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Our council's Marketing Committee has adopted the words to live by brand as part of the updated strategic plan. This brand was developed by Alicia Lifrak, Director of Field Service and C.O.O. of Chief Seattle Council and is being used by several councils nationwide. Words to live by will be added to all of the council's materials.



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.](#)

POPCORN REACHES A NEW LEVEL IN 2007

The 2007 Trails End popcorn sale has drawn to a close. Total sales for 2007 reached \$230,838. This is the highest gross sale ever. Congratulations and thanks to all participating units.

View our report on the top selling units and 2007 Kernel Korn's K-Klub members who sold \$1,000 or more at <http://www.bsa-gyc.org/sections/News/K-Klub>



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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@bsaemail.org or 545-6320 by January 16th. Dinner will be served for \$12.00

UNIT RE-CHARTER PERIOD HAS ENDED



Greater Yosemite Council's 2008 unit re-charter period expires December 31st. If your pack, troop, team or crew has not submitted completed re-charter paperwork to the Council Service Center, contact your Unit Commissioner or District Executive immediately!

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 has completed a camp video which will soon be available for distribution. Contact the Council Service Center for more information and to place your reservations.

MICHAEL FOSTER JOINS PROFESSIONAL STAFF



Michael Foster has just been hired as a District Executive to serve Waukeen District. He's been involved in Scouting since joining Cub Scouts at age eight. Michael has worked on staff at Camp Mensinger for the last 7 years and will continue to serve as camp Program Director. He's a recent graduate of Fresno State University and resides in Tracy. Please extend a warm welcome to Michael.

CHEVROLET SPONSORS SAFETY PATCH PROGRAM



Chevrolet, in partnership with Safe Kids Worldwide and BSA is sponsoring an Automotive Safety Patch program. This interactive program teaches Cub Scouts about proper safety belt use and general safety precautions in and around vehicles. This program can be held at your local Chevy dealership.

Register your pack with Safe Kids by calling 1-888-999-6752

<http://www.safekids.org>

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 Chairperson.

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. [Submit your reservation now!](#)

INTERNET ADVANCEMENT

You are encouraged to submit your unit's advancement using BSA's internet advancement portal. Be sure to print out and submit the Advancement Report, with the required signatures, for all rank advancements.

SACRAMENTO KINGS WILL HOLD SCOUT DAY



"Take your troop to the hoop"

Friday, March 7 vs. Minnesota Timberwolves

Every Scout in attendance will receive a Scout patch, access to meet a Kings player, and can attend a chalk talk with the Kings coaches

[Flyer/Registration Form](#)

BSA TRADEMARK AND SIGNATURE ARTWORK USAGE



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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>

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

2008 FIRST AID TRAINING REQUIREMENT FOR PHILMONT CREWS

Beginning with the 2008 hiking season the requirement for participation is that each crew must have someone certified in a 16 hour wilderness first aid course from a nationally-recognized provider.

BEAR VALLEY RESORT OFFERS MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

Bear Valley offers a BSA approved program for Scouts to earn their Snow Sports Merit Badge. Cost is \$20.00 per Scout plus lift ticket and rental. 20 person minimum. [Read more.](#)

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Winter Awareness Course



This course prepares you for winter camping, hiking and cross country skiing
Indoor session: January 11-12, 2008
Outdoor session: January 26-27

[Flyer/Registration Form](#)

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)

Saturday, January 26, 2008 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Cost: \$7.00 if paid by 1/23; \$10.00 at the door



Cub Scout packs may camp overnight only under the direction of a BALOO trained leader and at a BALOO approved location.

[Flier/Registration Form](#)

Commissioner Training Conference

Training for all District Commissioners, Roundtable Commissioners and Roundtable Commissioners.



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

[Flier/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!

[Flier/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.

Watch for our 2008 catalog, coming soon to your mailbox. New items will be available in the store soon.

Now is the time to order any Blue and Gold Dinner items your pack will need for the February pack meeting.

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



Cub Scout Bear Den 1 Pack 3 performed their last task to complete the International Conservation Award achievement by planting trees in front of Our Lady of Fatima School on December 5.



Pack and Troop 3 marched in the Modesto Christmas Parade



Newly-formed Pack 58 won the Arts Council Award for their entry in the Los Baños Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade

MONTHLY QUOTE

“It is time to leave our bunkers and with complete confidence set about the task of reintroducing the American people to the real Boy Scouts of America — a Boy Scouts of America that we define, not that others define for us. We know empirically through all of our research that the vast majority of the American people support and believe in Scouting. They believe that our program and our principles are good for young people and good for America.”

Bob Mazzucca, Chief Scout Executive