



Greater Yosemite Council, BSA *eNews!* March, 2007



UNIT FRIENDS OF SCOUTING PRESENTATIONS ARE BEING SCHEDULED

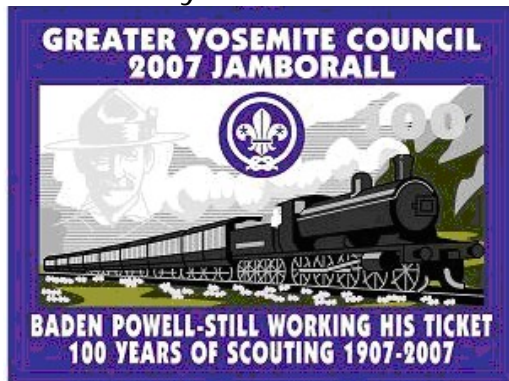
At the beginning of each year representatives from your district visit all units and do a Friends of Scouting (FOS) presentation. 38 percent of the council's operating income comes from family and community FOS support. Please contact your District Executive to schedule your unit's presentation.

COUNCIL JAMBORALL – MAY 4, 5 & 6, 2007

All Scouts are invited! Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venture Scouts, Sea Scouts.
Cost: \$12.00 if paid by March 5.

New! The Jamborall Committee is inviting Cub Scouts to camp at the event. Cubs will camp with their pack and must have a parent in attendance.

Make sure your scouts don't miss out on this incredible camping event. In



addition to camping Friday and Saturday night there will be many activities all day Saturday, including a BMX type bike track, climbing wall, Buckskin Area with tomahawk throwing, monkey bridge, Sea Scout Display, Cub Scout activities, Cub Olympics, Leave No Trace, Merit Badge Midway, displays from police and emergency teams

SPECIAL REGISTRATION AND PATCH NOTICE

Units must be registered by April 6th or they will not be guaranteed a patch for the event. Patches will be ordered based upon the April 6th registrations.

An updated flier is on the council web site.

SUMMER CAMP MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE



Information about our three summer camp opportunities is now available. We are offering Cub Day Camp on a district level, Camp Akela Cub Scout resident camping at both Camp McConnell and Camp Mensinger, and Boy Scout camping at Camp Mensinger. Visit the council web site for more information.

ANNUAL COUNCIL DINNER HELD MARCH 3

Greater Yosemite Council's Annual Council Dinner, held March 3, focused on the theme "A Century of Scouting – Then and Now". Youth from Golden Heritage and El Capitan Districts modeled vintage Cub Scout and Boy Scout uniforms and a presentation was given on the history of Scouting. In addition to recognizing our 2006 Silver Beaver recipients, numerous other awards were presented:

Quality District Recognitions – Golden Heritage and Big Valley Districts

James E. West Fellowship – Bill Loyko

Learning for Life Achievement Award – Rex Osborn

Francisco Santana Award – Dale Butler

Vale La Pena – Mayte Ramirez

National Meritorious Awards – Scott Wreyford Jr. and Jeremy Davis

Scout Executive, Bob Dees, and Council President, Dean Andal recognized our outgoing Council Commissioner, Dan'l Adams for his two exemplary years of service.



Congratulations to the 2006 class of Silver Beaver recipients who were honored at the dinner:

Tim Bughi – El Capitan District

Lynette Day – El Capitan District

Mike Dixon – El Capitan District

John Drebing Jr. – Forty-Niner District

David Duran – Council

Alfred Hansen – Wawona District

Bill Johnson – Waukeen District

Pat McCaa – Big Valley District

Carole Merrill – Waukeen District

Ron Stone – El Capitan District

CHIEF SCOUT EXECUTIVE, ROY WILLIAMS RETIREMENT ANNOUNCED



William F. "Rick" Cronk, President of the Boy Scouts of America announced recently the planned retirement of Chief Scout Executive, Roy Williams. John Gottschalk, James Turley, Rex Tillerson, Audrey Harwell, Wayne Perry, Tico Perez and Roy Roberts have been appointed to serve on the Chief Scout Executive Selection Committee. Rick Cronk will serve as the committee chair.



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.

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.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

March 10 - Commissioner Basic Training

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.



BSA's Online Learning Center Offers New Courses

The Online Learning Center now offers Youth Protection Training, Cub Scout Leader Fast Start, Boy Scout Leader Fast Start, Venturing Advisor Fast Start, Troop Committee Challenge, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat and Venture Crew Orientation.

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@bsaemail.org