



# Greater Yosemite Council, BSA

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## words to live by

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### Trustworthy:

As I grow older, I pay less attention to what men say. I just watch what they do.

Andrew Carnegie



## 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.](#)

## 2008 EAGLE BRUNCH SPONSORS NEEDED



Greater Yosemite Council's Annual Eagle Brunch is held to recognize the class of 2007 Eagle Scouts. This year's event will be held on April 5th at the Doubletree Hotel in Modesto.

Eagles attend this event as guests of a sponsor – either a Scouting volunteer or a member of the community. The cost to sponsor an Eagle is \$100.00. This includes brunch for the Eagle and sponsor, and a pewter Eagle belt buckle for the Scout.

You can sponsor an Eagle Scout from your unit or community by submitting a completed [Eagle Sponsor Commitment Form](#).

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## PLAN TO ATTEND CAMP MENSINGER IN 2008



As your troop schedules its long-term summer camp experience this 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 planning an expanded program. Donald Sonnefeld has completed a camp video which is being distributed by Order of the Arrow chapters and your District Executives. Contact the Council Service Center for more information and to place your reservation. **Week 4 is full. Weeks 5 and 6 have limited availability.**

## New High Adventure Program Announced for 2008

Camp Mensinger will host a brand new High Adventure program for Varsity and Venture Scouts this summer. Crews will spend four days and three nights on the trail, camping in a different location each night. Activities include canoeing, backpacking and mountain biking. [\[Read more\]](#)



**[View our new camp promotion video on the council web site!](#)**



## CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP DATES SET

Cub Scout Day Camps will be "Scouting the Seven Seas" this summer. We are offering 10 day camps this year, including a new addition in Atwater. [Registration forms](#) are available on the council web site.

## CUB RESIDENT CAMP OFFERS SEVEN SESSIONS

Cub Scouts, their parents and leaders have an opportunity to experience our 3-day and 4-day camping programs at Camp Akela. Three Wolf/Bear sessions are offered at Camp McConnell. Webelos may choose either Camp McConnell or Camp Mensinger for their Camp Akela experience. [\[More\]](#)

## 2008 COUNCIL CANDY SALE ENDS SOON

The sale runs from March 1 through April 20. Earn a 5 percent commission bonus for turning in money by April 5<sup>th</sup>. Final turn-in is April 20<sup>th</sup>.

[Link to Registration Packet](#)

## TRAILS END POPCORN SHIPPED TO U.S. ARMY TROOPS IN KUWAIT



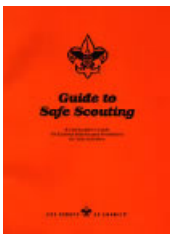
The Boy Scouts of America, Trails End Popcorn Company and SupportOurTroops.org teamed up to send popcorn to our troops in Kuwait. Last month 16 tons of Trails End Popcorn was shipped to our military personnel. Each case is labeled with signage saying thank-you from us at home.

Last fall, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts across America went door to door and asked customers to support our troops by purchasing \$25 of Trails End popcorn products to be designated to the "Support our Troops" program.

Greater Yosemite Council supported this program in 2007 and will offer this opportunity during our Fall 2008 popcorn sale.

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## GUIDE TO SAFE SCOUTING FIREWORKS RULES



"The Boy Scouts of America prohibits the securing, use, and display of fireworks in conjunction with programs and activities except where the fireworks display is conducted under the auspices of a certified or licensed fireworks control expert.

Local councils may not authorize any group or chartered unit activity for or on behalf of its members, units, or district to sell fireworks as a fund-raising or money-earning activity."

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## PACHECO STATE PARK'S WILDFLOWER DAY - APRIL 5



Greater Yosemite Council is invited to Pacheco State Park on Saturday, April 5th for its fifth Annual Wildflower Day. Members of State Parks, Fish and Game, the Native Plant Society and Central Valley Bird Club will be on hand to answer questions. There will be games crafts and hikes. \$5.00 day use fee per car.

[Flier](#)

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## UNITED WAY GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER



Attention golf enthusiasts! United Way of Stanislaus County is inviting Scouting units to sell tickets for the Canadian Tour Spring International Golf Tournament. The tournament is April 10-13 at Del Rio Country Club in Modesto. The cost of tickets for the four-day event is \$20.00. For each ticket sold, United Way will donate \$5.00 to your unit and \$5.00 to Greater Yosemite Council. Tickets may be obtained from Robin at the Modesto Service Center.

[Sales Poster](#)

## SAN LUIS RESERVOIR OFFERS SERVICE PROJECTS



San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area is making their facilities and protected areas available to Scouting units. They are offering use of their recreational opportunities in return for service. [\[More\]](#)

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## GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP™



Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup, the nation's largest community improvement program, takes place annually from March 1 through May 31, involving an estimated 2.8 million volunteers and attendees. Activities include beautifying parks and recreation areas, cleaning seashores and waterways, handling recycling collections, picking up litter, planting trees and flowers, and conducting educational programs and litter-free events.

We invite you to join us in Keep America Beautiful's 2008 Great American Cleanup. [Click here to locate a Great American Cleanup participating organization](#). Please consider volunteering in a participating community near you!

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## LAGUNA SECA RACEWAY OFFERS FREE CAMPING TO SCOUTS



Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca is offering free camping to all troops on the nights of Friday May 16 and Saturday May 17. Free admission to the Monterey Festival of Speed (May 16-18) is included in this promotion.

Reservations must be made in advance, by a Scoutmaster. Scouts and troops will only be admitted by reservation. For more details call Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca's Promotion Coordinator at (831) 242-8201.

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## BSA ANNOUNCES BOY SCOUT RANK REQUIREMENT CHANGES



Several Boy Scout rank requirements have been updated for 2008. [Updated requirements](#) for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class ranks are posted on the national web site.

## PHILMONT DOUBLE H RANCH BACKPACKING TREK IN 2009

Greater Yosemite Council is hosting a backpacking trek at the Double H High Adventure Base run by Philmont Scout Ranch. The council has secured a slot from June 20 to June 26, 2009. Twenty-four youth or adults participants can reserve on a first-come first-served basis. Additional information is available on the council [web site](#).

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## 2010 NATIONAL JAMBOREE & TOUR



The 2010 National Scout Jamboree will mark the 100th anniversary of Boy Scouts in 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.) Jamboree contingent reservations are now being accepted by the Council office. [\[More\]](#)

### 2010 JAMBOREE ADULT LEADERS NEEDED

Apply to become Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster with the Greater Yosemite Council 2010 National Jamboree contingent. Adult leaders will be selected following an interview process. Read the duties and qualifications for adult leaders and submit an interest form to the Council office before May 2, 2010.

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## JAMES E. WEST FELLOWSHIPS INSURE THE FUTURE OF SCOUTING



A [James E. West Fellowship](#) is a great way to recognize the accomplishments of a Scout or Scouter in your unit or district. Consider a James E. West Fellowship Award through the Greater Yosemite Council. By making a \$1,000.00 contribution to the council's endowment program (in addition to your Friends of Scouting contribution), you can honor a worthy individual and help create a lasting legacy to promote scouting into the next millennium. Contact the Council Service Center for more information.

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## COUNCIL ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN ADVANCEMENT REPORT PROCEDURES

Greater Yosemite Council has implemented new procedures to help units provide awards and rank advancements to youth. Advancement Reports are now being reviewed by a member of the council staff before the Scout Shop issues awards. [Read more.](#)

We encourage units to submit advancements online using BSA's Internet Advancement web site. If you have misplaced your Unit ID Number, contact Barbara at the Modesto Service Center.



## NESA LAUNCHES EAGLE SCOUT SEARCH

The National Eagle Scout Association has launched a national Eagle Scout search program. If you know an Eagle Scout, please alert him about this important project. You might even contact your local council office to alert them of Eagle Scouts you know, and be sure to include their contact information.

<http://www.nesa.org/misc/essearch.html>

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### Webelos Outdoor Leader Skills



Webelos Den Leaders should attend this course before conducting Webelos overnight camping with the den. Learn outdoor-related skills through demonstration and hands-on practice

April 11 - 12  
Camp McConnell

[Flyer/Registration Form](#)

### Cub Scout Leader Basic Training



New Leader Essentials – April 11  
Leader Specific Training – April 12  
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Galt

[Flier/Registration Form](#)

### 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](http://www.yosemitescouting.org) for more information on these training courses.

## GOLD DUST SCOUT STORE

### Green Switchback® pants – Buy one get one free

Beginning April 15<sup>th</sup>, and for a limited time, the Gold Dust Scout Store is offering a Buy One Get One Free promotion on Switchbacks®. The required purchase of 2 pair of green Switchbacks® can be bought in any combination: Men's and Youth, Youth and Youth, Women's and Men's etc.

A receipt will be required for the return of Switchbacks®. If only one of the two pairs is returned, there will be no refund. Contact the Scout Store for more information. This discount cannot be combined with any other discount or promotion.

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## WACKY WEDNESDAY SPECIALS!

STARTED JANUARY 16!



GOING 20% OFF

GOING 40% OFF

GONE 60% OFF

New Markdowns Every Third Wednesday of the Month

Our Best Deals are Scattered Throughout the Store  
Look for the In-store eHalf tags

Catch Them Before They're Gone...Gone...Gone...

Only at participating Scout Shops. Not available on Scoutstuff.org.

## 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](mailto:RSchell@bsamail.org)



National Camp School staff and attendees from Greater Yosemite Council

(Left to right) Delynda Smith, Tom Noble, Ellen Law, Lori Marks-Noble, Lourdes McGill, Jillian Savage, Stephen Olson, Judith Alvarado, Kelly Hazen, Toni Welch, Lynette Day, Bob Dees, Dan'l Adams, Tim Long



Chief Tenaya District's Pack 37 Wolfs made tool boxes and bird houses.

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