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“Treat everyone with politeness, even those who are rude to you - not because they are nice, but because you are.”

Author Unknown



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.](#)

December 2008 BSA Cubcast

“A-Maze-Ing Games, Childhood Obesity”

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

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VENTURE SCOUTS SET 20,000 PLANTS IN TUOLUMNE RIVER PARK SERVICE PROJECT

Modesto, Calif, November 25, 2008

– Over 190 youth from 18 high schools gathered at Tuolumne River Park in Stanislaus County on Nov. 15 for a service project. After four hours of intense work the youth had planted 20,000 grass plugs as well as shrubs and trees.



“Every year we break a record,” says Luis Jimenez, Outreach Executive for the Greater Yosemite Council of the Boy Scouts. “And every year more youth show up.” Jimenez is a former youth member of the program, as were several of the other adult leaders helping that day.

The youth kicked off their service project with a breakfast organized by the HYL youth from Orestimba High School in Newman. The rules for meals are that they have to be healthy and must be planned and organized by the youth.

The youth were then organized into work groups. After four hours of digging and planting, the youth gathered together to survey their accomplishment.

“They couldn’t believe it. They kept saying, ‘Wow, we did all that!’” smiles Jimenez.

To add to the fun of the day, the groups then had lunch and entertained each other with “Serenatas” (songs) that they prepared on the spot, using whatever props were on hand.

At the end of the year, the youth will invited their parents and community leaders to a picnic in the park to show off their achievement.

“This past Saturday’s efforts were typical of the commitment that HYL high schoolers provide. We are very proud to be co-sponsors of HYL,” says Bob Dees, Executive Director of the Boy Scouts Greater Yosemite Council.

The youth, part of a combined program sponsored by the Hispanic Youth Leadership Council (HYLC) and the Venture Scouting division of the Boy Scouts of America, adopted Tuolumne Park 10 years ago. They provide community service in the fall and spring.

Projects have ranged from painting and sealing bleachers and painting over graffiti to collecting natives plants and seeds, taking them to a nursery where the youth pot and cultivate the plants, then place them in the park to preserve the natural habitat.

While HYL was established to empower Hispanic youth to improve their lives and get a higher education, the organization welcomes all ethnic groups. The HYL Scout Venture program is open to boys and girls, aged 14-18.



POPCORN SALE CONTINUES ONLINE

Starting December 10th thru January 15th



It's Simple:

- 1) Send emails to friends and family
- 2) Tell them to go to www.orderpopcorn.com and where it asks for the "Scouts Order Key" have them input that scout's personal code. If your scout does not have his order key he can get it from his unit kernel, or they can contact [Bill Heneks](#) at 209-545-6320.
- 3) Now they are ready to buy something nice for the Holidays. When they do, you and your Pack or Troop earn income!

Scouts receive a Coleman Survival Tool just for selling one Trails End item online.



[Print out the Flyer](#)

Don't forget: Popcorn Take Order Sale Money is due December 5th!

SCHEDULE FRIENDS OF SCOUTING PRESENTATIONS

As the end of another year approaches, now is the time to beginning planning for next year. This includes your Unit's Friends of Scouting (FOS) presentation.

Start by planning with your unit committee for a suitable date. The ideal time is in January, with the latest being in February. There are even possibilities for early bird presentations in December!

Then, contact your District Executive to set up the presentation. The presentation will be made by either the DE, or another volunteer leader. You can even volunteer to give the presentation, as the DE will provide all the necessary materials.

Then: PROMOTE! Do all you can to ensure that all the parents will be at the presentation, the more people that attend means achieving your unit's goal is that much easier.

Scouting needs your help and donations. FOS helps fund counsel and district activities as well as support staff. Without your continued support Scouting cannot function.



Internet Rechartering!

Charters for the current year expire December 31st.

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.

[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](#)



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.”



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?"

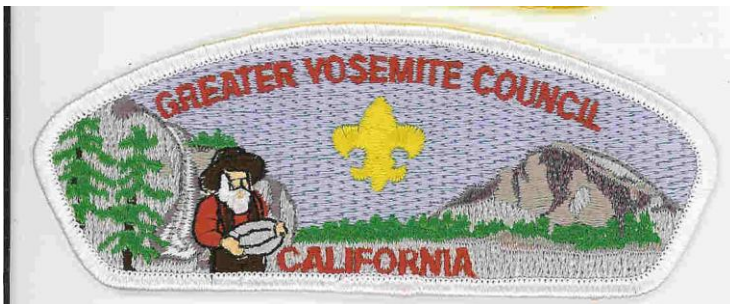
The flyer below introduces the essay contest and directs scouts to the <http://www.ascoutis.org/index.php> web site.

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

COMING SOON – ONLINE TOUR PERMIT BETA TESTING

Greater Yosemite Council has been selected to Beta Test and all new online Tour Permit process. More details will follow in the coming months so please stay tuned!

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!](#)

OA NEWS AND EVENTS



TOLOMA LODGE 64



Brotherhood Weekend – December 13th, 2008
Camp McConnell
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Meals Provided!

[Click here for Flyer and Information!](#)

OFFICES CLOSED

The Modesto and Stockton Offices will be closed the following dates:

December 12th, 2008

Modesto from 12 pm to 2 pm Stockton from 11:20 am to 2:45 pm

December 25th and 26th, 2008

Both offices all day. Happy Holidays!



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**.

[Check out the NEW Camp Promotion Video](#)

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

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



SCOUTING FOR FOOD RESULTS WANTED!

If your unit participated in this year's Scouting for Food, we want your results.

Please send the amount of food you picked up, the charity it was turned into, and a contact name and information for that group.

Send all this information to Richard Good at rigood@bsaemail.org

Preliminary counts have our council picking up over 69,000 pounds of food in this year's drive. Keep up the good work.

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.](#)

MEMORIALS FOR NOVEMBER 2008

In this new feature we will present memorials that have come in from the previous month.

Duane & Pat Wickstrom for Glenn Backlund memorial.

Frank & Janis Benach for Brian Moore memorial.

Andrea Baker for Allen C. Holbrook.

Rodney & Barbara Mortensen for Allen C. Holbrook.

Ronald "Bud" & Patricia Stone for Michael McGann.

Robert & Madeline Walters for Michael McGann.

Ronald "Bud" & Patricia Stone, Tom & Diane Stone, & Ron & Loween Stone c/o Homewood Village for Ernie Gemperle.

Roger & Delsie Schrimp for Ernie Gemperle.

The Pallios Family c/o Fresh Market Grocery, Inc. for Ernie Gemperle.

Dr. Craig Jenkin for Ernie Gemperle.

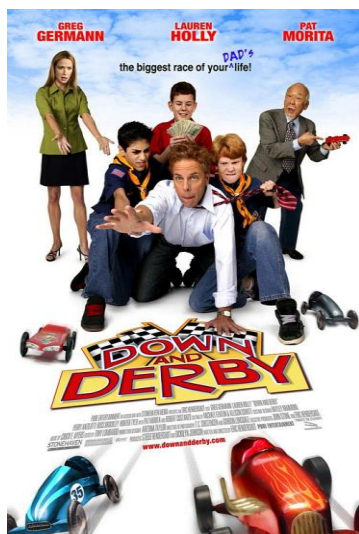
Thanks to everyone.

EARNEST THOMPSON SETON PROGRAM ON PBS

"In 1893, a bounty hunter named Ernest Thompson Seton journeyed to the untamed canyons of New Mexico on a mission to kill a dangerous outlaw. Feared by ranchers throughout the region, the outlaw wasn't a pistol-packing cowboy or train-robbing bandit. The outlaw was a wolf. Lobo, as locals simply called him, was the legendary leader of a band of cattle-killing wolves that had been terrorizing cattle ranchers and their livestock. It was up to Seton to exterminate this "super-wolf." The ensuing battle of wits between wolf and man would spark a real-life wilderness drama, the outcome of which would leave a lasting effect on a new and growing movement in America: wilderness preservation."

The episode is broken up into 5 segments and also covers Seton's founding of the Woodcraft Indians, and the Boy Scouts of America. Enjoy!

[The Wolf That Changed America](#)



DOWN AND DERBY DVDS FOR SALE

A Scouters Dream DVD on sale at your local council offices for only \$12

Makes a great stocking stuffer!

For more information contact either the Modesto Service Center at 209-545-6320 or the Stockton Service Center at 209-472-6690

[Down and Derby Official Website](#)

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 mfoster@bsmail.org.

PICTURES FROM AROUND THE COUNCIL:



St. Stanislaus Pack 4 at their Canned Food Drive November 15th.



Waterford Pack and Troop 45 Scouting for Food.



Stockton Pack 10 Scouting for Food.