

37 YEARS... 15,000 BOYS

Puylet  
1985



# 15,000th Pyles Camper

Over half a century ago, a young oilman by the name of Bob Pyles began to dream. He dreamed about taking some youngsters on trips into the Sierra to have the time of their life. He knew that the fresh air and pristine beauty of the mountains could clear the mind and stir the soul.

Then, in 1949, that dream became a reality when others in the Petroleum Industry joined with Bob Pyles to found a camp dedicated to helping young boys on their way to becoming men. It was a monumental undertaking, but they figured that the results would be worth whatever it took.

Last summer was our 37th season of bringing boys to the mountains. During the month of July the Camp was host to its 15,000th camper, 13-year-old Gabriel Ramos of the Pyles Camp Spirit.

It was most fitting that the first two selectors of boys from the Los Angeles area were on hand to help us mark this event in the life of the Camp. In 1949 they were both rookie police officers on the Community Relations detail. Today, they continue to serve the public as Tom Bradley, Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, and Julio Gonzales, United States Marshal.

It was an emotion-packed ceremony with many dedicated friends of the Camp in attendance who have worked many years on our behalf.

It was my pleasure to take part in this event by introducing Marshal Gonzales who shared his memories of the early days of the Camp. The President of our Board of Directors, Bill Stevenson, spoke from his perspective of over 20 years of working with the Camp.

Then Mayor Bradley told of his early acquaintance with Pyles Camp and his first visit in the 50's when the Camp was accessible only by a six-mile hike on horseback ride. He went on to encourage each camper to set high goals and take seriously the standards taught by Pyles Camp. As he said "Who would have believed thirty five years ago that a young policeman could become Mayor of one of the world's greatest cities? It occurred to me that we all have much greater opportunities than we realize. We ought to reach out and strive to meet our full potential."



Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley presents plaque to Gabriel Ramos, 15,000th Pyles Camper, during third session ceremony.

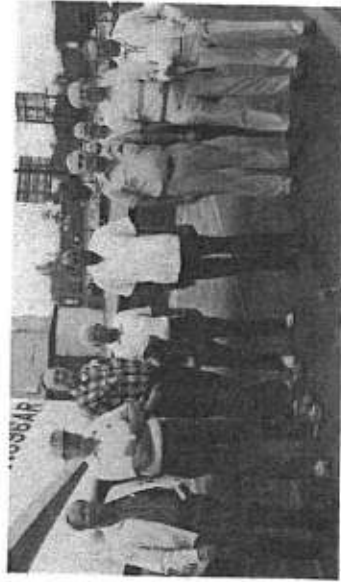
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Mayor Bradley, Marshal Gonzales, and Colonel Stevenson

Among those present for this special event were representatives from the U.S. Forest Service, California Highway Patrol, Kern County Sheriff's Department, Tulare County Sheriff's Department, Bakersfield City Schools and Los Angeles City Schools. Also in attendance were several Pyles Camp alumni and numerous volunteers from Camp work parties, fund-raising barbecues and other support groups. All of these folks believe in helping boys and have given of themselves to do so.

Finally, another important group -- the Camp's Board of Directors -- was well represented by the following: Laverne "Tox" Chandler, Bill Collins, Phil Cook, Hank Neel, Jerry Piper, and Jim Sheppard. Joining Mayor Bradley and Marshal Gonzales for the trip from Los Angeles were Board members Bruce Conway, Paul Howard, Bill Stevenson, Phil Kistler, Jack Knowlton, Jack Rider, and Pat Lester, and Pat Lester, who are shown in the photo below, left.



To all of you who have worked so hard and given so much to make Pyles Camp possible, my hearty thanks. May you enjoy the following pages thinking of the young men you have helped.

To you campers, may each of you enjoy your memories of camp along with a greater realization of how many people care for you and believe in you. The Pyles Camp family is counting on you to work hard at making a good life for yourself and those around you.

I hope you enjoy a blessed holiday season.

In the Pyles Camp spirit,

*Colonel*

*May the peace and beauty  
of the Christmas season  
warm your heart and home.*



A photo from the early 50's with Julio Gonzales and Tom Bradley visiting the Camp on horseback. Photo by "Smokey".

Bill Dehnke, Chet Frazier, Steve Grove, Bob "Smokey" McAdams, Joining Mayor Bradley and Marshal Gonzales for the trip from Los Angeles were Board members Bruce Conway, Paul Howard, Bill Stevenson, Phil Kistler, Jack Knowlton, Jack Rider, and Pat Lester, who are shown in the photo below, left.

MANY THANKS TO THE RECORD NUMBER OF FOLKS WHO



CHARLIE ALLEN  
 RICK BACHMAN  
 AL AND KAY BALL  
 CLYDE BEATY  
 AL BROGDON  
 VIRGINIA BURGESS  
 JOHN "LIBERTY" CAMPBELL  
 R.E. CHAFIN  
 CHARLES "CHISHOLM" CHRISMAN  
 BILL COLLINS  
 TOM COLLINS  
 TOM CONWAY

TEX CUNNINGHAM  
 TOM CUNNINGHAM  
 RAY DONALDSON  
 GEORGE GAFFNEY  
 CHARLES GARTUNG  
 LEANA GATES  
 RICHARD GOODIN  
 ROMAN "BRAVO" GUTIERREZ  
 ED AND EDNA HALL  
 DAVID HILLER  
 GEOFF HOSKING  
 FRED JOHNSTON



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 MIKE KELLEY  
 WILSON KOHLHECHER  
 O.B. AND JUANITA KNIGHT  
 DENNIS AND DIANE KNIGHT  
 DUTCH KRUGER  
 MIKE KRUGER  
 MITCH KRUGER  
 JOHN KUIPERS  
 GIL AND LINDA LALONDE  
 TOM LEPPEK  
 CHUCK LISMAN



As you can see, a "whole lot of work was going on" at Pyles Camp during spring 1985. In addition to the many chores of opening camp, major improvements included a new Lioneer bunkhouse which sleeps 16, a hay cube storage bin at the corrals, swapping of the nature center and tool shed, and a brand new brick fireplace in the messhall.

SPECIAL THANKS TO: Dutch Kruger and Art Lutes for remodeling the weekends, to Bob Chaffin and O. B. Knight for an extra trip to paint the bunkhouse, and to Frank Miranda for his leadership and several extra trips to finish the fireplace.







**PARTIES '85**

BOB AND JUDY LOGAN  
 ERNIE AND JUDY LOVE  
 MICHAEL LUDWIG  
 ART LUTES  
 J.E. MALEDY  
 GERARD MARTIN  
 A.S. MASON  
 BILL MAXWELL  
 CLIFF MILLER  
 FRANK MIRANDA  
 JAMES OXFORD  
 JAMES OXFORD, JR.

GEORGE AND LOUISE PENCE  
 HANK RAMOS  
 RALPH RAMOS  
 WILLIS RAY  
 RALPH "STAIRS" REES  
 ALAN SCHRAMM  
 FRED SCHRAMM  
 BYRON SCOTT  
 SHERYL SCROGHAM  
 DENNIS SHAFFER  
 DENNIS SHEA  
 KEVIN SHEA

CHUCK SNAPP  
 DENNIS SPROUL  
 CHUCK "JUMPER" STERRETT  
 RON STERRETT  
 MIKE "RED" SWENSON  
 TED TURNER  
 ROSE "NANA" URBINA  
 VIRGIL AND JIM WERNER  
 AL, GLORIA & SISSY SALAZAR  
 DAVID WILBUR  
 BOB WITCHER  
 WENDY REES



Thanks also  
 to many of  
 the **STAFF**  
 who came  
 on two  
 additional  
 work  
 weekends!

# FIRST SESSION

June 13 - 25

Bakersfield Area



LIBERTY'S "MOUNTAIN MEN": Chad Chapman, Eduardo Perez, Liberty, Paul Ramirez, Sean Dean; Reyes Perez, Chris Boring, Bruce Adkins, Bryan Stetson, Brian Turney.



SIDEWINDER'S "RATTLERS": Billy Wolford, Sergio Garcia, Sidewinder, Danny Holmes, Robert Roberson; Charles Burkett, Randy Bullard, Omar Solis, Tony Boschini, Steve Hernandez.

SMILEY'S "COOL HIP DUDES": Smiley, Robert Gutierrez, Gabriel Martinez, Demond Alexander; Tommy Avalos, Stacy Hodges, Artie Gonzalez, Jacob Cadena, Mark Almaguer, John St. Pierre.



PUMA'S "BOBCATS": Dontay Lawley, Aaron Boonstoppel, Robert Yanez, Mario Fisher, Lawrence Weldon; Keith Carthon, Eric Martinez, Jose Salazar, Miguel Ibarra, Puma.



GOPHER'S "KODIAKS": Gabriel Juarez, Sergio Rubio, Domenic Caminiti, Joe Fry, George Williams; Gopher, James Thomas, Jaime Cardenas, Gilberto Alvarez, Tony Richardson.





**SALTY'S "TRAILMASTERS"**: Salty, Mike McAdoo, Charles Tillman, Gary Durham, Ken Harris; Manuel Rocha, Danny Delgado, Pablo Aguirre, Robert Cummings, Frank Gonzalez.



**FLY'S "LITTLE MANS"**: Mark Dominguez, Shawn Burke, William Webb, Jake Cadona; James Garcia, Alex Raya, Joe Ortiz, Harry Vargas, James Guzman, a fly ("ours" was unavailable at photo time).



**SPEED'S "GREED"**: Jed Scott, Carl Porter, Bill Howard, Danny Schmidt, Speed; Kip Springer, Jack Swisher, Jim Smith, Tyson Boyd, Kenneth Wyatt.



**SHADOWFAX'S "EXPLORERS"**: Larry Hobbs, Shadowfax, Lloyd Williams; Tom Reese, Billy Tripp, Jon Davis, Mike Evans, Chris Bedmon, Eddie Salinas.

**HONOR CAMPERS**

Tommy Avalin, Chad Chapman,  
Manuel Delgado, Sergio Garcia,  
Artie Gonzalez, Robert Gutierrez,  
Stacy Hodges, Danny Holmes,  
William Howard, Mike McAdoo,  
Robert Roberson, Manuel Rocha,  
Jimmy Smith, Jack Swisher,  
George Williams, Billy Walford,  
Robert Yanez.

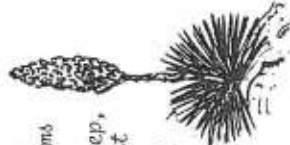
**CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!!!**



*"Oh, we're from Pyles Boys Camp  
and we know the trails  
To the top, and to meadows  
green;*

*We hike across the clear-running  
streams, to a world that seems  
like a dream.*

*Though the trail be long and steep,  
We know at the end we'll rest  
our weary feet,  
And sit around the campfire, and  
enjoy the glow...  
Of Friendship sweet!"*



## SECOND SESSION

June 26 - July 8

East Los Angeles, Kern County, &  
Sacramento



LEGGET'S "RIVER RATS": Legget, Matt Shelley, Andrew Lesinsky, Felix Ledee, Frank Garcia; Jose Perez, Phillip Blick, Frank Zaragoza, Dale Ballard.

GOPHER'S "G-FORCE": Gopher, Mike Segura, Danny Acosta, Marty Sloan, Gus Pineda; Xavier Zavala, Oscar Bonilla, Robert Bonilla, Jose Lopez.



SALTY'S "SOARING EAGLES": Mathew Maples, Roger Gross, Cruz Gutierrez, Ricardo Lopez; Ernesto Trevino, Shiloh (Duke) Staib, Victor Salas, Jose Cardenas, Salty.



PINEAPPLE'S "SLICERS": Wilfredo Aguiar, Stanley Franco, Adrian Flores, Kelvin Miller; Pineapple, Mike McCarty, Jesse Sandoval, Ezra Matthew Saavedra, Baudelio Martinez.

INDIO'S "BRAVES": Larry Martinez, Chad Jones, Steve Mansfield, Tony Snyder; Joseph Rodriguez, Ralph Ortiz, Indio, Alfonso Zavala, Raymond Mendoza.







LEO'S "HUNTERS": Leo, Kevin Devine, Gilberto Campos, Luis Fregoso, Selvan Joseph; William Nichols, Juan Carlos Reyna, Eddie Zavala, Scott Stephens.



FISHER'S "TROUT": Felipe Rodriguez, Albert Pulido, Chuck Phipps, Juda Rodriguez; Matthew Cabrera, Juan Angulo, Fisher, Manuel Ibarra, Richie Wilkerson.



SPEED'S "RENEGADES": Ronald Figueroa, David Dodge, Ernest Ramirez, Derrick Campbell, David Parker; Speed, John Chavez, Miguel Jauregui, Dominic Montoya.

★ HONOR CAMPERS ★

Daniel Acosta, Oscar Bonilla,  
Jose Cardenas, Ronald Figueroa,  
Adrian Flores, Raymond Mendaza,  
Gustavo Pineda, Jesse Sandoval,  
Joseph Selvan, Marty Sloan,  
Francisco Zaragoza, Xavier Zavala.

WELL DONE, CAMPERS!!!



"Each campfire lights anew,  
The flame of friendship true;  
The joy we've had in knowing you,  
Will last our whole lives through.  
And as the embers die away,  
We'll wish that we could always stay;  
But since we cannot have our way,  
We'll come again some other day."



## THIRD SESSION

July 9 - 21

San Fernando Valley &  
Santa Barbara County



LEGGET'S "THE CREW": Melvin Fields, Sergio Soto, Adolfo Quiles, Legget; Eddy Perez, Jimmy Han, Jerome Jiles, Ronald Tigerino.



PINEAPPLE'S "CORE": Pineapple, Lee Woodruff, David Adams, Duy Pham, James Barkley; Sonny Kay, Sandy Frausto, Richard Francescisco, Joey Beltran.

LEO'S "WILDCATS": Cesar Anaya, Gregory Bernard, Leo, Joseph Rosales, Jerry Arsenault; Jaime Bravo, Stephen Apelian, Alfredo Mercado, Jimmy Holmgren.



PSYCHO'S "PSYCHOTIC MANIACS": Ryan Brown, David Horstman, Psycho, Jason Reeder, Leo Smith; Wayne Brown, Andy Sillers, Jose Avila, Chris Garcia.



SALTY'S "TERMINATORS": Salty, David Valencia, Mark Stanley, Vernon Ashley, Gabriel Ramos; Fermin Sanchez, Noel Reeves, George Papagirotopoulos, James Martin.





ROOSTER'S "BULLRIDERS": Joneigh James, Lee Turner, Rooster, Hilton Brown; Cesar Zuniga, Julmar Brown, Dean Elliott, Rigo Cisneros.



SHADOWFAX'S "LITTLE DEVILS": Joe Brown, Shadowfax, David Pena, Jason Pruet; Gabriel Valenzuela, Upendo Taylor, Curtis Merchant, Herman Ortega.



FISHER'S "VICIOUS BARBARIANS": Glenn Kerr, Fisher, David Olivas, George Cole; Josh Leary, Paul Sutton, Demetrik Briggs, Edwin Bartlett.

1. *I'm going to leave,  
Old Texas now,  
Ain't got no use,  
For the longhorn cow.*

2. *They've plowed and fenced,  
My cattle range,  
And the people there,  
Are all so strange.*

3. *I'll take my horse,  
I'll take my rope,  
And hit the trail,  
Upon a lope.*

4. *Say 'Adios',  
To the Alamo,  
And turn my head,  
Toward Mexico."*

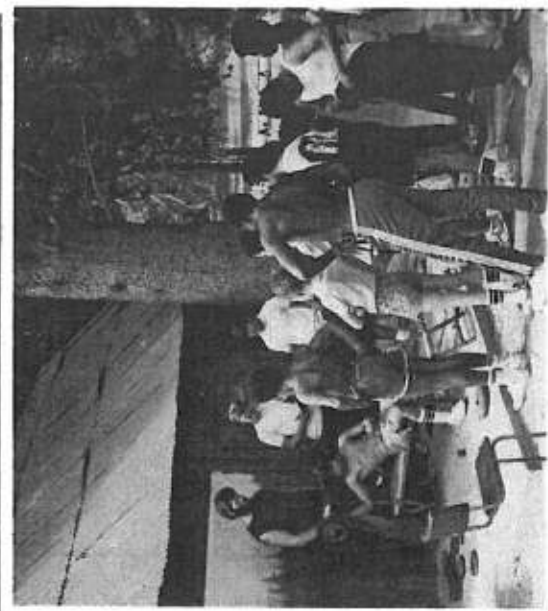
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David Adams, Jose Avila,  
Gregory Bernard, Hilton Brown, Wayne Brown, George Cole, Dean Elliott,  
Dang-Jim (Jimmy) Han, Eddy Perez,  
Gabriel Ramos, Jason Reeder, Joseph Rosales, Andy Sillers, Leo Smith,  
Mark Stanley, Ronald Tegerina.

CONGRATULATIONS ONE AND ALL!!!



# FOURTH SESSION

July 22 - August 3  
Long Beach, Huntington Beach,  
& Santa Clarita Valley



BADGER'S "HERMITS": Richard Milling, Cornelius Milling, Shantel Turner, Robert Stokey, Badger: Mike Harris, John (J.C.) Estep, Tu Tran Ta.



GOPHER'S "CHALLENGERS": Jesse Linderman, Gordon Thompson, Aldwin Vincencio, Blaze Blackman; Gopher, Mark Brown, Mike Martinez, Carlos Lopez, Oscar Sanchez.

ROOSTER'S "ROWDIES": Donny Crawford, Craig Roah, Patrick Nicholas, Matt Hunt, Corey Ison; Jim Eaton, A.J. Martin, Rooster, Shane Grey.



BIG AL'S "TERRORISTS": Big Al, Rodney Milling, Norman Ashbrook, Mike Campbell, Johnny Chaney; Gerardo Cruz, Jorge Sepulveda, Miguel Luna, Derrick Ware.



RED'S "REDER-RATEDS": Daniel Martinez, Lafaven Adams, Mark Martin, Rick Stoner, Red; Randy Gabriel, Mike Tubbiola, Larry Fitts, Anthony Bravo.







LEO'S "HEADHUNTERS": Larry Temple, Eddie Jordan, Leo, Shazzar Kallie, Mark Martinez; Pete Serrano, Ronald Wall, Chico Trujillo, Armando Garcia.



ZAPP'S "GOONIES": Zapp, Alex Robles, Lontay Jones, Glen Brooks; Jermaine Busby, Billy Schmoeyer, Ruben Ramirez, Warren Welch, Robert Shepherd III.



PROVERB'S "PIRATES": Ed Colosimo, Armando Garcia, Proverb, Ysmael Mugica, Harry Matsui; Ronshay Mannery, Michael Gillette, Mauricio Gonzalez, Johnny Lucero.

*"Tell me why the stars do shine,  
Tell me why the ivy twines;  
Tell me why the sky's so blue,  
And I will tell you  
Just why I love you.*

*Because God made the stars to shine,  
Because God made the ivy twine;  
Because God made the sky so blue,  
Because God made you,  
That's why I love you."*



HONOR CAMPERS

Anthony Braun, Michael Campbell,  
John (J.C.) Estep, Larry Fitts,  
A.J. Martin, Daniel Martinez,  
Markus Martinez, Richard Milling,  
Robney Milling, Craig Roah,  
Michael Tubbina.

BEST WISHES TO YOU ALL!!!

# FIFTH SESSION

August 4 - 16

Orange County & Tulare County



LEAF'S "STUBBIES": Mike Gates, Andre Siniard, Ernest Escobedo, Martin Cervantes, Leaf, Trenton Tuttle, Han Nguyen, Tony Solis, Jhamal Scott, David See.



SKEETER'S "WOLF PACK": Jose Lopez, Bryan Klein, Skeeter, Hai (Andy) Huynh, Eric Twing, Wayne Bosby, Keith Keyes, Rick Amato, Fernando Selgado.

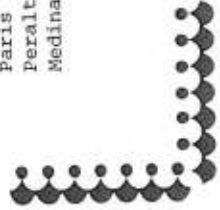
STROKER'S "ALPINERS": Ken Castro, Paris Wilson, Sorin Gheorghe, Emil Peralta, Stroker, Jason Caro, Melecio Medina, Joe Welch, Richard Rodriguez.



GOPHER'S "COMANCHES": Shane Ward, Bill Brock, Tony Nemeec, Chris Hesketh, David Thompson, Gopher, Joe Torres, Sorin Buturoaga, Ken Warbrick, Sergio Tapia.



SALTY'S "DESTROYERS": Keith Carpenter, Mick Morey, Salty, Karl Arreola, Chris Martin, Kevin McClure, Ron Hughes, Jason Fennell, Jose Sanudo, Celso Calderon.





FIRE'S "WARRIORS": Scott McManus, Chris Mendonca, Fire, Anzio Williams, Richard Senn; Peter Green, John Emigh, Roland Gonzalez, Jose (Alex) Elizondo.



EAGLE'S "CLAWS": Tony Cordova, Billy Murphy, Eagle, Josh Herrick, Michael Lindyn; Elias Villasenor, Tom Saenz, Ritchie Arriaga, Nathaniel Rowland.



FISHER'S "MEN": Justin Winell, Ralph Peralta, Tony Rodriguez, Maurice Dixon, Milton Vanegas; Jesus Gomez, Fisher, Wade Jones, Alfonso Vasquez.



ZAPP'S "TERMINATORS": David McCracken, Brayson Rusinyak, Zapp, Eddie Kukish, Art Palacio; Felipe Fernandez, Min Park, Gus Espinosa, Richard Alvarez.

Below: PROVERB'S "PANTHERS": Eric Jeffrey, David Kim, William Vanegas, Michael Stephens; Luis Alvarez, David Whitney, Proverb, Joey Reza, Javier Elizondo.





HONOR CAMPERS

William Brock, Sorin Buturoaga,  
 Maurice Dixon, John Emigh,  
 Sorin Gheorghe, Roland Gonzalez,  
 Ronnie Hughes, Jose Lopez,  
 Nicholas Morey, Richard Rodriguez,  
 Jose Sanudo, Sergio Tapia,  
 Shane Ward.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

# SIXTH SESSION

August 17 - 29

Ventura County



RED'S "RAIDERS": Jess Segovia, Angel Godinez, Gerald (Lonnie) Enos, Kevin Kraetsch, Hector Robles; Tony Ponce, Julian Silva, Jason Roberts, Red, Paul Schell.



PROVERB'S "RIVER RATS": John Gray, David Threlkeld, Proverb, Greg Downs, Jon Sherman; Jake Stevens, Larry Valentine, Jose Mendoza, Flaco Ponce.

TRAPPER'S "WILD BEARS": Bobby Brenner, Shannon Case, Trapper, Christian Attberry (Henderson), Rudy Rios; Leonard Lopez, Juan Morales, Aaron Greene, Gavin Shelton.



BUCKWHEAT'S "SURVIVORS": Seth Potter, Richard Madsen, Buckwheat, Chris Caples, Robert Stafford; Rolando Martinez, Albert Hudson, David Diaz, Joe Armstrong.



ZAPP'S "FORCE": Johnny ("JJ") Aceves, Greg Zobel, Zapp, Allen Schneider, Jaime Valdez Max Manzano, Don Brenner, Dan Drake, Tom L.







PORCUPINE'S "REVENGE": Hans Eugene, Shawn Kossow, Jorge Mendoza, Porcupine; John Belko, Gabino Martinez, Robert Delara, Richard Castro, Gabriel Cueva




WASP'S "TWELVE": Ramiro Rangel, Adrian Gurrola, Wasp, Art Sosa, Alex Sandoval; Manuel Jimenez, Vladimir Eugene, Richard De La Trinidad, Adolpho Castillo.



MATSI'S "TAIBO": Gabriel ("Pokey") Sanchez, Andy Gray, Matsi, Davis Sherman, Jason Rangel; David Rhoden, Peter Dougherty, Cesar Lara, Jack Mitchell.

*"Day is done,  
Gone the sun;  
From the lakes,  
From the hills,  
From the sky.  
All is well,  
Safely rest,  
God is nigh."*






HONOR CAMPERS

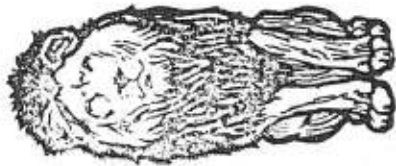
Richard De La Trinidad, David Diaz,  
Leonard Lopez, Max Manzano,  
David Rhoden, Hector Robles,  
Paul Schell, Allen Schneider,  
Arthur Sosa, Jaime Valdez,  
Gregory Zobel.

BEST WISHES TO ALL 1985 HONOR  
CAMPERS!!!





# lion meadows '85



*This summer was very exciting for me with the trip to Mt. Whitney, the Survival Trip, cave exploring, etc.; but what made this a special time was the cooperating and sharing of work and feelings with the Lioneers. Only the Lioneers truly understand the magic of Lion Meadows, but hopefully we'll all share that magic and spread the Pyles Camp Spirit throughout our lives.*

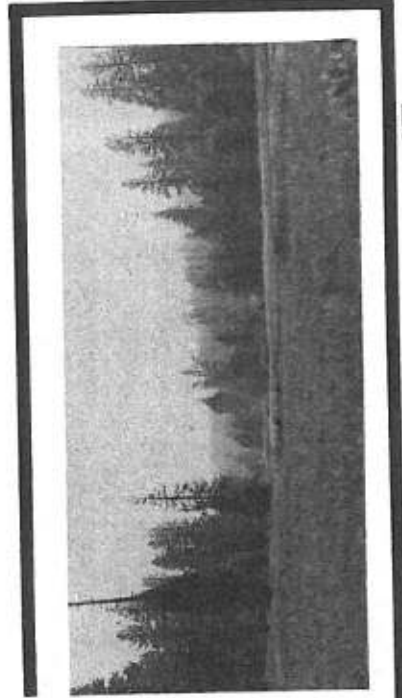
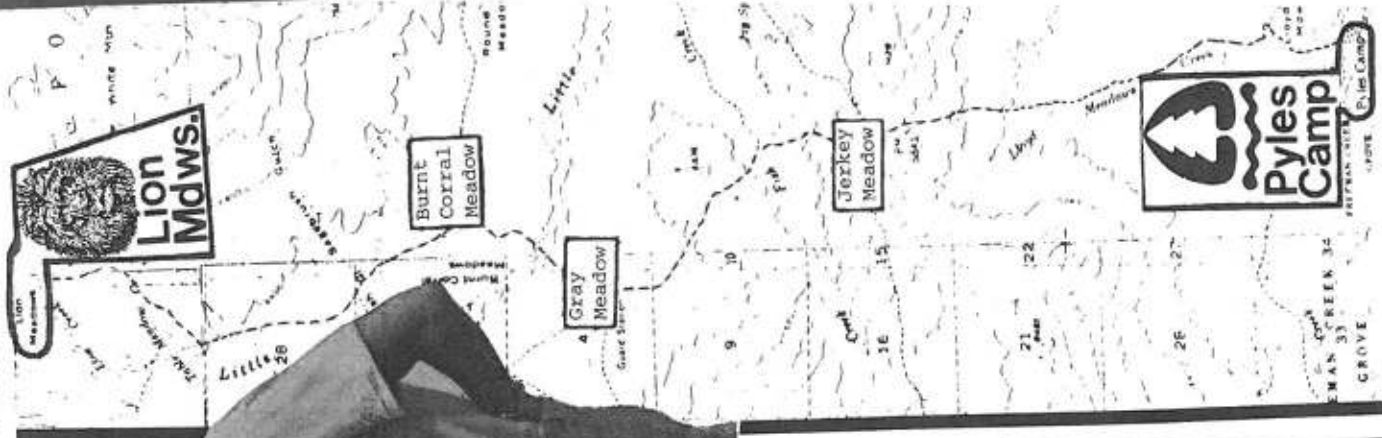
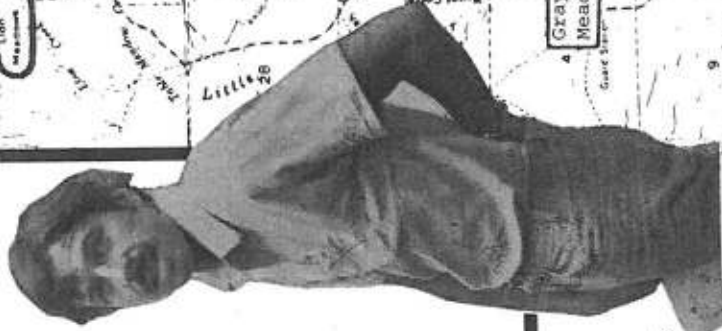
*Thankx, guys, and keep in touch,*

*Hermano!*

*As you can see, Lion Meadows is a very special place. It is a privilege to be invited back to spend two weeks as a Lioneer. This means you have shown something extra: love for the wilderness, ability to lead, desire to improve yourself and to help others.*

*To those of you who were Lioneers in 1985 I extend my congratulations on the many outstanding things you accomplished. To those who hope to be Lioneers in the future, I encourage you to keep your sights set high and work hard to reach that goal.*

*Colonel*





## SECOND SESSION

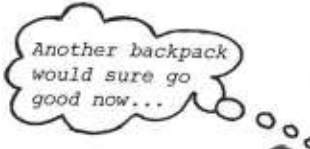


Hermano, Angel Melendez, Steven Matchan, Psycho, Eddie Salas, Juan Silva, Marc Vivas, Liberty; Lloyd Lovelace, Gus Rodriguez, Ismael Verduzco, Ublester Martinez, Daniel Kramer, Chris Villalobos, Vincent Garcia.

The Second Session was full of animal moments. Remember Liberty's pack eaten by the bear, the marmots and all the deer? Remember Angel eating the rattlesnake, and those beautiful caves? And how about that swimming spot with the waterfall at Blossom Lakes? We had many exciting times together and saw many breathtaking views, but we will always remember Ansel Lake and the Friendship Circle there during sunset.



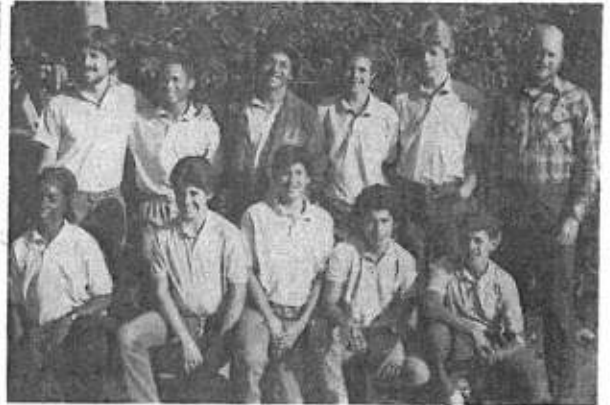
Yellow-bellied Marmot



Another backpack would sure go good now...



## THIRD SESSION



Hermano, Darrell Armstrong (Turbo), Gopher, John Clark, Shane Dearman, Liberty; Dennis Reneau, Rosales Ruiz, Macio Lee, Joe Arvisu, Nicholas Medina.

Third Session made Lion Meadow history as we hiked all the way to the top of Mount Whitney (14,495 feet - the highest mountain in the continental United States)! This group beat the 37-year Pyles Camp record by hiking (running) up and over Jerkey in 20 minutes! Remember the snow men and snow fight? The warm hot springs, the scavenger hunt, and the beautiful rain at Rattlesnake Canyon? So many beautiful sights we saw, who could ever forget them? That stashed food at Silver Lake sure tasted good even though Nico never did wear his hat straight.

The Lioneers stop for a snapshot about halfway to the top of Mount Whitney.

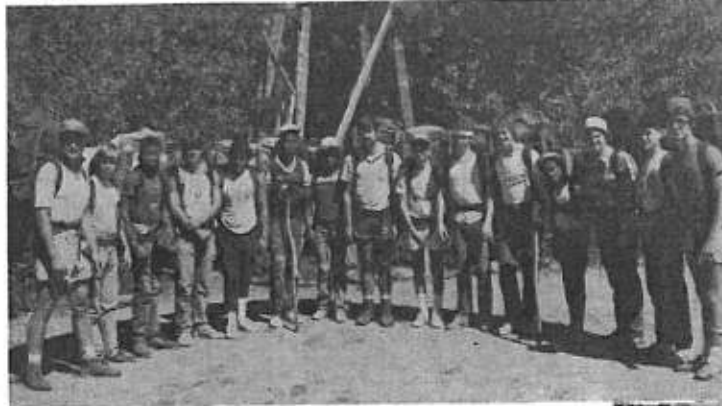




## FOURTH SESSION



## FIFTH SESSION



Liberty, Karl Ball, Michael Jones, Chad Pearson, Robert Trujillo, Tony Colbert, Curtis Winston, Hermano, Brian Webb, Kevin Moe, John True, L.T. Dobbins, Mark Paquette, James Salazar, O'Riley.

*Even though Hermano missed some of the out-camp (getting rid of the bear), we still saw those endless caverns at White Chief together. Remember the hail and rain at Coyote Lakes, the night hike from Muir Rock, Tony's Superman imitation, the raisin biscuits, the hot sweat lodge, and L.T. winning the Huck Finn lookalike contest? Chisholm and Colonel brought goodies and enjoyed a game of "mountain" volleyball with shifting boundaries. Even though there was ice on our sleeping bags at Franklin Lakes, there was brotherhood in our hearts.*

*Session Five was our survival trip where we ate wild foods (berries, ants, stinging nettle quiche, rattlesnake, wild onions, etc.), made our own backpacks and loinclothes (see photo, below). Remember the 5:30 a.m. bird walk, the sweat lodge, the scavenger hunt, the star talk when we sighted the moons of Jupiter, the vic from Top-of-the-World, and the laughter as we burned our ground corn rock meal? "Oh yes baby" we made some lasting friendships this session!*



Slick, Taleo Crosby, Sean Striegel, Joe Claus Shawn Cutler, Joe Tucker, Adam Potter, Robert Martinez, Richard Herrera, Hermano; William Freeman, Matsi, Francisco Chavez, Ralph Ramos Abobaker Tukhi, Joey Stowell.



Home-made backpacks!



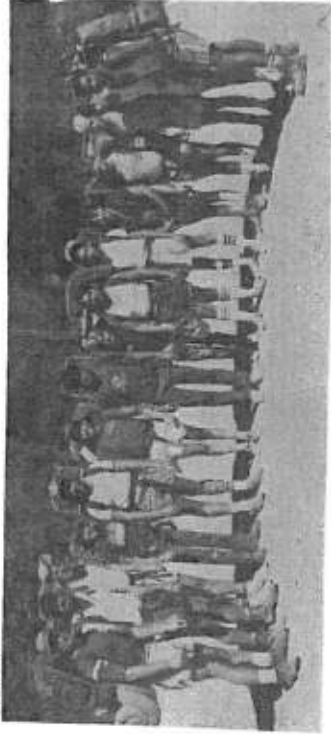
Le Menu, Lion Style: Plate of ants, rattlesnat







## SIXTH SESSION



Liberty, Hermano, Rob Moon, Chuck Harms, Jeff Hubble, Jesus Rodriguez, Lupe Duran, Joey Balleweg, Paul Gonzalez, Miguel Sanchez, Eddie Perez, Chuck Lewis, Scott McKenzie, Rich McKenzie, Slick.

*Sixth session memories were a beautiful trip down the Kern River visiting old Pyles Boys Camp sites, jumping into the Little Kern Lake, the beam, making the new corral in only three days, Gopher's birthday cake, Colonel's visit, Fortresser Lake and all the fish, and Jesus' expression for all occasions - "Get down, Butch!". Remember sleeping alone one night, closing camp and all those inventories?*

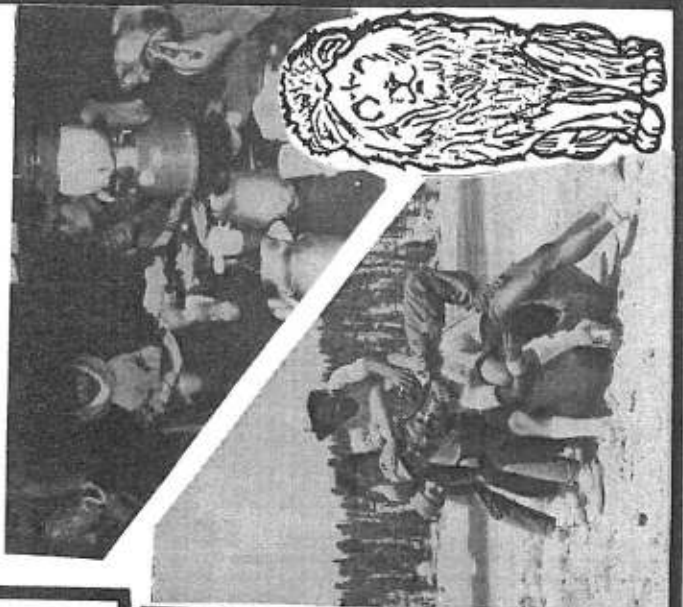
*Hermano particularly remembers being creeked the last day. What an awesome way to end a great summer!*

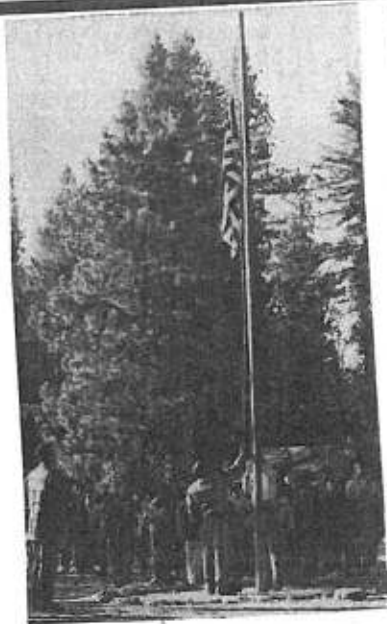


*Lion Meadows is flag ceremonies...eating meals we cook ourselves, living, learning and playing together.  
Lion Meadows is the experience of a lifetime.*



*Lion Meadows is rustic backwoods living and unequalled mountain fun.*





Matsi's "Taibo" -- 8th pick group (out of 8!) on top of Maggie Mountain, 10,042 feet, 6th Session!



6th Session Lioneers on top of Mt. Whitney, 14,495 feet!



# SUMMER MEMORIES 1985



ABOVE: Deputies from the Tulare County Sheriff's Department once again treated us to a Police Dog demonstration each session.



# Assistant Directors and Senior Counselors



**Sarge** AD 1st through 4th Sessions.

Sarge is now in his second year of teaching at Woodlake Union High School, where he teaches Government, History, Civics, and Computers. He is coach of the Mock Trial Team, and helps with PHA/HERO (Future Homemakers of America, Home Economics Related Occupations). He will be coaching swimming. Sarge is chairman of the Social Sciences Department at Woodlake High, where Legget and Whiskers also teach. Sarge had this to say:

*I hope all of you are having a great year at school, in sports, and at home. Remember all the things that you learned at Camp: how to work hard, how to play hard, how to treat each other right. I-recently came across a quote by a man named Garrison Keillor, which he attributes to one of his old teachers. It says what I hope you brought home with you from Camp: "Aspera at astra (Latin) - Reach for the stars! Don't just try to give the right answers - try to BE right! Be better than you need to be! Be UNREASONABLY good!"*

*Best Wishes,*

*Bruce "Sarge" Cates*

**Shagy** Senior Counselor 1st through 4th, AD 5th and 6th Sessions.

Shagy is presently finishing up his last semester at Fresno State University, where he will graduate in December with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Animal Science. After that he will intensify his search for a job! In addition to his training in live-stock management, he is also skilled in auctioneering. He and his wife, Leona, currently live in Fresno, where she works as a teaching assistant at a local preschool.

Says Shagy:

*Thank you all for making it possible for me to have such a fantastic summer. You have become a lifelong member of the R.M. Pyles Boys Camp family. I pray that you were able to take home some of the values and teachings of Camp that we call the Pyles Camp Spirit.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jerry "Shagy" Moore*



**Chain** Senior Counselor, 6th Session

Chain is now working for the Federal Express company in their International Operations Division. He began working there in February of this year, and in that time has had the opportunity to travel to Tokyo and Singapore. He found the people in both to be warm and friendly, and those he talked with said that the U.S. is a place they'd like to be. To the Campers and Staff, Chain says:

*In my 19 years of being associated with R.M. Pyles Boys Camp I find the hopes, dreams, and spirit of Mr. Pyles very much alive at Camp. Each time I come to Camp I find myself still going through a learning experience. Life is a continuing learning experience - we never know everything, therefore we should never stop learning. Keep an open and fair mind about everything. Regardless of what you become in life, as long as it's something that's needed in society, then it's important. If the going gets tough, don't call it quits; because when you think you're through, then -- you're through! You are tomorrow's future. You are what you do, not what you think or say. What you are is what you intend to become.*

*Sincere best wishes in all you wish to become. In the Spirit of Mr. Pyles,*

*Eddy "Chain" Cadena*





Maggie "Magpie" Kline, Carol "Lois Lane" Baryla, Nancy "Macho" Camacho, Cassandra "Bambi" Sparks, Theresa "Cucci" Micucci, Bonnie "Bubbles" Wellbaum, Gerry "Munchkin" Munoz.

## D & D VISIT

On June 15 -16, members of Desk and Derrick Clubs representing Los Angeles, Orange County, Ventura and Long Beach visited the Camp. Desk and Derrick Clubs are made up of secretaries in the petroleum industries, and they have always been strong supporters of the Boys Camp. It is always a pleasure to have them visit us.



## FUNDRAISERS

In addition to those who contribute financially, Pyles Boys Camp is fortunate to have many friends who believe in you boys so much that each year they sponsor various events to raise money for camp. Each year there are four different steak

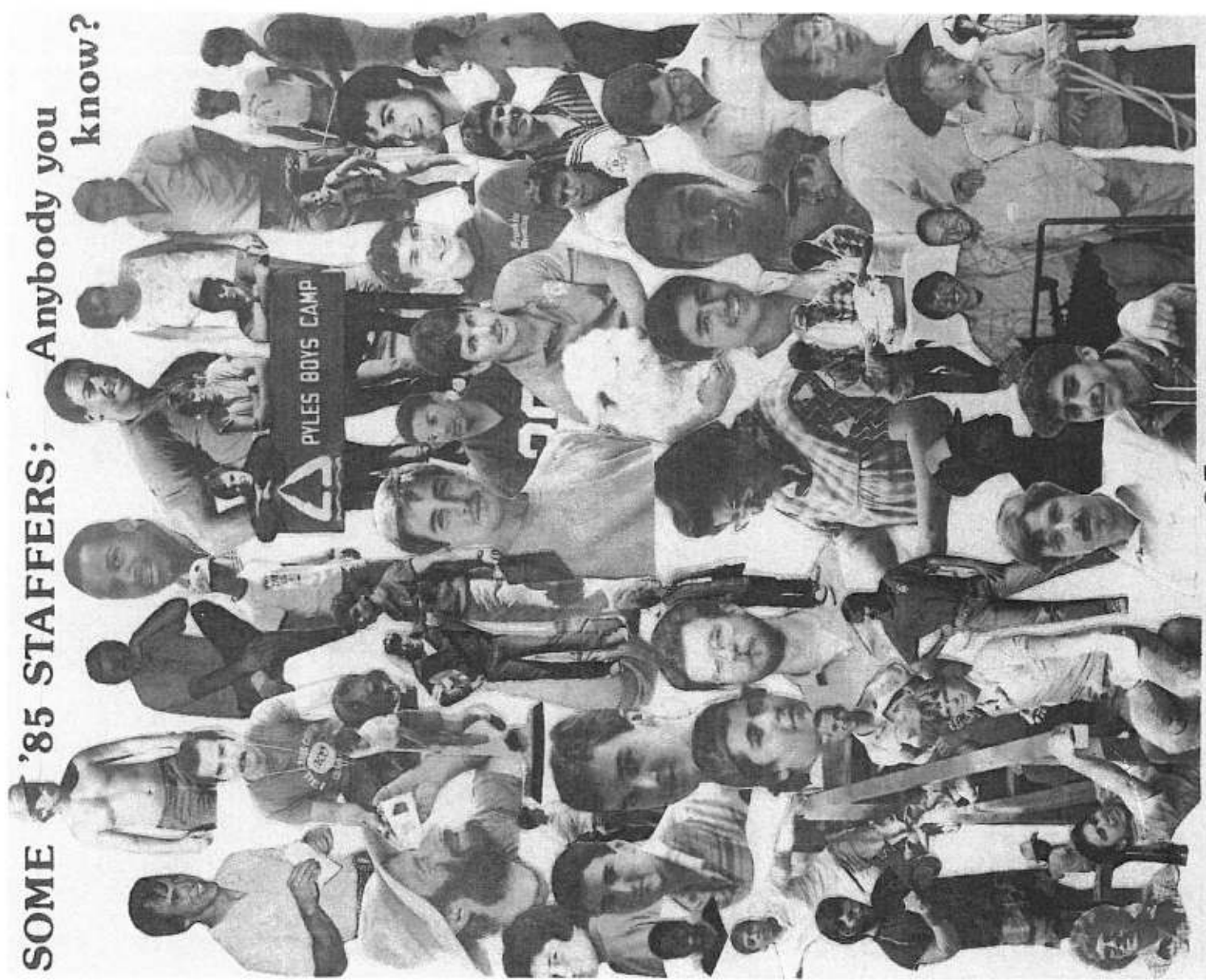
barbecues held in Bakersfield, Ventura, Santa Maria and Brea featuring good food and lots of raffle prizes. Also, there are a number of golf tournaments such as the Wildcats Invitational, the API, the Oilman's Tourney, etc. This year there was a "Las Vegas Night" held in Long Beach by the NOMADS along with the D & D. And there are "Toolpusher" donations by oilmen, as well as other activities. We couldn't do what we do without these people, and we hope they know how much we love them!



## CAMP CLOSED

The Camp is all closed up now, all the equipment packed and taken down to storage, and the buildings awaiting their winter blanket of snow. Many thanks are due to Staff members, members of the California Department of Oil and Gas (D.O.G.), and others who once again held a closing work party to make sure all these important details were properly taken care of. Shown above are Billy Bear, Bladerunner; Rusty, Snowman, Wasp, Southpaw, Ed Brannon, Gerry Munoz; Pat Kinnear, Matsi, Tommy Santiago, Mike Stettner, and Randy Adams. Also present were Rob and Reed Bowles, Brenda and Dwight Eisenhower, Teresa Hughes, Bancherd Scrivisal, Ed Santiago, Denise Parker, Dutch Kruger, John and Noah Allen, Tim Kustic, Liberty, Al and Kay Ball; Stairs, Socks, Jason and Brady Rees. Many thanks to you all. We couldn't do it without you - and besides, we look forward to seeing you again each year!

**SOME '85 STAFFERS; Anybody you know?**





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ANSWERS CONTRIBUTOR LETTER

## A CONTRIBUTOR WRITES BACK...

... AND HIS MEANINGFUL  
WORDS TO ONE CAMPER  
HAVE A MESSAGE FOR  
ALL OF US !!!

Dear Ed:

SEPT. 17, 1985

I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER FROM THE R.M. PYLES BOYS CAMP AND WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT IT IS SUCH AN EXCELLENT TRAINING PLACE. WITH FISHING AND HIKING AND SPORTS, IT MUST PROVIDE A GREAT AND WORTH WHILE EXPERIENCE TO YOU AND TO THE OTHER BOYS WHO WERE WITH YOU. I HOPE THAT YOU FOUND OTHER BOYS WITH WHOM YOU CAN CONTINUE TO BE FRIENDS.

AND I TRULY HOPE THAT THE PEOPLE WHO OPERATED THE CAMP MADE YOU AWARE OF SOMETHING ELSE: THE IMPORTANCE OF HARD WORK, OF ALWAYS BEING ON TIME, OF DOING WHATEVER JOB ASSIGNED TO YOU AS WELL AS YOU COULD. THESE ARE THE LESSONS THAT I HOPE YOU TOOK AWAY FROM THE CAMP ALONG WITH THE REMEMBRANCE OF ALL THE FUN THAT YOU HAD. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT PERIOD IN YOUR LIFE, THE TIME WHEN YOU ARE PREPARING YOURSELF FOR THE BIG JOBS YOU HOPE TO FILL AFTER YOU GROW UP. AND, OF COURSE, THIS INCLUDES YOUR EDUCATION. YOU AREN'T GOING TO HAVE A SATISFACTORY LIFE AS A GROWN-UP UNLESS YOU STAY AROUND SCHOOL; UNLESS YOU STAY IN SCHOOL AND TRAIN YOURSELF FOR THE FUTURE.

YOU THANK ME FOR CONTRIBUTING TO PYLES BOYS CAMP. HOW DO YOU SUPPOSE I WAS ABLE TO DO THIS? I WAS POOR WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE, BUT I STAYED IN SCHOOL, STUDIED AND WORKED HARD, WENT ON TO COLLEGE AND CONTINUED TO DO THE TASKS ASSIGNED TO ME AS WELL AS I COULD.

YOU CAN DO THE SAME. THERE WILL BE MANY TIMES WHEN YOU WILL BE DISCOURAGED -- BUT EVERYONE HAS THOSE TIMES. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THOSE WHO FAIL AND THOSE WHO EVENTUALLY SUCCEED IS THAT THOSE WHO FAIL GAVE UP AND QUIT TRYING WHEN THEY WERE DISCOURAGED, WHILE THOSE WHO SUCCEEDED KEPT ON TRYING.

I ASSUME THAT YOU ARE BACK IN SCHOOL NOW AND THAT YOU ARE ENJOYING THE SCHOOL SPORTS. THAT IS FINE -- BUT KEEP WORKING ON YOUR STUDIES. SPORTS ARE FUN, BUT THE STUDIES PREPARE YOU FOR GROWN-UP LIFE, EVEN THOUGH AT PRESENT YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND HOW.

WRITE TO ME AGAIN IF YOU CARE TO,

SINCERELY,

PHILIP MCCONNELL



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