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Cheerful:

“All succeeds with people who are of a cheerful disposition.”

Voltaire



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 New Year
from the
Greater Yosemite
Council Staff!**



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COUNCIL SEES 1.3% MEMBERSHIP INCREASE!



The Greater Yosemite Council went over its membership goal by 132 youth to end the year with a traditional membership number of 10191 youth. The growth in our council keeps our council among the elite in the nation in terms of membership growth when you factor in our growth from 2007-2008, when we were 2nd in the nation among councils our size or bigger.

Congratulations to all the Volunteers and Support Staff who helped to make the Greater Yosemite Council one of the premier scouting councils in the nation.

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.



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.



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](#)

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.

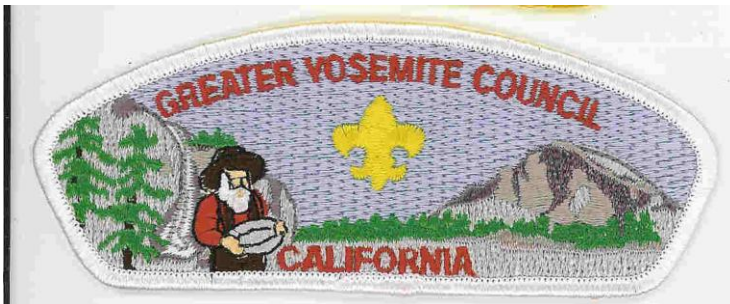
Does your son only spend one week over the summer camping? Does his unit leader only have the time available for one week of summer camp? Does he spend the remainder of the summer sitting around doing nothing? GIVE HIM AN ADVENTURE!

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.



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.



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](#)

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.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE YOUTH THAT MADE IT INTO THE K CLUB!

These youth all had over \$1,000 dollars in popcorn sales and will be rewarded with a party on January 24th.

Alexander Ryan – Turlock
Robert Todd – Turlock
Nathaniel Mohr – Modesto
Ian Schultz – Modesto
Jacob Stone – Modesto
Nathan Stone – Modesto
Noah Esenwein – Ripon
Matt Sylvia – Ripon
Trentyn Vetsch – Ripon
Luke Jackson – Escalon
Zakary Huston – Modesto
Seth Parmer – Ceres
Kyle Rodig – Modesto
Kevin Metcalf – Patterson
Nathaniel Mohr – Modesto
Daniel Reed – Manteca
Tlaloc Barajas – Turlock
Kyle Mosely – Modesto
Bryce Deniz – Modesto
Dekker White – Oakdale
Roy Foley – Riverbank
Cameron Carter – Modesto
Ryan Crandall – Ripon
Austin Qualls – Copperopolis
Anthony Sarment – Turlock
Michael Skaggs – Lodi
Matthew Hopson – Lockeford
Tony Badano – Lodi
Vincent Fuso – Lodi
Anthony Fuso – Lodi
Austin Reiswig – Lodi
Patrick O'Connor – Turlock
Chad Burgess – Turlock
Sean Evers - Turlock
Jordan Garr – Stockton
Cody McLean – Galt
Jason Lee – Acampo
Alek Francovich – Lodi
Doug Francovich – Lodi
Brand Nicolay – Escalon



Congratulations to you all!

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 HAS QUALIFIED FOR 2008 CENTENNIAL QUALITY LODGE

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

National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)

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

OFFICES CLOSED

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

January 19th, 2009

Both Offices - All Day. Martin Luther King, Jr.

February 16th, 2009

Both Offices – All Day. Presidents' Day.



LITTLE PHILMONT TRAINING CONFERENCE

January 24th, 2009
Modesto North Stake Center

[Flyer](#)

[Outline](#)



Anita Seitz
August 17, 1961 – December 23, 2008

Anita Marie LaMon Seitz, age 47, passed away at Stanford Medical Center on December 23, 2008 after a brief illness. She is survived by her husband Bernie Seitz, son Hayden and daughter Deanna. Also surviving Anita is her brother Brent LaMon (Madeleine) and their children Shelley and Miles, as well as numerous cousins and close friends. Anita was preceded in death by her father William LaMon, mother Jean LaMon and sister Cathie LaMon. Anita is remembered for her laughter, her smile and her joy for life.

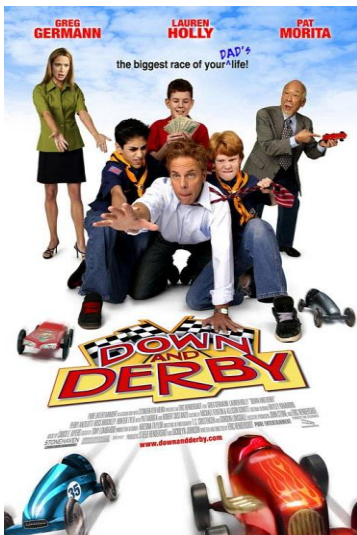
She was an active volunteer, serving as President of Peterson PTC, First Vice President of Merced High School Band Marching 100, Den Mom for Cub Scout Troop 96, Treasurer for the Boy Scout Troop 88, Assistant Leader for Girl Scout Troop 3002, Twister Volleyball Mom, Cruickshank PTSC member and Band Booster, and Girl Scout Muir Trail Camp team member.

She did all her volunteer efforts with a smile, ready to help where needed.

“Dragonfly,” as her Girl Scout friends knew her, loved being a wife and mother, spending time at her cabin at Pinecrest Lake with friends and family, practicing yoga, enjoying the plays at the Sierra Repertory Theater, listening to music and taking care of her animals.

Anita graduated from Sacramento State University with a Bachelors Degree in Business, worked for Progressive Insurance Company in Rancho Cordova, and then turned her energy to being a loving wife to Bernie and devoted mother to Hayden and Deanna.

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Anita Seitz was held at the United Methodist Church of Merced, 899 Yosemite Pkwy, Merced, CA 95340, on Friday January 2, 2009. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Cruickshank Middle School Band, or Merced Marching 100 Band, or SPCA of Merced would be appreciated.



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](#)



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 mfooster@bsmail.org.

PICTURES FROM AROUND THE COUNCIL:

On Dec 13, the Penguin patrol of Troop 81 of Patterson went to Death Valley National Park on a 4 day 3 night camping trip. A great time was had by all (eight Boy Scouts and two adults) Here are three pictures of that trip.



Furnace Creek Visitor's Center



The lowest point in North America.



Scouts hiking through Mosaic Canyon