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words to live by

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Loyal:

“Base yourself in loyalty and trust.”

-Confucius



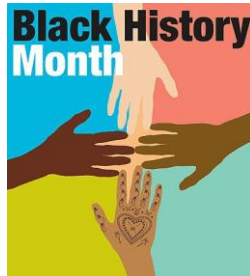
100 YEARS OF SCOUTING

*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.](#)

February is Black History Month



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ANNOUNCING THE 2009 SPRING SALE!



"Be Prepared"

Fire Prevention Community Service Fundraiser

Sale Runs from Feb. 20th thru April 17th to coincide with the Daylight Savings Time Change.

This Sale is intended to be a "TAKE ORDER" style sale. The Scout will contact customers by either "Door to Door" style working with a buddy and Adult supervision, or by a "Show and Sell" style approach manning a table outside a Church, Bank or Retail Store (one that doesn't sell these products), and approach customers to place orders.

If your unit is interested, contact the Scout Office, pick up or print the forms and start selling.



Jamboree Youth: Contact Sara Heitz at (209) 545-6320 about your sale.



[Sale Characteristics Form](#)

[Order Form](#)

[Product List](#)

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.

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.





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:

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 work stand | 2 frame mounted tire pumps |
| 1 truing stand | 18 seats |
| 1 essential tool kit | 4 seat wedges |
| 2 chain cleaners | 12 26" mountain bike tires |
| 2 multi-tool sets | 24 tubes |
| 1 floor pump | 48 brake shoes |
| 4 sets of tire levers | Chain lube |
| 24 power links | 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



SIGN UP FOR NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING (NYLT)

Brownsea-National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) The course is in its third year, the staff is experienced, and there is a lot of enthusiasm from the participants with this youth leadership training. Scouting recognizes that Scoutmasters have the primary responsibility for training their youth leaders. The purpose of NYLT is not to assume that role, but rather to support it. NYLT features instruction in skills that can be used at home, at school, on the job, and, in particular, at the Scout unit level. Through activities, events, games, and adventures, NYLT participants will work hard and play hard together as they put into action the best Scouting has to offer. **The course is limited to 48 Scouts so apply early.**

[Flyer](#)

[Youth Application](#)

[Youth-Adult Staff Application](#)

MENSINGER ADVENTURE TROOPS NOW TAKING SIGN UPS

A Brand New Opportunity at Mensinger for youth whose units do not visit Mensinger or youth who want to visit Mensinger again.

Does your son only spend one week over the summer camping? Does his unit leader only have the time available for one week of summer camp? Does he spend the remainder of the summer sitting around doing nothing? **GIVE HIM AN ADVENTURE!**

The Adventure Troop program allows youth to attend Mensinger with a troop composed of youth from all over the council led by a Council appointed Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, and a Senior Patrol leader fresh from NYLT training.

If this is the youth's second trip to Mensinger, he will get to attend at a discounted rate!

The council wants to present the Adventure Troop to your local unit. To schedule a presentation contact your local District Executive or the gentlemen listed below.

For More information contact Mike Foster at (209) 472-9960 or Rich Good 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.



GREATER YOSEMITE COUNCIL ANNUAL RECOGNITION DINNER

March 7, 2009

Turlock Stake Center
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
4300 Geer Rd. Turlock, CA, 95382

(Hwy 99, exit 215 toward Denair, East on Monte Vista, Left on Geer Rd.)

This Year we Honor:

Hispanic Youth Leadership Council

2009 Theme:

“Nunca Te Rindas”

“Never Give Up”

[Register Now](#)





UPCOMING TRAINING EVENTS

Webelos Outdoor Leader Training: Friday, February 20th – Saturday, February 21st [Flyer](#)

High Adventure Team Basic Backpack Awareness and Leave No Trace: [Flyer](#)
Friday, March 13th – Saturday, March 14th

Cub Leader Basic Training: Saturday, March 14th [Flyer](#)

Boy Scout Leader 3-in-1 Training: [Flyer](#)
Session 1: Saturday, March 14th
Session 2: Thursday, March 19th
Session 3: Friday, March 27th – Saturday, March 28th

Big Valley, Forty-Niner & Waukeen Spring Training Conference 2009: [Flyer](#)
Saturday, March 28th

NORTHERN TIER NATIONAL HIGH ADVENTURE 2009 CANOE TRIP DATES AVAILABLE

Northern Tier is the BSA's premiere wilderness canoe camping high adventure program. We feature canoe trips in the north woods of Minnesota, northwest Ontario, and northeast Manitoba.

Opportunity for a wilderness canoeing trek is still available for the 2009 summer season. Although summer is still months away, time to plan your summer activities is now! *You too* can have an adventure this year.

Northern Tier offers 6 to 10 day canoe trips with a full outfitting package that includes canoes, paddles, pfd, tents, food, emergency radio/satellite phone and other camping gear. A trained staff member also accompanies the crew for the entire trek to advise crew members on canoe skills, use of the gear, wilderness safety, and Leave No Trace principals. According to Andre Nguyen, who attended in 2008, "You finish the trip a lot stronger than how you started it, and that's one of the best feelings in the world."

In 2008, our crews reported a great summer of fishing. The lakes are teeming with walleye, pike, small mouth bass, and lake trout. Many of our crews schedule a day to explore a remote lake and devote it to catching the trophy fish of the summer. You may also encounter moose, bear, deer, beaver, fox, otter, and bald eagles in this pristine wilderness. Curtis Swisher says it best, "The natural beauty of the north woods lake country cannot be described. It must be experienced."

Register today for this summer's adventure by calling: (218) 365-4811

For more information about Northern Tier visit our website at www.ntier.org.

We will see you this summer in the north woods.



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!

There are still 100+ openings!

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



OA Spring Ordeal

- May 29th -31st at Camp John Mensinger

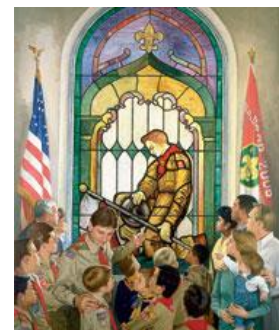
National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)

- August 1st – 6th, 2009, at Indiana University. [Flyer](#)

[For more Order of the Arrow Information, Check out the OA section of the Greater Yosemite Council Web Site.](#)

MEMORIALS RECEIVED 2009

Rex & Donna Anderson for Ernie Gemperle.
Clara Sakai for Jeffrey Kim.
Ruby Montgomery for Jeffrey Kim.
C. J. Crane for Jeffrey Kim.
Janet I. Holden for Jeffrey Kim.



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: To complete a Tour Permit, one registered adult leader must have completed Hazardous Weather Training.

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

CALIFORNIA CAPITAL MARCH!

Saturday October 24th, 2009

Join Scouts from around California for a march from Raley Field to the California State Capitol to kick off Scouting's 100th anniversary celebrations and deliver the California Scout Report to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.



[Flyer](#)



DOWN AND DERBY DVDS FOR SALE

A Scouters Dream DVD on sale at your local council offices for only \$12
Makes a great gift!

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](#)

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMISSIONER COLLEGE



February 28th, 2009
Palo Alto High School
50 Embarcadero Rd.
Palo Alto, CA 94301

[Web Site and Registration Information](#)

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@bsamail.org.

PICTURES FROM AROUND THE COUNCIL:



Group picture of Scout Sunday, Turlock 1st United Methodist Church. Pack and Troop 451



Acolytes: Trevor Speckman, Mason Snyder, American flag, Ben Paris, Christian flag, Chad Burgess, Troop 451



American flag: Ben Paris, Troop 451



Scouts work on the Fingerprinting Merit Badge at the Waukeen Merit Badge Midway on January 31st.



Scouts work on the Fire Safety Merit Badge at the Waukeen Merit Badge Midway on January 31st.