson in service, leadership, citizenship, and character development he has used throughout his years in higher education, business, and community service.

He began his Scouting career in Modesto, Calif., as a district executive and Exploring executive. He became the Exploring director in Sacramento in 1975 and eventually served as a field director and director of field service. In 1983, Mazzuca became Scout executive in Stockton, Calif. In 1987, he advanced to become an area director in the Western Region. He was promoted to Scout executive of the Golden Empire Council in Sacramento in 1988. In 1992, he was named assistant region director for the Southern Region, and in 1995, Scout executive in Pittsburgh. In 2005, he was appointed national director, Development Group, Office of the Assistant Chief Scout Executive, and in 2006 he became assistant Chief Scout Executive.

Mazzuca has received the Catholic Church’s St. George Award and has been recognized multiple times for his service to the BSA, including being named a James E. West Fellow, Heritage Society member, and Baden-Powell Fellow.

Today, he leads the BSA as it builds the character and integrity of America’s youth. He believes the most powerful way to lead one of the nation’s largest youth-service organizations is to apply the principles of the Scout Oath and Law. The Scout Oath teaches a dedication to duty, God, country, others, and self. The Scout Law describes how to live a life of honor by being trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

As Chief Scout Executive, Mazzuca directs the administration of the organization, which includes approximately 1,100 National Council employees, 5,800 local council employees, and almost 1.2 million adult volunteers who serve more than 4.5 million youth across the nation.”

GOLDEN HERITAGE DISTRICT SPLITS; CALAVERAS AND TUOLUMNE COUNTY RE- COMBINED INTO 49ER AND CHIEF TENAYA

The following letters were sent to all registered Scout leaders in Calaveras and Tuolumne counties.

They describe the re-combining of Calaveras and Tuolumne counties into 49er and Chief Tenaya, respectfully.

Steve Olsen will continue to serve the 49er District, including Calaveras County. Bill Heneks will continue to serve the Chief Tenaya District including the Tuolumne County portion.

Roundtables will occur in each county on a monthly basis. Steve and Bill will also be available with "office hours" as described in the letters.

To view the letters visit <http://www.yosemitescouting.org/>.

The following are excerpts from the letters:

Calaveras Letter:

"All the activities that have been traditionally offered to members of the 49'er District: Roundtables, Training, Scout-O-Rama, Lodi Lakes Day Camp, Trail to First Class, and the Spring Camporee will be offered to your unit. In addition, roundtables and training will be offered within Calaveras County. The next Roundtable will be on December 2, in San Andreas, at St. Patrick's Church. Roundtables will be held on the first Tuesday of each month.

I will be holding office hours in the District. I will be in Angels Camp in the evening of November 11 at Starbuck's at Frog Jump Plaza. I am also available to visit you and work with your unit by appointment.

Please feel free to contact me at any time about Scouting in 49'er District. I look forward to working with you to enrich the Scouting program for the youth we serve.

Sincerely,
Stephen Olson"

Tuolumne Letter:

"In addition, roundtables and training will be offered monthly within Tuolumne County. The next Roundtable will be on November 11th, at the Sheriff's Posse building in Jamestown. Roundtables will remain on the second Tuesday of each month at the Posse building.

I will be holding office hours in the District on a regular basis. I will be in Sonora at the Starbucks at The Junction Shopping Center on Thursday, October 30 and again on November 6th. I am planning to be there between the hours of 7 and 8 p.m. I am also available to visit you and work with your unit by appointment.

Please feel free to contact me at any time about Scouting in Chief Tenaya District. I look forward to working with you to enrich the Scouting program for the youth we serve.

Sincerely,
Bill Heneks"



SCOUT LAW ESSAY CONTEST

Announcing a Terrific Opportunity for Scouting Youth

A Scout Is ... has set up an essay contest that hopes to encourage scouts to look at their own lives and those of their fellow scouts. The essays focus on the living of the Scout Law and living Lives of Service.

The essay contest was started as a way to remember Nigel Clarke, who died last Halloween at the age of 15. Nigel was a star scout who lived the Scout Law in his daily life. As part of his memorial service, his father answered the question for his son, "How have you lived the Scout Law since you last Scoutmaster Conference?"

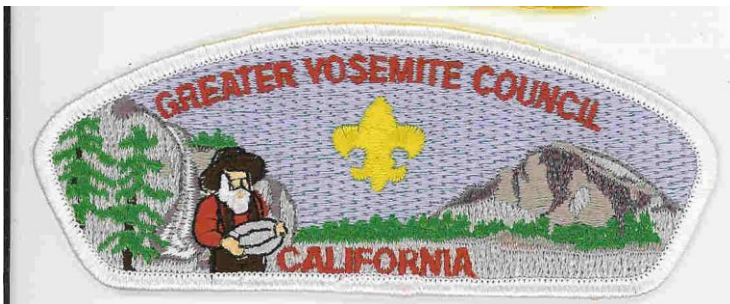
The flyer below introduces the essay contest and directs scouts to the <http://www.ascoutis.org/index.php> web site.

An endowment has been created to provide prizes for the best essays in each of three categories. Boys and girls from your council are welcome to join the general contest. If you would like to sponsor the contest within your council, you can send \$500 to the Endowment and three first place winners and five runner up winners will be selected from your council. For more information on becoming a sponsor visit http://ascoutis.org/contest_sponsors.php or send an e-mail to sponsor@ascoutis.org.

We realize that the deadline for this year's contest is quickly approaching, but encourage all scouts to enter since the chances of winning are higher this year. The contest is an annual event.

If you have any questions, please send them to Douglas.Clarke@ascoutis.org

[Check out the Flyer Here](#)



NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 21st, 2009 6:30 p.m.

Mary Stuart Rogers Service Center
4031 Technology Drive
Modesto, CA 95356

For more information or to RSVP contact [Robin Wilson](#) at (209) 545-6320

B. A. “BUZZ” FLEMING, PASSES AT AGE 82



Basil Aubrey Fleming, better known as “Buzz” to his friends, passed away surrounded by his family on October 24th, 2008.

From his obituary:

“He was an Eagle Scout from Troop 6 in Palmyra, New York and remained active in scouting for his entire life. Buzz served in many roles in Scouting. He was a committee chair, charter organization representative, cubmaster, Sea Scout skipper, district executive, senior district executive, director of field service and he also served in several other roles. He was the director of several camps, including Camp Harvey West, Camp 49er and Camp Masonite-Navarro. He led a troop from Alameda to the 1956 BSA National Jamboree. But according to his son, Matthew, also an Eagle Scout and former professional scouter, Buzz’s favorite role in Scouting was being a scoutmaster. Some of Buzz’s former scouts include two of his sons, Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi and the Fire Captain/Paramedic who was the first responder to his house the night he received the injuries that led to his death.

He worked as a professional with the Boy Scouts for a time after leaving the Navy, and served as a Camp Director in at least three local councils. In 1988, he was awarded the Silver Beaver, Scouting’s highest local award for volunteer leaders, by the 49er Council (now the Greater Yosemite Council.)”

We hope you join us in expressing our condolences to the Fleming Family. A terrific scouter will be missed.

2010 Jamboree

The 2010 National Scout Jamboree will mark the 100th anniversary of Boy Scouts of America. It will be held July 26th to August 4th, 2010 in Caroline County, Virginia.

Greater Yosemite Council plans to send a contingent of six troops to the National Jamboree. This will allow 216 boys and 24 adult leaders the opportunity to experience the event of a lifetime!

Jamboree participants will tour many historic sites before and after the Jamboree. Scouts will leave Modesto July 20th and return August 7th, 2010. (Dates approximate pending final tour plans.)



[Click Here for More Information!](#)

**ORDER OF THE
ARROW NEWS**



2009 NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE

August 1st – 6th, 2009 at Indiana State University

The Lodge is only allowed to send a certain number of representatives and even less adults. Contact your chapter chief or the Lodge Executive Committee for more information.

Youth Participants can reserve their place now in the Toloma Lodge contingent by sending a \$200 non-refundable deposit to:

Greater Yosemite Council, BSA
4031 Technology Drive,
Modesto, CA 95356
ATTN: 2009 NOAC

The deposit due with your reservation is due no later than December 25th, 2008.



WOOLRICH OUTDOORS PARTNERS WITH DILLARD'S FOR SCOUTING FUNDRAISING

Woolrich will donate \$5.00 for every First Forks T-shirt sold between this Sunday, November 16, and Saturday, December 6. The funds raised will be used by the BSA National Council to support local councils.

The Dillard's in Stockton at 4950 Pacific Avenue will be participating in this promotion. Go and support scouting!



CAMP MENSINGER IS TAKING SIGN UPS FOR THE 2009 SEASON

Prices for the 2009 Season have been set.
Save money by registering before **April 4th, 2009**.

For more information contact Robin Wilson at the Modesto Service Center (209) 545-6320

-Or-

You can use the registration form available in the [Leaders Guide](#) and send it into the Council

Woodbadge 2009

Exciting Woodbadge Training provided by our council!

Happening **April 24-26, 2009 and May 8-10, 2009.**

[Sign up before all spots are taken!](#)

Become the best leader you can be with this terrific training opportunity.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA'S CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE COIN RECEIVES PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL

From Scouting.org:

“DALLAS, October 16, 2008—President Bush recently signed into law the Boy Scouts of America Centennial Commemorative Coin Act (H.R. 5872) which authorizes the minting of 350,000 silver dollar coins in recognition of BSA's 100th Anniversary in 2010. Only two commemorative coins are selected for U.S. Mint production each year, and minting of the coins for 2010 will occur between February 8, 2010 and January 1, 2011. For each coin sold, there is a \$10 surcharge – representing a \$3,500,000 donation – that will be made available to local councils in the form of grants for the extension of Scouting in hard to serve areas.”



[Read the rest of the story.](#)



UPDATED EAGLE APPLICATIONS

Make sure your youth are filling out the most recent [Eagle Rank Application](#). Local council offices will no longer accept outdated Eagle rank applications. The new applications will have a 2008 printing on them, and an updated requirement 5.

FILE BSA TOUR PERMITS BEFORE TRIPS

Be sure to file a [BSA Tour Permit](#) prior to campouts and tours. It is a valuable tool for trip planning. An approved Tour Permit qualifies your unit for BSA's insurance coverage. Here's a form you may complete and submit to the council listing approved drivers for your unit's trips. **Tour permits may now be filled out online**, then print, obtain the required signatures and submit to the Council Service Center. Note: secondary accident/injury insurance is provided by Greater Yosemite Council for all currently chartered units and registered youth.

[2008 Authorized Drivers Form](#)

CAN YOU HELP THE MENSINGER BIKING PROGRAM?

As a part of the Camp Mensinger High Adventure Program we are able to offer mountain biking. Bicycles, like cars, require maintenance on a regular basis. Listed below is a list of items needed to keep our bikes operational...

- 1 work stand
- 1 truing stand
- 1 essential tool kit
- 2 chain cleaners
- 2 multi-tool sets
- 1 floor pump
- 4 sets of tire levers
- 2 frame mounted tire pumps
- 18 seats
- 4 seat wedges
- 12 26" mountain bike tires
- 24 tubes
- 24 power links
- 48 brake shoes
- Chain lube
- Chain cleaner



If you or your organization is able to help with any or all of the above or you have questions please contact Bill Heneks at (209) 545-6320 or e-mail at bill.heneks@scouting.org

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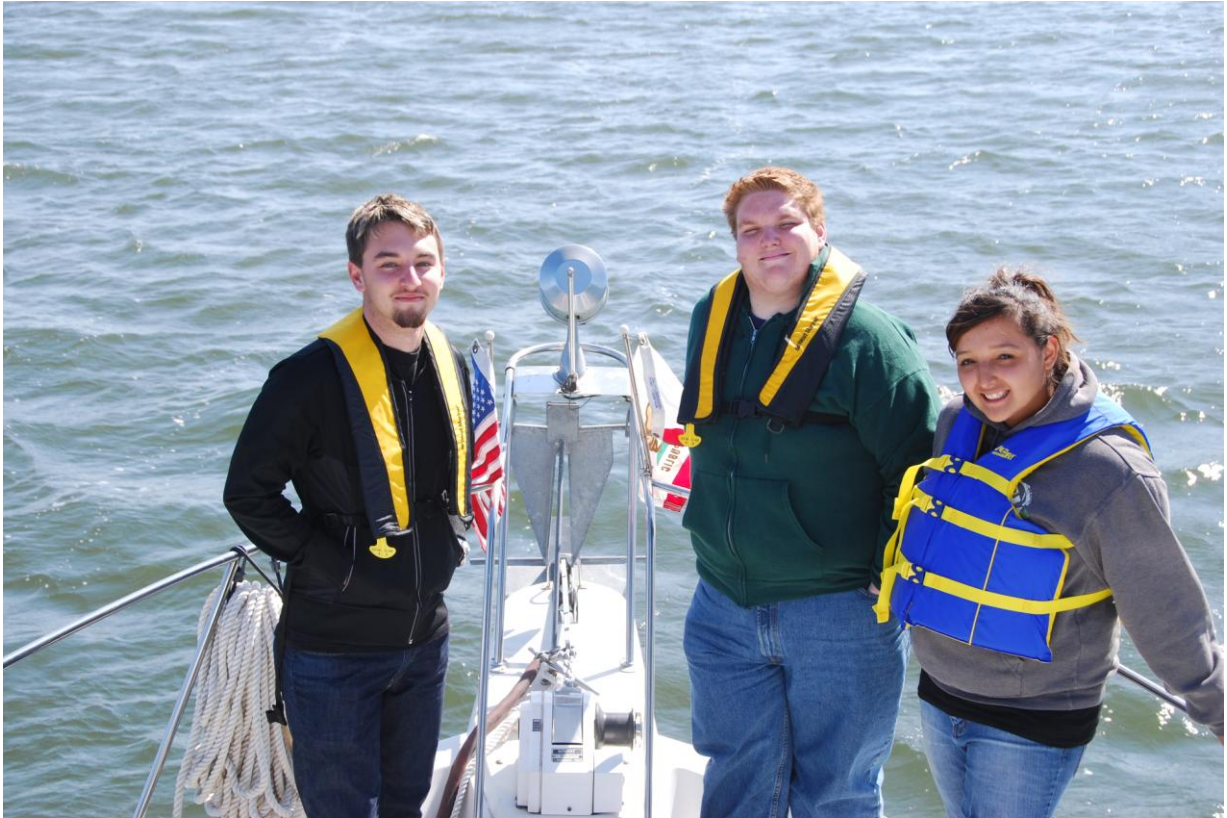
DISTRICT AND UNIT NEWS WANTED

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 mfoster@bsamail.org.

PICTURES FROM AROUND THE COUNCIL:



Sea Scout Ship 001 The Point Weber out for a cruise on the Delta.



Crew 451 members Evan Blair, John Armes and Somina Arroyo on a Venture outing on the Delta.



Nick Bryant and Austin Reiswig of Troop 199 acting as Color guard at the November 1st Grape Bowl Classic.

Modesto International Heritage Festival Opening Ceremony - October 4, 2008



Carrying Flag - Suzy Powell - Olympian - Discus Champion

Cub Scout - Ian Schultz - Pack 14, Modesto

Girl Scout - Julia Serrano - Troop 3342, Salida

THE FOLLOWING ARE IMAGES FROM THE WAUKEEN DISTRICT AWARDS NIGHT.



Spark Plug award recipient Kalani Schreiner



Spark Plug Award recipient Sam Molina



District Award of Merit recipient Tammy Johnson



District Award of Merit recipient Bill Lorentz