



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



## **INTERNET RE-CHARTER BEGINS NOVEMBER 1**



Beginning this year, units will expire on **December 31**. Units are 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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## **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 accept 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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## TRAILS END POPCORN SALE



**"Take Order" sale ended October 27th.** All unit orders must be submitted to [trails-end.com](http://trails-end.com). Thanks for your participation and hard work. **Don't forget to make us aware of all \$1,000 and above sellers.** Visit the Kernal's Korner for more information.

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

**Important dates to remember:**

**Product Pickup - November 18th**

**Money and Returns due - December 1**

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## FREE E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENT



November 3 – 5 at John Thurman Field in Modesto. Obtain the flier for more information and a list of electronic items accepted.

<http://www.bsa-gyc.org/files/Ewaste.pdf>

## SCOUTING FOR FOOD DRIVE - NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

### STOCKTON UNITS ARE THE 4<sup>TH</sup> AND 11<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER



More than 8,000 Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts representing 500 units in our council will perform a good turn for the hungry on November 18<sup>th</sup>. During our annual Scouting for Food Good Turn, Scouts will canvas neighborhoods, collect bags filled with canned goods, and deliver them to local food banks. Scouts collected 50 tons of food during the 2005 Scouting for Food drive.

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### MODESTO PACK 14 IS BURSTING WITH BOBCATS



Following a very successful Fall Recruiting Roundup, Modesto's Pack 14 awarded **36 Bobcats** to boys from *ALL FIVE CUB SCOUT LEVELS*. All in all the pack tripled the number of active boys in the unit by putting recruiting flyers out at 13 area elementary schools. View the photo at

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

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### 49TH ANNUAL JAMBOREE ON THE AIR



On Saturday, October 21st., Scouts had an opportunity to participate in BSA's annual Jamboree on the Air and Jamboree on the Internet. Our council's event was organized by Cliff Bailey and sponsored by the Turlock Amateur Radio Club. Scouting families had an opportunity to experience sending Morse code, talking on a HAM radio and sending internet messages by radio. Scouts made contact with individuals throughout the United States and also Japan, Guam and Canada. The Turlock Amateur Radio Club plans to participate again next year.

View photos of this event at <http://www.bsa-gyc.org/sections/News/JOTA>

## COUNCIL ENJOYS SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP WITH STOCKTON AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER



Soccer and Scouting with Stockton American Youth Soccer (SAYS) is going strong and growing by the week! We are currently serving close to 200 Cub Scouts and their parents.

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



## TENDERFOOT, SECOND CLASS AND FIRST CLASS REQUIREMENTS VIDEOS AVAILABLE ONLINE

BSA is producing a series of videos (which may also be downloaded as podcasts) demonstrating how to fulfill each and every requirement for the first three ranks of Boy Scouting.

<http://www.scouting.org/boyscouts/rankvideo/index.html>

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## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

November 3-5 – Area III Trainer’s Conference at Walker Creek Ranch

November 4 – Fall Training Conference in Stockton

November 18-19 – Webelos Leader & Scoutmaster Outdoor Training at Camp McConnell

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

December 9 – Junior Leadership Training in Lodi

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





BSA offers guidelines for safe cell phone use while driving. If you drive with a cell phone, avoid unnecessary calls and always make the driving task your top priority. Safe driving - it's your call!

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

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### **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)

## 2007 WORLD JAMBOREE LEADERS SELECTED

Greater Yosemite Council volunteers Dan'l Adams and Cliff Bailey have been selected to serve as Scoutmasters, and Jeff Jensen as Assistant Scoutmaster for Northern California/Nevada World Jamboree troops. Scouts are still being encouraged to sign up for this great experience. Read more at

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



## 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).

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