



Greater Yosemite Council, BSA *eNews!* September, 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.

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

DALE FOSTER TRANSFERS TO CASCADE PACIFIC COUNCIL

Dale Foster, District Executive with Forty-Niner District has accepted a position with Cascade Pacific Council in Oregon, effective September 1, 2006. This move will enable him to live closer to his family.

Dale served as a volunteer on the unit and district levels before becoming a Unit Serving Executive. He has been instrumental in the development and maintenance of Camp Mensinger during his tenure with the council. We wish Dale and his family continued success in their new endeavors.



TRAILS END OFFERS NEW WEB-BASED TRAINING



Now is the time to sign up to sell Trails End Popcorn. Take Order Sale begins September 1. 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>

FALL RECRUITMENT PLANNING

Now is the time for packs, troops and crews to begin planning to recruit new youth and adults this fall. We offer tips, techniques and incentives to help make your fall recruitment events successful.

www.bsa-gyc.org/sections/joinscouting/FallRecruitment



SUMMER SCOUT CAMPS OFFERED NEW PROGRAMS AND SET ATTENDANCE RECORDS



Our council's Cub Day Camps had record setting attendance this summer. Camp Akela offered resident camping for Cub Scouts at both Camp McConnell and Camp Mensinger. Camp Mensinger provided week-long camping for Boy Scouts and hosted our council's Commissioner Training. This camp is undergoing numerous capital improvements.

For more information about Camp Mensinger and the improvements visit our website www.yosemitescouting.org/sections/Camping/resources

SHORELINE CLEANUP DAY AT SAN LUIS RESERVOIR

Be part of a World-wide Cleanup day. Help clean up the shoreline of San Luis Reservoir on September 16th. For more information visit www.coast4u.org, call (209) 826-1197 or email Jennifer at jmorg@parks.ca.gov.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

September 23 in Modesto:

Boy Scout Leader 3 in 1 Training
Troop Committee Challenge
Cub Leader Basic Training



October 21 - College of Commissioner Science in Fresno

October 28 - LDS Little Philmont Conference in Manteca

Visit the council web site www.yosemitescouting.org for more information on these training courses.

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

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>

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>

2007 WORLD JAMBOREE UPDATE

Greater Yosemite Council volunteers Dan'l Adams and Cliff Bailey have been selected to serve as Scoutmasters 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>



EL CAPITAN DISTRICT IS ORGANIZING ITS FIRST SEA SCOUT SHIP



El Capitan District is starting its first Sea Scout Ship. An organizational meeting and 9/11 memorial will be held on September 11th, 7:00 PM at the Sea Scout Base in Stockton. Applications for youth and adult leaders are currently being accepted. Sea Scouting is a program for young adults aged 14 to 21 who want to have fun and to experience the rich opportunities and traditions of the sea. For more information contact the Council Service Center.

MINI-TRIATHLON SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 16TH

Varsity Team 119 is hosting a Mini-Triathlon for all Varsity and Venture Scout units. The event will be held on September 16th at Turlock Lake, beginning at 8:00 AM. The Mini-Triathlon will consist of:

- 200 yard swim
- 10 mile bike
- 1.5 mile run



Participants can compete as individuals or teams. All participants need to provide their own bikes and helmets.

Teams must RSVP via email or phone:

sjohnson@turlock.k12.ca.us

Phone 874-4208

BIG VALLEY DISTRICT HOLDS FALL KICKOFF AT STOCKTON PORTS

Friday, August 18th, was the second annual overnight event with the Stockton Ports, at Banner Island Park, and the Big Valley District's kick off of our fall recruiting campaign. The Ports were facing the Bakersfield Blaze.

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



SCOUTING UNITS REPORT THEIR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS



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.

BSA AND NASA DEVELOP CUB SCOUT PROJECTS

Boy Scouts of America has been working with NASA to develop a website where Cubs can work on achievements on NASA's Space Place website. You will find a list of projects and activities to help earn achievements and Academic pins and belt loops.

<http://spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/cubscouts/index.shtml>



2010 NATIONAL JAMBOREE COMMITTEE MEETING

The 2010 Jamboree Committee will hold a General Meeting on Wednesday, October 11, 7:00 PM at the Council Service Center. You are invited to attend. We want your input!

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

Are you planning an outing with your pack or troop? Does the location for the event require a Certificate of Insurance?

Many places that hold scouting events require a certificate of insurance before the event happens. Please contact Sara Heitz at the Modesto Service Center 3 (three) weeks before the event to obtain the certificate.

Items needed to complete a certificate – Unit number, name of activity, where the activity is being held, the name and address of the person, company, etc requesting the certificate of insurance, amount of insurance requested and a fax number if possible.

Also please give her your name and phone for a contact.

COUNCIL HAS MOUNTAIN BIKES AVAILABLE

Greater Yosemite Council has mountain bikes that are used during the summer camping program at Camp Mensinger. We wish to make them available to troops and crews during the remainder of the year. Our only requirement – the bikes need to be serviced and kept in good repair, ready for use at camp next summer. This is an excellent opportunity for your troop to work on the Bicycling Merit Badge. For more information, contact the Council Service Center.



"In the 30 years that I've been doing this for a living, I've never had a parent say to me, 'I regretted the time I spent with my son or child in Scouting.'"

**Roy L. Williams,
Chief Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of America**