

Virtual Roundtable

May, 2014



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It's Summer Adventure Time!

Did you know that the Council offers a provisional Adventure Troop opportunity during each session of Boy Scout Camp **and** the Pendola Sierra Adventure Base?

Adventure Troop is perfect for:

1. Scouts who possibly could not go to camp with their troop because of date conflicts etc.
2. Scouts who would like to come to Camp Mensinger for more than one week.
3. Units with small numbers can be placed into the Adventure Troop to help insure two-deep leadership. Small numbers should not keep you away from Summer Camp!
4. The cost for an Adventure Troop Scout is the same as that for one attending with a full troop, \$320. The cost for a scout to attend for a second or even a third week is only \$150 per week!



New in 2014: Adventure Crews at the Pendola Sierra Adventure Base!

We normally require a minimum of 5 scouts and one adult per trek crew. Some troops have a hard time finding 5 boys and a leader who want this experience. Therefore, in 2014 we will lead a series of Adventure Crews of provisional scouts. This way, if your troop only has one or two boys who would like to participate in this type of prolonged backpacking experience, you can.

The Pendola Sierra Adventure Base Trek program is a true wilderness camping experience that features hiking, backpacking, land navigation, Wilderness first aid, and leave no trace principles. As a result of this program, participants will be both better woodsmen and better people. The program offers a variety of different trek options, routes, distances, and difficulty levels depending on the skill level and ability of each group. That is what makes a program like this so desirable. Each trek will be unique and tailored to your group, and it will help to ensure that all of your goals for your week at camp are met.

Cost: \$320 / scout \$150 / leader

Treks Still Available:

June 15th—21st June 29th—July 5th July 20th—July 24th
Contact Barbara Evers, Camping Assistant: Barbara.evers@scouting.org (209)566-7704



Greetings Gold Country Scouters

Eagle Scouts – Congratulations to the newest Eagle Scouts in Gold Country for the month of April. Thank you to all who help with the Boards of Review. We welcome 3 new Scouts to the Rank of Eagle.



Brandon Contreras
Troop 302



Cory Phelps
Troop 52



Theodore Woldstad
Troop 238

There is a LOT happening in VENTURING!!!

The NEW Venturing award requirements have been released! The *Handbook for Venturers*, *Venturing Advisor Guidebook*, and the *Venturing Awards and Requirements Book* are due in our Scout shop soon.

Here are the requirements for the new venturing awards:

[2014 Venturing Program updates](#)

December 31st will be the last day that a youth can earn the Bronze, Gold and Silver Awards.

Training:

There is NEW training for venturing advisors and venturing committee members. Venturing Advisor Position Specific Training and Crew Committee Challenge will be offered soon!

Area 3 VOA meeting:

The next Western Region Area 3 Venturing Officers Association (VOA) meeting will be held at our council!!

The meeting will be on Sunday, June 22nd from 12 pm to 2 pm at the council office.

This is an excellent opportunity to meet the NEW area officers and see firsthand how a VOA operates!

Greater Yosemite Council is trying to rebuild the council's VOA. We have 2 of 4 positions filled and are still looking for a Venturing President and a VP of Administration. Contact Cindy Vander Ploeg (jstpchy007@comcast.net) for more information.



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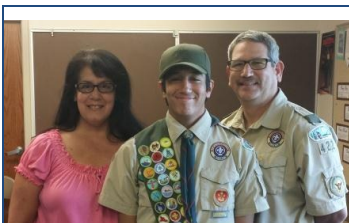
Sierra Valley District News

Sierra Valley District Units and Memorial Day



Sierra Valley scouting units are giving faithful service honoring veterans on Memorial Day. Feel free to join in on these patriotic efforts this holiday weekend. **Troop 570 Sonora** is placing crosses on veteran's graves at Mountain Shadow Cemetery May 24. Contact SM John Scott at 533-9522. **Troop 537 Tracy** is placing flags on the graves of veterans going all the way back to the Civil War on May 24. Contact SM Robert Mailhot at 832-0403. **Troop 422 Manteca** is participating in Flags Across Manteca. Contact SM Bill Lorentz at 858-5957. **Troop 49 Modesto** is doing a flag replacement /retirement at Pacifica Senior Living for veterans living there. Contact SM Todd Seely at 551-3732. **Pack and Troop 43 Oakdale** are doing veterans flags at Oakdale Citizens Cemetery. Contact CM Tim Anglim at 848-2570. **Troop 432 Manteca** is again taking on recycling and grounds cleanup at the "Not Forgotten" veteran's event at Woodward Park May 25. They again will do an outstanding job at this 10,000 person event. Contact SM Thad Baldwin at 239-4537. Thank you to all these units who represent Scouting so well.

Congratulations to April's Eagle Scouts:



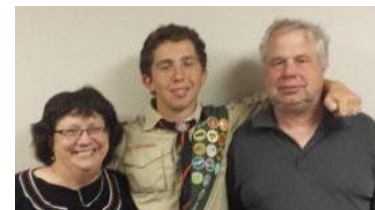
Jonathan Amaral
Troop 422



Brendon Curtright
Troop 425



Jason Klatt
Troop 423



Flynn McNeely
Crew 473

Cub-O-Ree A Great Success



Pack 60 cubs enjoying catapult game

The Cub-O-Ree was held May 2 to 5 at the Twain Harte Horseman's Club. The event was a lot of fun for the 50 Cub Scouts who attended. Cubs from Packs 60, 71 and 513 had a great time. Saturday morning was fun with events like obstacle course, treasure hunt, crafts, capture the flag and other wide area games. The events were supervised by Boy Scouts from Troops 500 and 570 under the watchful eyes of their Scoutmasters Tim Higginbotham and John Scott. The afternoon was filled with shooting sports. A nice BB range and archery range were set up in the horse arena at the event. Cub Scouts from the three Packs got in a lot of safe shooting on the ranges under the supervision of their range masters Neal Robison and Tom Dibble. The evening was

filled with a community meal involving the Cub Scouts and their parents along with the Boy Scouts. A rousing campfire followed the evening meal. Many thanks to Greg Walker, Jeff Hilson, Tim Higginbotham and John Scott for their fine committee work in putting the event together. Extra special thanks to Tom Dibble who was the camp director and lead organizer for this fun event.

Rio del Oro District News and Events

Camp Card Sales

The Camp Card sale fundraiser is coming to an end very quickly! Please note the following sale deadlines.

May 30, 2014 SALE ENDS
June 6, 2014 **Money and unsold Cards due to Council**
June 30, 2014 Top Seller Prize-winner announced.



Membership

Spring membership drive is in full swing with some units already taking advantage and signing up new Scouts. It's not too late as some schools still have 1-2 weeks. With Cub Scout day camp just around the corner, it's a great time to get your new Scouts excited about the program. Your summer program is essential to keeping your Scouts, new and returning, involved and interested.

Fall recruitment will be here before you know it. It's never too early to have a game plan set up. If you would like help making your fall recruitment more successful contact Rio del Oro's Membership Chair, Dena Travao by email denatravao@yahoo.com to schedule a meeting at your convenience.

Program

Knights of the Roundtable

Cub Scout Day Camp 2014



Come and travel back to olde times this summer at one of our 4 Day Camps. Become a Knight in one of our fun camps and have medieval fun in Day Camp activities -- swimming, archery, BB guns, nature, and crafts. Activities vary by camp but young Knights attending are guaranteed a jolly good time!

TURLOCK
4pm—8pm
June 3 - 5

ATWATER/MERCED
4pm—8pm
June 10-12

LOS BANOS
8:30am to 2:30pm
June 18-20

WESTSIDE
4pm—8pm
June 17-19

Please visit the Council website: www.yosemitescouting.org for each Day Camp's Particulars or call Adan Barajas for more information.

Rio del Oro District News and Events (cont)

Rio del Oro District Recognition Night

The District recognition night held on May 3, 2014 was a great and well attended event. We had over 150 folks come out and enjoy night. Many Scouts and Leaders received their awards. The highlight of the night was the recipients of the District Award of Merit.



(Left to Right) Livingston Police Chief Ruben Chavez, Turlock Pack 451 Cubmaster Kelli G. Fox, Atwater Troop 28 Committee Chair David Tolliver, Westside Day Camp Director Star Pedron, Los Banos Day Camp Director Margaret Bearwaldt.

2014 Council Popcorn Sale

Kernel's Korner

Upcoming Meetings:

- ⇒ **LAST CHANCE** budgeting seminar—Wednesday, May 28th, 7pm at Modesto Scout Office—**attendance at one of these meetings is worth 2% commission for your unit!!!**
- ⇒ June 9, 17 or 26—Unit Leader/Kernel Orientation — **attendance at one of these meetings is worth 2% commission for your unit!!!** (check website calendar for locations/times)

Questions about the popcorn sale? Call or e-mail

Sara Heitz at the Council office: (209)566-7703 / sara.heizt@scouting.org

Regina Lackey, Council Popcorn Kernel: (209)824-5882 / regina@lackey.com



So What's New in Training?!

Jay Herbrand, Greater Yosemite Council Training Chair



Wood Badge course participants on Day 1 of W3-59-14

I have so much fun attending training sessions and seeing the enthusiasm that Scouts and Scouters have when they really buy-in, learn, and like what we are training. I had the opportunity to attend the start of the Wood Badge course, one of BSA's advanced training courses we put on here in Greater Yosemite Council. The Trainees were really starting to get into the course. I could see they were going to enjoy the course and all the new experiences they were going to have.

So what IS new in Training?

NYLT - National Youth Leader Training

Last chance to register for this year's premier youth training course. There is much more info on the web at:

<http://www.yosemitescouting.org/event/1492992>

June 23- 28 at Camp McConnell outside Livingston, CA

BALOO - Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation

The revised camping guidelines for Cub Scout packs give them the opportunity to conduct pack campout (overnight) activity, as long as the activity is conducted at a council-approved location and is under the direction of a leader in the pack trained to do so. The training course to prepare these leaders is called Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO, for short). A BALOO Trained Leader is required if your Cub Pack plans an Overnight Camp Activity.

June 14 at the Modesto Scout Office from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm - lunch will be part of the course. Cost is \$8.00 before the day of the course and \$12.00 at the door.

2014 / 2015 Training Dates

The training committee has been working on finalizing the 2015 training dates. They should be out in the coming months. Look for them on the Greater Yosemite Council Calendar.

New Training Courses

You may have heard that there are many changes happening in Scouting. That is true in Training also. There are new courses out that we will be incorporating into our training schedule. Some of these are new and some are revised and updated courses. These new courses include:

Crew Committee Challenge, Team Committee Challenge, Pack Committee Challenge, and Cubmaster Leader Specific training.

Enjoy the summer and keep in touch with all that is new in Training!



EAGLES NEST

Congratulations to our newest eagle scouts in the month of April.

As of April 30, the Greater Yosemite Council, BSA has 32 Eagle Scouts for 2014.

Eagle Scout Name	Unit	District	Date
Jonathan Amaral	Troop 422	Sierra Valley	April 16, 2014
Brandon T. Contreras	Troop 302	Gold Country	April 16, 2014
Jason Alexander Klatt	Troop 423	Sierra Valley	April 16, 2014
Corey N. Phelps	Troop 52	Gold Country	April 16, 2014
Theodore H. Woldstad	Troop 238	Gold Country	April 16, 2014
Collin Lee Conner	Crew 253	Rio del Oro	April 23, 2014
Flynn McNeely	Crew 473	Sierra Valley	April 23, 2014
Brendon Curtright	Troop 425	Sierra Valley	April 24, 2014

Eagle Scout Alumni

The Greater Yosemite Council has a band of Eagle Scout brothers that are dedicated to upholding the honor of the Eagle Scout Badge. If you are an Eagle Scout and would like to be a part of the Yosemite Eagle Scout Alumni we would be honored to have you join. There are no dues but we encourage duty to God, community and others.



Contact **Dan Machado** @ dfmachado@ps1la.com or 209 840 2246. www.eaglescoutbadge.com

OA Spring Fellowship & Ordeal

May 30th - June 1st

Camp John Mensinger

\$15 for Current Lodge Members

\$30 for Brotherhood Candidates

\$45 for Ordeal Candidates



Registration deadline: Wednesday, May 28th — register online: www.yosemitescouting.org

Cub Scout Resident Camping

Summer, 2014



**Cub Adventure Camp
@ Camp McConnell**

Luau



Open to all Tigers (Scouts going into 1st grade, Fall 2014) through Webelos (Scouts going into 5th grade, Fall 2014)

**Session 1:
June 20 – 22**

**Session 2:
July 11 – 13**

Cost: \$100 per Scout
\$35 per Leader

Unit/Den Reservation Deposit: \$25

Activities to include:

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| Archery | BB Shooting |
| Swimming | Astronomy |
| Crafts | Games |

**Webelos
Adventure Camp
@ Mensinger**

WAM WARS



Open to all Webelos Scouts
(going into 4th or 5th grade, Fall 2014)

One 5-day session: July 20 – 24

Cost: \$200 per Scout
\$125 per Leader

Unit/Den Reservation Deposit: \$100

Activities to include:

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| Archery | BB Shooting |
| Canoeing | Climbing |
| Swimming | Crafts |
| Nature-related Activity Badges | |

Payment Schedule:

	<u>Cub Adventure @ McConnell</u>
April 1, 2014	\$50 per scout deposit \$35 per leader payment
June 2, 2014	All balances due

	<u>Webelos Adventure @ Mensinger</u>
	\$100 per scout deposit \$50 per leader deposit
	All balances due

We remind Scouters of all ages that a leading cause of illness & hospitalization among Scouts and leaders is heat illness. Heat illness can be avoided through adequate water intake, appropriate activities for the temperature, and recognition of heat illness symptoms.

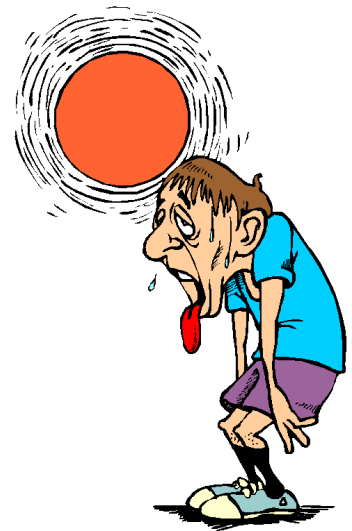
This summer, our Safety Corner will focus on avoiding heat illness.

First on our list: Dehydration.

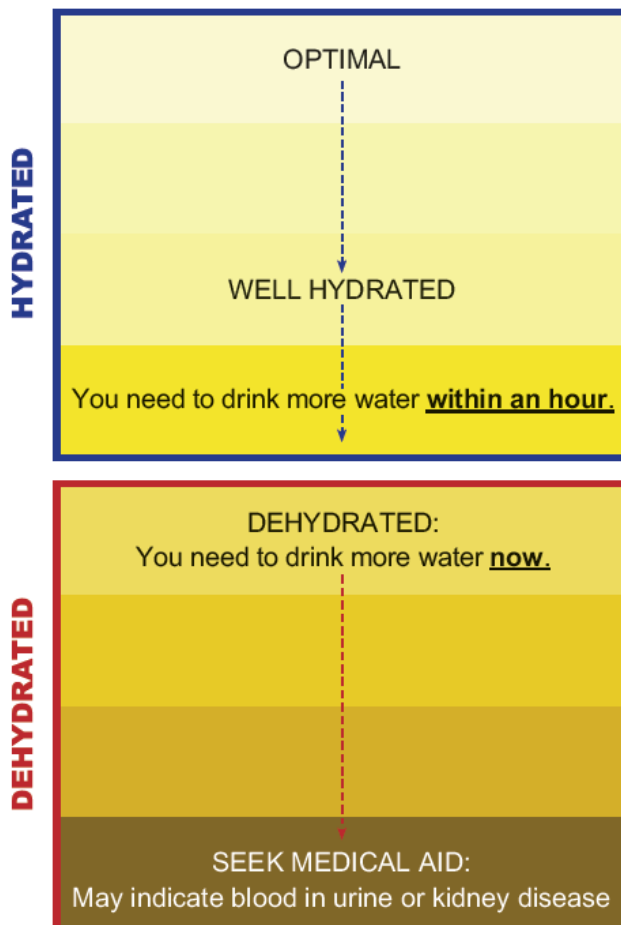
Dehydration

Water is essential for nearly every bodily function, including brain activity and temperature control. We lose moisture through breathing, sweating, digestion, and urination. A person who gives off more water than he or she takes in risks becoming dehydrated. The first sign of dehydration usually is dark urine. Other signs can include weariness, headache and body aches, and confusion.

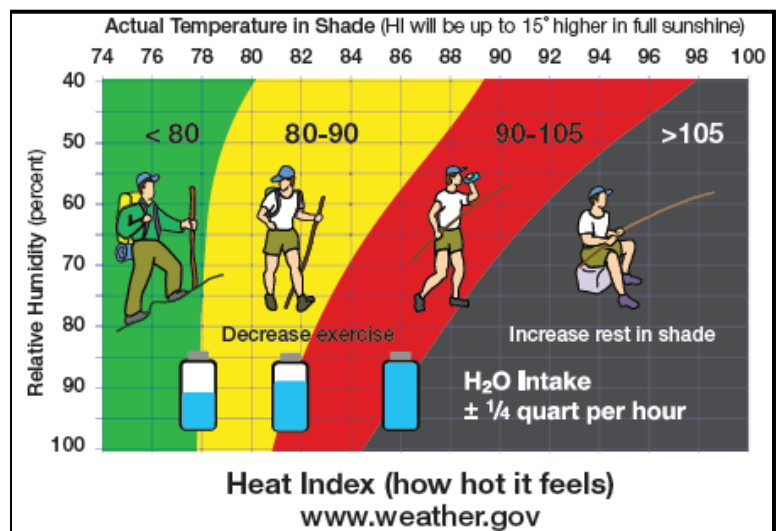
Dehydration can play a significant role in a number of maladies including heat exhaustion, heatstroke, hypothermia, and frostbite.



Urine Color Chart*



Help keep your body in balance by eating enough throughout the day. The importance of drinking plenty of fluids cannot be overemphasized. Don't wait until you feel thirsty—that's an indication that you are already becoming a bit dehydrated. Replenish your water supplies at every opportunity and drink often in warm weather and cold alike.



*This color chart is not for clinical use.