



Greater Yosemite Council, BSA

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## **COUNCIL ACHIEVES WINNER'S CIRCLE STATUS**

Greater Yosemite Council reached its mid-year measurement: **Winner's Circle**. This goal was achieved by surpassing our June 30, 2006 traditional membership total and Friends of Scouting total. We're well on our way to another successful year of growth!

We have increased traditional membership by 100+ youth (1.7%). Congratulations to Big Valley, Golden Heritage and Wawona Districts for making their Winner's Circle goals.

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## **COUNCIL WELCOMES NEW PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER**

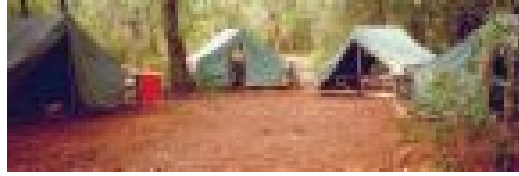


Magdaleno "Memo" Ramirez joined the Greater Yosemite Council's professional staff on June 1. He brings experience working with youth in the education environment and other youth service organizations. Memo is a skilled soccer player, we've heard rumors that he's a better player than Adan and Luis.

Memo is currently overseeing our Soccer and Scouting program in Merced. He is also working on organizing our coed soccer program in additional communities.

Join us in giving Memo a warm welcome.

## SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATIONS



### CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

#### "Creepy Crawlers!!!"

Registration is on a first-come first-served basis. Some camps are limited in size and may fill up quickly. Camps are still available in: Merced, Westside (Crows Landing), Modesto, Stockton and Los Baños.

Registration information is available at [www.yosemitescouting.org/sections/Camping/daycamp](http://www.yosemitescouting.org/sections/Camping/daycamp)

### CAMP AKELA CUB SCOUT RESIDENT

Three Webelos sessions are still available!

Registration is on a first-come first-served basis.

#### Webelos Sessions

July 1-4 (Sun - Wed) at Camp McConnell

July 4-7 (Wed - Sat) at Camp McConnell

July 18-21 (Wed - Sat) at Camp Mensinger

The Leader's Guide is available online. Registration information is available at [www.yosemitescouting.org/sections/Camping/akela](http://www.yosemitescouting.org/sections/Camping/akela)

### CAMP JOHN MENSINGER BOY SCOUT CAMP

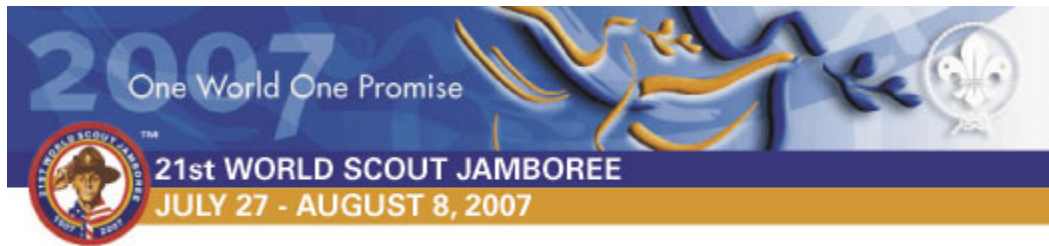
Two of our week-long sessions are already full. Campsites are currently available for:

July 1-7

July 8-14

July 15-21

Visit the council web site for registration forms and additional information. [www.yosemitescouting.org/sections/Camping/mensing](http://www.yosemitescouting.org/sections/Camping/mensing)



The 21st World Scout Jamboree will be hosted by the Scout Association of the United Kingdom from July 27 until August 8, 2007. It will bring together 40,000 Scouts, Venturers, leaders, and staff for 12 days. They will share adventure, international friendship, personal growth, and development.

Read more at

<http://www.scouting.org/nav/enter.jsp?s=promoi&c=http://www.scouting.org/jamboree/world>

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## CENTENNIAL QUALITY UNIT AWARD



The Centennial Quality Unit Award was created to replace the Quality Unit Award. It was developed to salute units that deliver exceptional programs to our youth, and to make the award more relevant, it allows each unit committee to determine what goals are realistic for their units.

Each unit will receive a Centennial Quality Unit commitment form in the mail shortly. Review this form with your unit committee, establish realistic goals for your unit, and return the completed form to the Modesto Service Center.

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## MODESTO NUTS BASEBALL GAME & CAMPOUT



The Modesto Nuts and Greater Yosemite Council will host a baseball game and overnight campout on **August 4th**. The Nuts will be playing the Visalia Oaks (Arizona Diamondbacks). The cost is \$3.00 for a game ticket and \$5.00 for a food voucher which will include a hot dog, chips and a drink. For more information contact the Council Service Center.

## AMERICAN PROFILE.COM PUBLISHES ARTICLE ON SCOUTING



American Profile.com has a very positive article posted about Scouting. It incorporates BSA's key messages including the Scout Oath/Law, the beginning/anniversary of the American Scouting movement, "Doing a good turn daily," the impact and prestige of Eagle Scouts and third-party endorsement from people involved in the movement. BSA's marketing division sent them numerous photos including historic shots of the Scouts (including Powell/Boyce, Presidents of the United States), volunteer activities, Soccer in Scouting and the Norman Rockwell collection and badges, some of which are online at [www.americanprofile.com](http://www.americanprofile.com).

This publication has a circulation of 6.5 million and is distributed through Sunday newspapers across the country.

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## NEW CENTENNIAL RECRUITER PATCH INCENTIVE



The Boy Scout Division has produced a new recruiter patch incentive to support the emphasis of boy-to-boy recruiting in Boy Scouting.

Boy Scouts who recruit another Boy Scout from September 1 through December 31 are eligible to receive the patch. Boy Scout recruiters may receive their patches by delivering a completed new member application to the Council Service Center this fall.

A flier is available at <http://marketing.scouting.org/maillist/newsletter/2007-06/18-460.pdf>

## FALL RECRUITMENT PLANNING

Now is the time for packs, troops and crews to begin planning to recruit new youth and adults this fall. We offer tips, techniques and incentives to help make your fall recruitment events successful.

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

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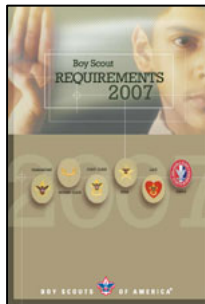
## NATIONAL PARENT INITIATIVE FOCUSING ON MORE PARENT INVOLVEMENT

The BSA is pleased to announce a National Parent Initiative to engage parents in all units—Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Varsity Teams and Venturing Crews. The implementation of this program will be integrated into our current literature and our program delivery system.

Read more at <http://www.yosemitescouting.org/sections/News>

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## BOY SCOUT ADVANCEMENT REQUIREMENTS NOW ONLINE!



Requirements for each merit badge are now online with a graphic of the patch and merit badge pamphlet for each. Also provided are all Boy Scout rank requirements, rank advancement for Venturers and requirements for special awards and recognitions.

Visit

<http://www.scouting.org/nav/enter.jsp?s=promoi&c=http://www.scouting.org/boyscouts/resources/32215/index.html>

## BSA INTRODUCES “WONDERFUL WORLD OF SCOUTING” PHOTO CONTEST



Capture photos that you think best reflect the essence of Scouting and enter them in *Scouting* magazine's photo contest. The contest theme applies to all BSA programs – Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting and Venturing. Entries should show youth members involved in Scouting. Open to all registered adult BSA members. Entries must be received by October 1, 2007.

Read more at

<http://www.scoutingmagazine.org/photocontest/>



### SECTION W3B CONCLAVE

September 14-16  
Bakersfield College

Registration for the W3b conclave is open.

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

### ORDER OF THE ARROW ORDEAL DATE

Fall Ordeal Date - August 24, 25, 26

Additional information and forms are available at  
[www.yosemitescouting.org/sections/OrderoftheArrow](http://www.yosemitescouting.org/sections/OrderoftheArrow)

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### Cub Leader Basic Training

New Leader Essentials and Cub Leader Specific Training

July 28<sup>th</sup> - Northland LDS Church in Manteca

\$6.00 pre-registration; \$10.00 at the door

<http://www.yosemitescouting.org/files/CBLT072807.pdf>

### Boy Scout Leader Training

July 28 – New Leader Essentials 7 boy Scout Leader Specific Training

August 2 – Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Part 1

August 10 & 11 – Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Part 2

\$24.00 pre-registration for all 3 sessions; \$30.00 at the door

<http://www.yosemitescouting.org/files/ThreeinOneTraining072807.pdf>

### Woodbadge for the 21st Century

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

Visit the council web site [www.yosemitescouting.org](http://www.yosemitescouting.org) for more information on these training courses.



### 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.

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