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Loyal:

I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country.
Nathan Hale



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.](#)

COUNCIL VOLUNTEER PRESENTS BSA CUBCAST

Cub Scout trainer and former Council Commissioner Toni Welch did the March edition of BSA's Cubcast on Abracadabra.

Cubcast is a monthly audio podcast featuring a variety of how-to and information topics for Cub Scout leaders and parents.

Visit <http://www.scouting.org/Cubscouts/Cubcast.aspx>

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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 CAMPS ARE FILLING UP



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. [\[More\]](#)

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.

COUNCIL PARTNERS WITH CHIVAS TO HOLD EXHIBITION GAME



The Greater Yosemite Council, BSA is excited to announce the rapid growth of our Soccer and Scouting program. We have been serving low income families, primarily Hispanic, since 2005 in the cities of Merced, Turlock, Modesto, Salida, Manteca, Thornton, and Stockton. This year we have spread to Winton, and Oakdale. Our Soccer and Scouting membership at 2007 year-end approached 2000 youth.

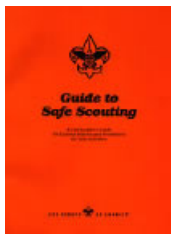
This year the Greater Yosemite Council will be holding its first annual professional soccer exhibition game. The council has partnered up Chivas USA U19 to play a soccer exhibition game against the Central Valley All Stars on August 10th and use this game as a fundraiser to keep our Soccer and Scouting program growing. Tickets will be available beginning May 12, 2008. Prices will be \$10 pre-sale or \$12 at the door. On that day Chivas USA will also hold a soccer clinic at Johansen High School stadium in Modesto for approximately 100 youth at a \$45 fee. This clinic is open to the public until tickets are gone. For more details on the game or soccer clinic please contact Adan Barajas, Luis Jimenez, Memo Ramirez or the council office.

GREAT AMERICA SCOUT FAMILY EXPO - MAY 16 & 17



Great America is offering a special event for Scouts, their families and friends. The park will be open on May 16th from 3:00 PM until closing, exclusively for Scouting families. They are also offering a breakfast on Saturday morning and Saturday admission to the park. See the [flyer/ticket order form](#) for more information. Great America must receive ticket orders by May 2.

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."

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](#)]



KIDS' FISHING AND FUN DAY AT SAN LUIS RESERVOIR

The 19th Annual Kids' Fishing and Fun Day will be held on Saturday, May 17th from 8:00 AM until noon. Children ages 3 to 15 may participate. Free bait is provided.

[Flyer](#) [News Release](#)

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!

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.

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](#).

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!

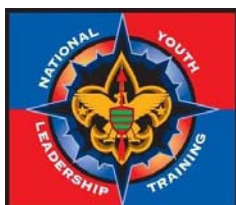
Jamboree participants will tour many historic sites before and after the Jamboree. Scouts will leave Modesto July 20th and return August 7th, 2010. (Dates approximate pending final tour plans.) Jamboree contingent reservations are now being accepted by the Council office. [\[More\]](#)

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.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING (NYLT)



Brownsea - National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is an intense weeklong youth oriented leadership training experience. The training is conducted by highly qualified youth staff under the supervision of adult advisors using the National Youth Leadership Training Course syllabus, as published by the National Council, Boy Scouts of America.

[Flyer](#) [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 for more information on these training courses.

GOLD DUST SCOUT STORE

Green Switchback® pants – Buy one get one free

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.

Watch for In-Store **WACKY WEDNESDAY SPECIALS!**
STARTED JANUARY 16!



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New Markdowns Every Third Wednesday of the Month	Our Best Deals are Scattered Throughout the Store Look for the in-store shelf tags.	Catch Them Before They're Gone...Gone...Gone...
Only at participating Scout Shops. Not available on Scoutstuff.org.		

News!

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 RSchell@bsamail.org



Turlock Troop 451 Scoutmaster and Veterinarian examines a team of dogs in the Iditarod. This was done at a safety check point 22 miles from the finish line in Nome, AK



Los Banos Pack 58 Pinewood Derby race participants



Wawona District Pinewood Derby Winners



Tracy Troop 525 Backpacked the Grand Canyon over Easter break



Denair Troop 28 placed boundary signs as a service project for San Luis Reservoir