



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



## **PAY FOR YOUR WHOLE YEAR OF SCOUTING WITH JUST ONE FUNDRAISER - TRAILS END POPCORN**



Now is the time to sign up to sell Trails End Popcorn. "Show and Sell" and "Show and Deliver" orders are due July 28<sup>th</sup>. Check the council web site for more information.

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

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## **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.

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



## **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](http://www.goodturnforamerica.org).

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## TROOP OPEN HOUSE LEADER RECOGNITION

A new leader recognition patch is available to be presented to the one key person in the troop who organizes and hosts a troop open house. The ring-shaped patch is designed to encircle the recruiter patch and is now available at council service centers.



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## CAMP MENSINGER RECEIVES NEW WATER SYSTEM

Progress continues on a new state-of-the-art water system that is being installed at Camp Mensinger.

<http://www.bsa-gyc.org/sections/Camping/mensinger/WaterSystem>

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## CHEVROLET DEALERSHIPS WILL HOST DISTRICT PINWOOD DERBY EVENTS



Four Chevrolet dealerships within our council have already committed to host District Pinewood Derby competitions at their locations. More are expected to come onboard.

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

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## 2006 BSA NATIONAL MEETING SPEECHES

An audio version of speeches from the following speakers is available at <http://www.scouting.org/media/speeches/index.html>

### **Donald Rumsfeld**

Secretary of Defense, United States of America

### **Rabbi Peter Hyman**

Chairman, National Jewish Committee on Scouting

### **Vice Admiral Richard H. Carmona**

United States Surgeon General

## **SCOUTS COLLECT SUPPLIES FOR TROOPS IN IRAQ**

Scouts in Troop 13 and students at Enslin Elementary School in Modesto collected and shipped 700 pounds of supplies to troops in Iraq.

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

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## **BOY SCOUT *HANDBOOK* SURVEY**



BSA will soon begin the process of developing the twelfth edition of the Boy Scout Handbook and would like to give you the opportunity to share your suggestions for the new edition.

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

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## **BSA WILDERNESS USE POLICY**

In order to minimize human impact on fragile ecosystems, the Boy Scouts of America emphasizes these practices for all troops, teams, and crews planning to use wilderness areas.

<http://www.scouting.org/boyscouts/resources/20-121.pdf>

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## **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.

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## PATCH ROCKERS AVAILABLE FOR CAMP MENSINGER PARTICIPANTS

If you attended Camp Mensinger in 2005 or 2006 and did not receive your patch rockers, contact Robin Wilson at the Council Service Center 545-6320.

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### GOLD DUST SCOUT SHOP

Early Bird Special – August 19th

Cub Scout Uniform Kit

Coming soon: switchback uniform pants for Boy Scouts

<http://www.yosemitescouting.org/sections/GoldDustScoutShop>



*I believe that God put us in this jolly world to be happy and enjoy life. Happiness doesn't come from being rich, nor merely from being successful in your career, nor by self-indulgence. One step towards happiness is to make yourself healthy and strong while you are a boy, so that you can be useful and so you can enjoy life when you are a man.*

Robert Baden-Powell,  
Founder of the World Scout Movement,  
Chief Scout of the World