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UNIT RE-CHARTER APPLICATIONS ARE DUE



All unit re-charter applications are due today! If your unit has not submitted completed paperwork it is subject to losing Quality Unit status. Online help and tutoring is available. Visit our web site for more information.

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

TRAILS END POPCORN SALE

The council still has a limited inventory of popcorn, available on a first-come first-served basis. If your unit would like to obtain more please contact Sara or Bill.



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>

FIRST AID FOR SCOUTERS



Especially formatted for Scouters – Adult CPR, First Aid & When Help is Delayed

Saturday, January 20, 2007

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Modesto Service Center

Remit the \$15.00 participant fee to the American Red Cross

ORDER OF THE ARROW WINTER KLONDIKE



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.

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.

CAMP MCCONNELL WORK PARTY

The annual winter work party at Camp McConnell was held on Saturday, December 9th. With the help of the Order of the Arrow Brotherhood and volunteers from Turlock, several projects were undertaken. The shooting sports area was cleaned up and the old cottonwood tree that had been threatening the range was taken down. The tool shed roof received a necessary patch and the gutters on the lodge were cleaned out. The bank behind the lodge also received another round of ivy plants and the logs defining the boundary of the "family" camping area were revamped resulting in a much cleaner appearance. Our expert tractor driver, Mel Howell, also mowed and mulched the huge number of leaves that accumulate each fall.

Thanks to the Order of the Arrow and our group of volunteers from Turlock for a successful work day at Camp McConnell.

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.

CAMP ISOM NEEDS REPAIRS

Camp Isom suffered from the huge fires near Patterson. At this point in time the camp is still pretty well blackened. Winter rain and springtime will again green things up. There are some repairs that will need to be made due to the fire. Persons interested in volunteering to work on Camp Isom should contact Bill Heneks at the Council Service Center (545-6320). Your help would be most welcome.

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

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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 for more information on these training courses.



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