



# Greater Yosemite Council, BSA *eNews!* December, 2006



## **UNITS RE-CHARTER USING THE INTERNET**



Beginning this year, units will expire on **December 31**. Units have been encouraged to complete their re-charter by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Online help and tutoring is available. Visit our web site for more information.

<http://www.bsa-gyc.org/sections/News/InternetRecharter>

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## **TRAILS END POPCORN SALE**



### **Kernal Korn's K-Klub Winners Announced**

Congratulations to the 28 Scouts who sold over \$1000 worth of popcorn and are 2006 K-Klub members. View the list of names and see who won from your unit.

Visit the Kernal's Korner for more information.

<http://www.bsa-gyc.org/sections/News/Popcorn>

### **Important date to remember:**

**Money and Returns due - December 1**

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## **CAMP MCCONNELL WORK DAY – DECEMBER 9**

Brian Ramos has scheduled a fall work day at Camp McConnell on December 9<sup>th</sup>. He has a long list of projects including tree trimming and planting ivy. Your unit is invited to participate, assist in the beautification of our camp, and earn service hours. Projects will begin at 8:00 AM.

## ANNUAL SCOUTING FOR FOOD DRIVE BENEFITS LOCAL COMMUNITIES



Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers throughout Greater Yosemite Council performed a good turn for the hungry in November. During our annual Scouting for Food good turn, Scouts canvassed neighborhoods, collected bags filled with canned goods, and deliver them to local food banks. Over 110 tons of food and non-perishable items were distributed to community food banks.

View photos of Forty-Niner and El Capitan District Scouts collecting food  
<http://www.bsa-gyc.org/sections/News/Scoutingforfood>

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## ORDER OF THE ARROW EVENTS ANNOUNCED



### **2006 Recognition Dinner**

December 2 - Orangeburg LDS Chapel in Modesto

All family and friends are invited to come and celebrate our accomplishments this year.

### **Brotherhood Work Day**

December 9 - Camp McConnell

This is the last chance for Toloma Lodge Brotherhood candidates to earn their Brotherhood. Pre-registration required **by December 1**

### **Winter Klondike at Pinecrest**

Friday/Saturday February 9 & 10

Saturday/Sunday February 10 & 11

Camping - Games - Competitions - Fun

For more information visit

<http://www.yosemitescouting.org/sections/OrderoftheArrow>

## RENEW YOUR MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR REGISTRATION



It is time for all current merit badge counselors to renew their registration. Each person wishing to continue must contact their District Advancement Chair. You will be asked to provide your name, address, phone numbers, merit badges listed and if you wish to work with a certain troop only or with all units. Current registrations expire on December 31. New merit badge counselors must complete an application and send it to the Modesto Service Center. For more information contact your District Executive.

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## SILVER BEAVER NOMINATION DEADLINE APPROACHES



The deadline for Silver Beaver nominations is **December 6th**. The nomination form is available on the council web site. Each district has been assigned a goal to nominate six (6) highly qualified candidates for this prestigious award.

Download a nomination form at

<http://www.yosemitescouting.org/files/2006%20Silver%20Beaver%20Nomination.pdf>

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## ANNUAL COUNCIL DINNER

Greater Yosemite Council's Annual Council Dinner is slated for **March 3, 2007**. The location again this year will be at the Assyrian American Civic Club in Turlock. Dinner Chair Megan Mallory and her committee are planning a memorable event. Place this date on your calendar and plan to join us as we recognize Scouts, plus district and council volunteers for outstanding service. The dinner reservation form will be available on the council web site soon.

## KAYAKING BSA



Kayaking BSA provides an introduction to kayaking skills and safety procedures. It serves as a program opportunity for Boy Scout, Varsity, and Venturing units. Mastery of Kayaking BSA skills is a first critical step towards satisfying Safety Afloat guidelines for safe kayak excursions. Visit the "What's New" page on the National BSA web site. <http://www.scouting.org/> for more information.

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## COUNCIL INITIATES ADVANCEMENT REPORTING CHANGES

### *Internet* **Advancement**

Greater Yosemite Council is now offering Online Advancement to your unit. This new method for recording advancements is easy and efficient because you'll be entering the information yourself. This ensures that your unit's information will be correct, and you can do it from your home or office, anytime that it's convenient for you. Each unit's Committee Chair has been provided the login information to use this system and it may be accessed at <https://scoutnet.scouting.org/iadv/UI/home/default.aspx>

### **Merit Badge Blue Cards**

As of October 1 the Gold Dust Scout Shop, Stockton Service Center and the Modesto Service Center will only require signed Advancement Reports. Blue cards for merit badges would be given to each unit's Advancement Chairman and as such we do not need to see them. Please see Barbara Evers if you have questions.

### **Eagle Palms**

BSA's national office has issued clarification on procedures to earn Eagle Palms. Please visit the Advancement page on the council web site for more information.

## CENTENNIAL QUALITY AWARDS

**“TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF PROGRAM  
IN EVERY UNIT IN AMERICA!”**



During the months of November and December Unit Commissioners will visit every unit and discuss goals for the unit, using the self-assessment tool as a guide. They will also review the Centennial Quality Award form and establish goals to achieve the award for 2007. This program replaces the Quality Unit Award during years 2007 through 2010.

[www.scouting.org/awards/centennial/index.html](http://www.scouting.org/awards/centennial/index.html)

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## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

December 2 – University of Scouting & Cub Scout Pow Wow in Manteca

December 9 – Junior Leadership Training in Lodi

January 12 & 13, 2007 – Winter Awareness Course

March 16 & 17, 30 & 31 – Basic Backpack Awareness and Leave No Trace



Visit the council web site [www.yosemitescouting.org](http://www.yosemitescouting.org) for more information on these training courses.

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## UNIT ACCOUNTS

It has come to our attention that some units have not authorized specific leaders to purchase materials at the Scout Shop and pay for them using unit funds on account. Please be advised that unless specific individuals are listed on your unit account, anyone can purchase using those funds.

## 2007 COUNCIL-WIDE JAMBORALL PLANNING IS UNDERWAY

The Greater Yosemite Council's council-wide *Jamborall* happens once every four years. The 2007 *Jamborall* will be held on May 4, 5 & 6 at CSU Stanislaus in Turlock, CA. This event will provide activities for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts and their adult leaders.

<http://www.bsa-gyc.org/sections/News/Jamborall>

### **Council Wide Talent Needed!**

We're scouting for professional talent among the Scouts of the Greater Yosemite Council. Acts of outstanding quality will be performing at the Saturday night show in front of an audience of 2,000 or more. Any Scouts interested in participating in this exceptional opportunity should contact John Drebinger Jr. at [john@drebinger.com](mailto:john@drebinger.com)

### **Lead The Parade!**

Over 2,000 Scouts will march in a parade to the grand Saturday night show. They will be led by an all-Scout marching band striking up a tune of patriotism. If you would like to be a part of this momentous occasion and can play a musical instrument please contact Mark Harman at [mark@theinspector-home.com](mailto:mark@theinspector-home.com)

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## GOOD TURN FOR AMERICA WEB SITE COLLECTS DATA



Each month, Boy Scout councils across the United States serve Americans through the Good Turn for America initiative, which encourages Scouts to "Do a Good Turn Daily" through a variety of community service projects. Good Turn for America is a collaboration with The Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, the American Red Cross, and thousands of other community organizations that focus the power of volunteerism on important community issues such as hunger, shelter, and health. Started in 2004, Good Turn for America has generated more than 2 million hours of service to date.

Since February 2005, BSA packs, troops, teams, crews, and ships have recorded service projects in the data collection section of the Good Turn for America web site. Please join us and report your community service projects at [www.goodturnforamerica.org](http://www.goodturnforamerica.org).

## **FORTY-NINER DISTRICT HOLDS FIRST ANNUAL SHOOTING SPORTS DAY**

The 49er District held a Shooting Sports Day at the Lodi Moose Lodge, Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. 180 Cub Scouts and friends attended this all-day fun event where they got to shoot bb guns and archery. More information and photos are available on the Forty-Niner District web page.

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### **TO BE PHYSICALLY FIT IS TO BE RISK READY**



Two important challenges for us in Scouting are physical fitness and good health. Every adult leader should set the example and contribute directly to the health and fitness of today's Scouts by completing requirements for the BSA Physical Fitness Award.

[http://www.yosemitescouting.org/files/Be\\_Risk\\_Ready\\_with\\_Physically%20Fit.pdf](http://www.yosemitescouting.org/files/Be_Risk_Ready_with_Physically%20Fit.pdf)

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### **DISTRICT AND UNIT NEWS WANTED**

***News!*** 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 [RSchell@bsamail.org](mailto:RSchell@bsamail.org)