



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



## **TOM AND DIANE STONE SELECTED AS 2006 DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS HONOREES**



Greater Yosemite Council's 2006 Distinguished Citizen honorees will be Tom and Diane Stone. Join us on October 25th as we recognize this family for their contributions to Scouting and the community, and bid them farewell as they move on to new adventures. For more information contact Robin at the Council Service Center

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

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## **TRAILS END OFFERS TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SALE**

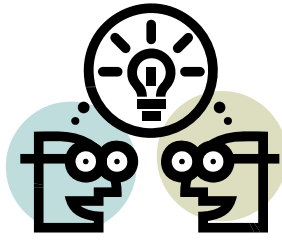


Our annual popcorn sale is currently underway. Units may still receive training and qualify for an additional 5 percent commission. Contact your District Executive or District Popcorn "Kernal" for more information.

To insure maximum success from your unit's sale we encourage the following:

- Each unit should set a sales goal based on their "ideal year of Scouting" plan
- Assign each Scout a goal based upon the unit goal
- Encourage every Scout to fill an order form and qualify for a patch
- Obtain weekly sales reports from every youth

Trails End has provided a new web-based training to help Scouts and leaders have a successful fundraiser. Check the council web site for more information. <http://www.bsa-gyc.org/sections/News/PopcornInformation>



## CAMP MENSINGER MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Camp John Mensinger's Master Plan Committee is finalizing their long-range plan. Your input is invited.  
<http://www.bsa-gyc.org/sections/Camping/mensinger/MasterPlan>

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## COUNCIL INITIATES ADVANCEMENT REPORTING CHANGES

### Internet Advancement

Beginning October 1, Greater Yosemite Council will offer 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. [Committee Chairs will be receiving the login information during the first week of October!](#)

### 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.

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## 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>

## ORDER OF THE ARROW OFFERS ROAD TO FIRST CLASS CAMPOUT



The OA is holding a Road to First Class campout at Camp McConnell the weekend of October 20-22. Check out the Order of the Arrow's web page for more information and registration forms for participants and staff.

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

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## EL CAPITAN DISTRICT FALL KICKOFF FEATURED MEDAL OF MERIT PRESENTATION AND WOODBADGE BEADING CEREMONY



Jeremy Davis, Life Scout with Turlock's Boy Scout Troop 451, was awarded the National Council's Medal of Merit for saving the life of his father in 2005.

<http://www.bsa-gyc.org/sections/districts/ElCapitan/JeremyDavis>

Nine Woodbadge participants from the 2004 course were presented with their neckerchief, woggle and beads by course director Sam Welch. Wood Badge is the most advanced training available for Scout Leaders.



Babette Atkinson  
Michael Hisaw  
Voltaire Nabayan

Tim Bughi  
Gordon Honda  
Ron Swift

Dan Golling  
Scott Johnson  
Matt Thompson

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

October 21 - College of Commissioner Science in Fresno

October 28 - LDS Little Philmont Conference in Manteca

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



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## BSA ANNOUNCES NEW CENTENNIAL QUALITY AWARDS PROGRAM



The Centennial Quality Awards program is designed to recognize units, districts, councils, areas, and regions in achieving excellence in providing a quality program to a growing youth population in America at all levels of the Boy Scouts of America.

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

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## 49TH ANNUAL JAMBOREE ON THE AIR (JOTA) OCTOBER 21ST

Operate a ham radio and talk to other scouts around the world. Reserve a time slot for your pack, troop, team or crew now!

<http://www.yosemitescouting.org/files/JOTAFlyer2006.pdf>

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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@bsaemail.org](mailto:RSchell@bsaemail.org)

## **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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## **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 focuses 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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## TRACY SCOUT EXPO



Approximately 200 Boy Scouts, Venture Scouts, Sea Scouts and adults participated in Tracy's first annual Scout Expo on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Troops demonstrated and participated in Scout skill demonstrations in the morning. Skills included lashings, fire safety, flag etiquette and water safety. After lunch, Scouts were separated into patrols made up of boys from the various troops participating.

These temporary patrols participated in skill games and relay races. During the afternoon activities, the adults participated in a dutch oven dessert competition. The event was culminated with an evening campfire with the boys in their temporary patrols doing skits and songs.