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Words to Live By:

“To keep the heart unwrinkled, to be hopeful, kindly, cheerful, reverent - that is to triumph over old age”

Thomas Bailey Aldrich



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.](#)



Happy Holidays
to You and Yours
from the



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Central Valley Scouts Break Record; Collect 85,570 Pounds of Food for the Hungry



Modesto, Calif, December 10, 2008 – The Greater Yosemite Council of the Boy Scouts of America announces that Scout troops from Central Valley communities collected 85,570 lbs of food in the past month, breaking last year’s record of 70,000 lbs.

Scouting for food is an annual program of the Boy Scouts. Items collected from homes and businesses are donated to local charities. The program is one of many service activities Scouts perform during the year, in addition to camping and other outdoor and learning activities.

“These young men perform a significant service to the community every year with the Scouting for Food program,” says Bob Dees, Executive Director of the Boy Scouts Greater Yosemite Council. “They spend two weekends handing out food bags and then returning and collecting the donations. To see Scouts in action, moving thousands of pounds of food, is really something.”

This year’s collection numbers are as follows:

- Angel’s Camp, West Point, Valley Springs, and Lodi: 23,000 lbs. This was 3,000 more than last year. Recipients were Inter-Faith Ministries, Santa’s Express via Veterans Community Hall, and the Salvation Army.
- Galt: 3,500 lbs
- Los Banos: 1,000 lbs to Manna Ministries
- Manteca: 9,000 lbs
- Mariposa: 2,500 lbs
- Merced: 6,000 lbs to Creekside Evangelical Church
- Modesto: 17,000 lbs to Inter-Faith Ministries
- Patterson: 1,500 lbs
- Stockton: 2,455 lbs to the Emergency Food Bank
- Tracy: 4,500 lbs
- Turlock: 6,000 lbs to the Salvation Army
- Valley Springs: 3,500
- Waterford: 1,500 lbs
- Westin Ranch: 624 lbs to haven of Peace Women’s Shelter in Lathrop





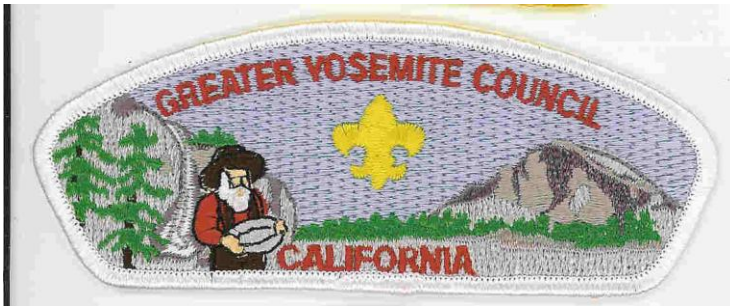
TOUR PERMITS CAN BE SUBMITTED ONLINE AND APPROVED ONLINE

Tour Permits are now able to be submitted online! For processing a tour permit, please log on to www.myscouting.org. The first tour permit you fill out will take a few minutes to fill in the necessary information. However, after you have saved the necessary information it will be saved for further tour permits.

[Tour Permit Instructions](#)

[MyScouting Tour Permit Information](#)

Note: accident insurance is provided by Greater Yosemite Council for all currently chartered units and registered youth.



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

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.



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](mailto:Bill.Heneks@scouts.org) 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](#)

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](#)



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 HAS QUALIFIED FOR 2008 CENTENNIAL QUALITY LODGE

The Lodge has 308 paid members, with a 35% Brotherhood attainment rate.

A special thanks to all arrowmen for helping our lodge receive this honor.

The Lodge also has endowed one James E. West Fellow for the 2008 Year.

Congratulations!

OFFICES CLOSED

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

December 25th and 26th, 2008

Both Offices - All Day. Happy Holidays!

January 1st, 2009

Both Offices – All Day. Happy New Year!



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

MENSINGER IS NOW HIRING!

Contact Mike Foster at 209 472-9960 for information.
Ages 14-15 for Councilor in Training – Volunteer Position
Ages 16+ for Paid Positions
In Need of Age 21+.

[Staff Application](#)

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.

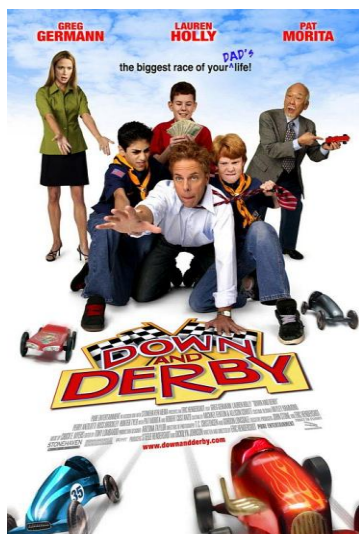
Thanks to everyone.

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:



Troop 88 out of Merced at their Court of Honor on December 15, 2008. Pictured Adults are Scoutmaster Sean Pamer, Outgoing Scoutmaster Richard Schwarz, Assistant Scoutmaster David Bakken, and Assistant Scoutmaster Joseph Meeusen



Troop 451 out of Turlock aboard the SS Pampanito.



Pack 451 at the Turlock Christmas Parade.