

# PYLET

1991



*"Accepting the Challenge"*

# WELCOME TO THE PYLET

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We hope it helps you relive your Pyles Camp experience, and reminds you of the friends you made. We also hope it reinforces the lessons you learned while at camp. The Pylet was created especially for you. Enjoy!

*The 1991 "Pylet" is dedicated to our*

## VOLUNTEERS

*"a tradition of caring and giving"*

Throughout the history of R. M. Pyles Boys Camp, volunteers have played a major role in the development and success of the program. In 1949 when Mr. Pyles started the camp he called upon his friends in the oil industry to help make his dream a reality. Since then, volunteers have continued to lend a helping hand. Today, hundreds of volunteers continue the tradition of caring and giving because they believe in you, the camper.

We salute all the men and women who have made it possible for you and over 17,000 boys to experience R. M. Pyles Boys Camp.



# S.T.O.P. FOR SUCCESS



Dear Pyles Camp Camper,

We at the Camp office hope that you are in excellent health and busily pursuing your goals to happiness. What? You don't have any goals?

At camp we know that you had a good time. I always enjoy watching campers when they return from outcamp, hit a bullseye up at the Archery range or successfully conquer the Ropes Course. It was fun to achieve wasn't it? Pyles Camp is a place of fun achievements. We gave you a set of challenges and asked you and your group to achieve them. How did you do it? You set GOALS.

Think back to the first time you went to the Ropes Course. There, you were given a series of problems that your group had to solve.

Your goal was to solve the problems. How were you going to get over the Nitro Crossing? Walk along the Mohawk Walk or get across the Spiders Web? It was a problem that at first didn't have an easy solution.

But if you remember, you were asked to S.T.O.P. Stop, Think, Observe and Plan. STOP - don't rush into a problem. THINK - what resources did you have to solve the problem? OBSERVE - observe how other people tried to solve it. Were they successful? What mistakes did they make that you shouldn't? PLAN - Before your group tried, we asked you to come up with a plan. Most of the time your plan didn't work the first time you tried it. Right? So you had to refine it. You learned from your mistakes. You had to find the lessons in the failed first attempts. Only by learning as you went and adding to your plan were you able to solve the problem and achieve your goal.

What went on at the Ropes Course is a perfect example of how to succeed by setting goals. Do you know where you want to be later on in life? If you don't, I urge you to set some goals for yourself. If you have set some goals, great! Do you know how to reach them? If you don't, then the method you used successfully at the Ropes Course is a great plan to follow. Remember S.T.O.P. to reach your goals.

Have a great winter, stay in touch and we hope to see you at our reunions.

*Rocky*

Rocky

# SPECIAL EVENTS

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## HAVOC TIES THE KNOT

This summer, Havoc, our Archery Specialist Extraordinaire exchanged wedding vows on August 3 with Alicia Garcia in a small church in East Los Angeles. The newlyweds live in the Los Angeles area. The new Mrs. Becerra is a school teacher while Havoc is an art student working toward his teaching credential. We wish Havoc and Alicia a happy and healthy life together.

## SANTA MARIA FLOAT WINS MAYOR'S AWARD



This past June the Santa Maria Petroleum Club entered a float in the annual Elks Parade. Winner of the Mayor's Trophy and a \$150. cash prize, it was also runner up in the Community Service category. The float's design included an oilfield scene, a replica of Unocal's offshore drilling platform, and local Pyles Campers depicting an outcamp scene. Thank you Santa Maria Petroleum Club for including us in your float!

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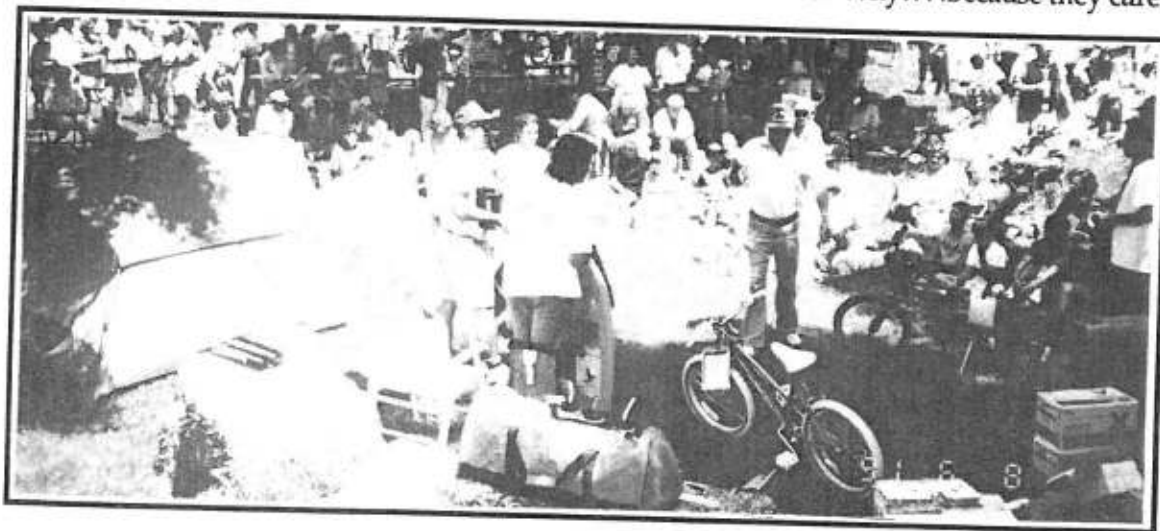
## PYLES "HOT SHOT" CREW FIGHTS FIRE

This summer several staff members did double duty as firefighters preventing two nearby wildfires from spreading and burning out of control. Caused by lightning strikes, the courageous crew beat the U.S. Forest Service to the scene, in one case completely ringing it before the "pros" arrived. Our staff/firefighters were recognized in a Porterville newspaper for their efforts.



## BAR-BE-QUE'S COOK FOR CAMP

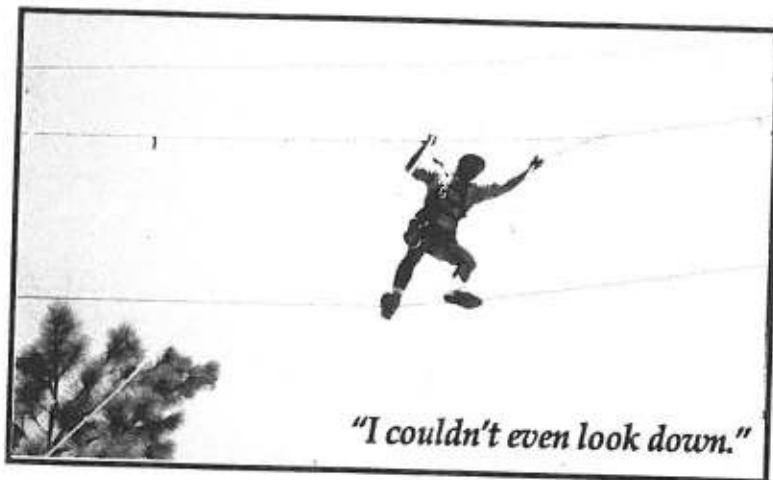
Every year the camp is involved with BBQ fundraisers. Held in four geographical areas, Los Angeles Basin, Kern County, Ventura, and Santa Maria, these special events raise almost one-fourth of the money it takes to run the camp. Dedicated volunteers work very hard to make each event a success. Why?.. Because they care about YOU!



*Our special thanks to all the individuals and companies who make the BBQ's an annual success.*

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# ADVENTURE ROPES COURSE



*"I couldn't even look down."*

## *"Accepting the Challenge"*



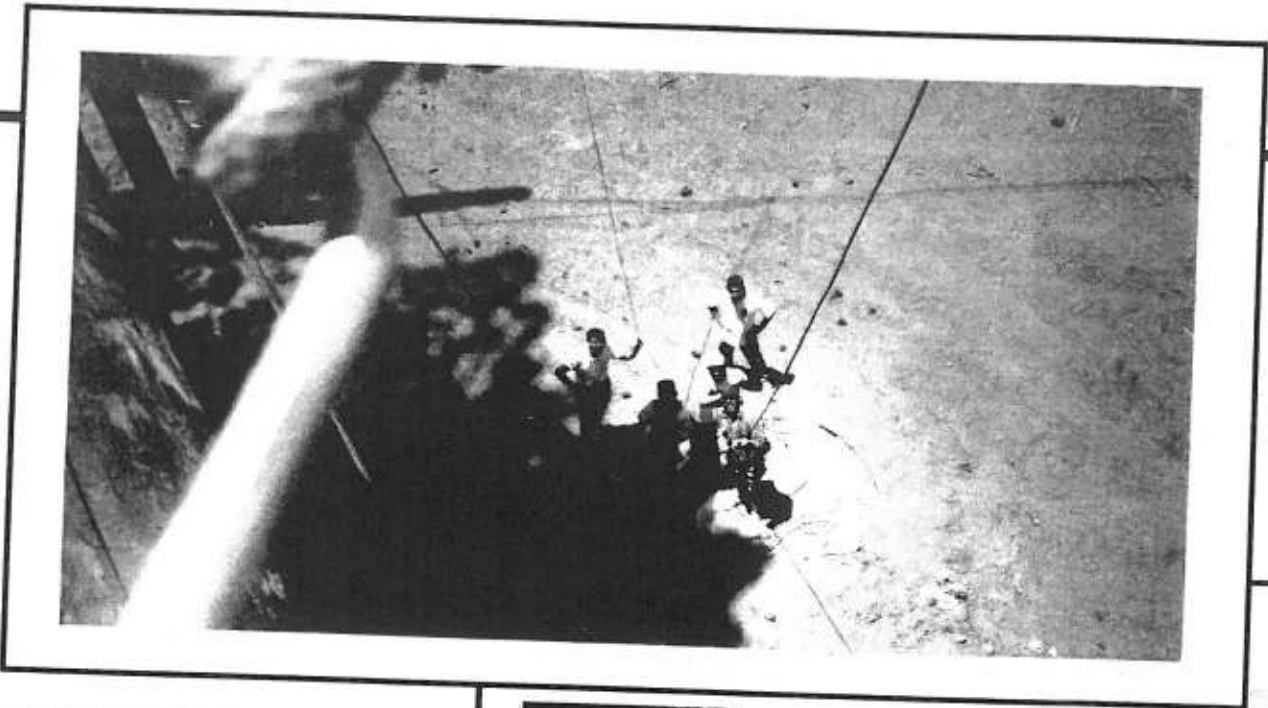
*"Man, it was scary, but I made it."*

Considered by many to be the "most exciting" activity at camp, the newly installed ropes course is a great success. The various challenges like the Trust Fall, Nitro Crossing, Tension Traverse, Wild Woosey, and the Spiderweb helped your group become a close-knit team. The "low-ropes" challenged you to communicate, cooperate, and trust each other. However, the most daring challenge by far was the high ropes.

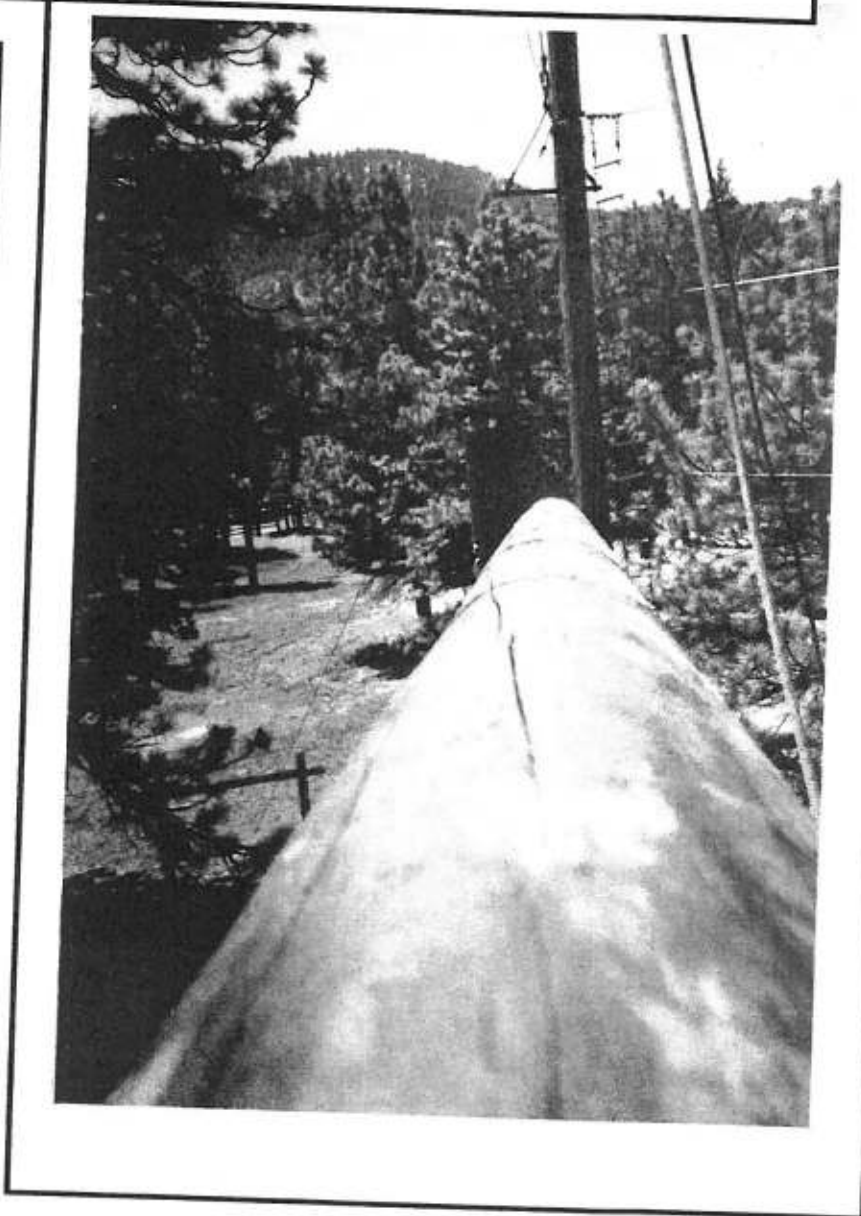


At this point you learned the most important lesson of all, to trust yourself. Here, the challenge was to climb a 30' rope ladder, go through the Postman's Walk, the Vine Walk, and then to the scariest segment of all . . . the Cat Walk.





Once you made it to the end of the Cat Walk you were challenged again. This time we asked you to leap out into mid-air and catch the trapeze. Lowered down to the ground, your fellow campers greeted you with encouraging words and gestures. Afterwards, we asked you to share what you felt and, most importantly, what you learned. Our hope is that you learned the meaning of teamwork and how to trust in yourself to accept life's challenges.



# FIRST SESSION



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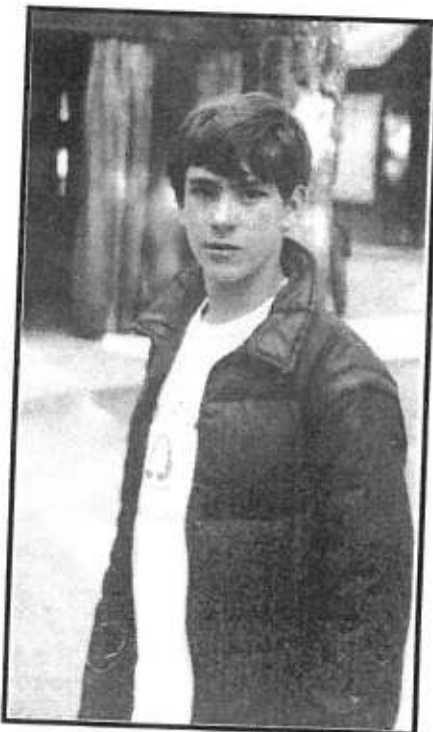
## Bakersfield Area



### HONOR CAMPERS

Cuahutemoc Baltazar  
Victor Chavez  
John Martinez, Jr.  
Mike Romero  
Chravonte Turner

Ern esto Chavez  
Michael Dunford  
Manuel Romero  
Andres Santillan  
Stephen Wade



# SECOND SESSION



*REF'S "UNFADEABLES": Alex Alocala, Marcus Young, Jay Wilson, Javier Quezada, Cesar Castro, Eddie Leon, Robert Rufer, "Ref", Darrell Cane, Jorge Jimenez*

*BLASTER'S "MASTERS": David Ramirez, Mike Salinas, Havon Finner, Ben Tsui, Eric Hicks, Carlos Grimaldi, Pao Xiong, Lucas Irgbeta, "Blaster"*



*SHOTGUN'S "YOUNG GUNS": Joe Oliba, Chris Lee, Micah Reyes, David Valenzuela, Abraham Garcia, Randy Watson, Victor Barraza, "Shotgun", Carlos Zepeda, Jaime Timajaro*



*RAM'S "WILDCATS": Ernesto Acevedo, Adam Vasquez, Jose Ruis Brizuela, Reginal Williams, Todd Sharp, Abel Arredundo, Hampton Finney, Rudy Hernandez, "Ram", Perfecto Gonzales*

## HONOR CAMPERS

Lucas Iraheta  
 Joey Perez  
 Javier Quezada  
 Juan Serna  
 Carlos Zepeda



# San Fernando, Tulare Co. & Kern County

**TREB'S "BULLDOGS":** (Names not in order) Ruben Aquino, Stephen Bell, Cory Farabee, Devin Green, Manny Lake, Jeremy Molina, Thai Mona, Johnny Serna, Philip Weston



**KEEBLER'S "OUTLAWS":** Joey Perez, David Ross, Steve Lujan, Jason Tinsley, Lucio Moreno, Ronnie Smith, James Ornelaz, Matt Martin, Jack Strong, "Keebler"

**HUB'S "RANGERS":** Todd Welch, Josh Jones, Abel Altamirano, Juan Esquivel, Sergio Lara, Daniel Neuwirth, Luis Nunez, Juan Amezcua, Anthony Krull, "Hub"



**WEASEL'S "WILD WOMPING WOODCHUCKS":** Mike Dennis, Bobby Ramirez, Juan Alcala, Ruben Rivera, Chano Mendoza, Walter Pease, "Weasel", Alfredo Almaguer, Jeremy Hutchinson

**ARROW'S "RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS":** Jose Villapando, Ernie DeJesus, Sao Vang, Arturo Gonzalez, Demitrius Furlow, Larry Michaelis, Nathan Arrambide, Mike McCutcheon, "Arrow", Brian Hall, Clinton Trent





# THIRD SESSION



**SPUDS' "HEADHUNTERS":** "Ogre" (dog), Jason Limon, Jaime Maycotte, Luis Umana, David Sanchez, "Spuds", Raul Reyes, Paul Garcia, Jason Bettencourt, Johnny Chavez



**SCORPIO'S "TIMBERWOLVES":** Manuel Lopez, Charles Murvine, Victor Lopez, Tommy Rodriguez, Mike Guardado, Rey Solis, Francisco Lopez, Eddie Juarez, Tommy Gutierrez, "Scorpio"



**DODGER'S "STOMPERS":** Michael Jackson, Sergio Spindola, Harold Black, Victor Bettencourt, Rudy Gomez, Richard Yruegas, "Dodger", Douglas Hernandez, Jason Salazar

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**SLASH'S "EQUALIZERS":** Jason Ruiz, Alberto Diaz, Roy Lowery, Greg Davis, Luis Magana, Deandre Boler, "Slash", Enrique Macias, Edmund Vea

**KEEBLER'S "NIGHTHAWKS":** Edgar Alvarez, Ruben Arvizu, Arnie Bedolla, Jacob Cano, Charlie Jimenez, Dartagnon Jones, Cesar Mendez, Chris Williams

**WEASEL'S "LITTLE WEASELS":** Rufus Demby, Raul Diaz, Victor Hall, Sergio Hernandez, Steve Hernandez, Pou Lauana, Jose Magana, Jatu Smith

**BOJANGLES' "K-9 POSSE":** Donell Betters, Raymond Dominguez, Cory Emery, Adrian Gonzalez, Carlos Gonzalez, John Olivias, Erick Rivas, Tony Rodriguez, George Solis

**VIKING'S 'UNTOUCHABLE VIKINGS':** Rodolfo Diaz, Joseph Duncan, Rodney Earley, Daniel Estrada, Jesus Garcia, Quentin Herring, Guillermo Lozano, Tandy Motley



# Santa Maria, Los Angeles Area



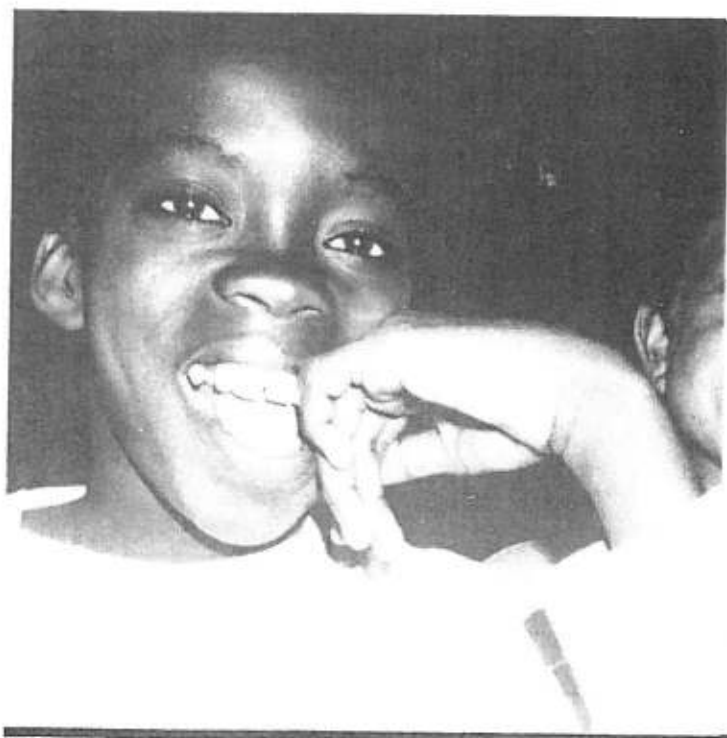
ARROW'S "HAWKS": Peter Espinoza, Martin Garcia, Victor Alcala, Richard Trujillo, Edward Price, Paul Gallegos, Jose Perez, "Arrow", Thornton Withers

## HONOR CAMPERS

Raul Diaz  
Jorge Solis  
Erick Rivas  
Tony Rodriguez



# SUMMER SCENES





# FOURTH SESSION



**DOLPHIN'S "EIGHT SHADOWS":** Bobby Ferrer, Kevin Hardwick, Brandon Sandez, Johnny Herrera, Agustine Barajas, Jimmy Martinez, "Dolphin", Pascual Valencia, Chris Ingersoll



**SILK'S "SURVIVORS":** Mark D'Aquilla, Daniel Graham, Charles Riddell, Cesar Vasquez, Alex Garcia, Ralph Topete, "Silk", Marcus Wilson, Gilbert Rabelo



**SNAG'S "MOUNTAIN PATROL":** Mark Newcomb, Jose Martinez, Jaime Carmona, Cesar Sandoval, Benjamin Claudio, "Snag", Jose Palacios, Rafael Rangel



**COMMANDO'S "WEAPONS":** Saul Arteaga, Jason Gaona, Edwin McMillan, Peter Rising Sun, Jorge Zuniga, "Commando", Derek Araiza, Will Burns, Octavio Chavez



**RECKLESS' "TITANS":** Brett Aicher, Kevin Becker, Tony De La Cruz, Robert Rudner, Sean Tenanty, "Reckless", Angel Partida, Robert Mears, Albert Valenzuela



# Ventura County



**LIL P'S "PLAYERS":** Jake Frost, Joe Herrera, Chris Kovacs, Robert Ramirez, Mousy Reyes, John Warner, "Lil P", Joseph Furgiele, Johnnie Salinas



**TREB'S "HODACIOUS MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS":** Eric Gutierrez, Brian Sandez, Robert Verstraeten, Albert Sierra, Josh White, "Treb", Matt Keefover, James Dustman (not pictured-Larry Vidaurri)



**VIKING'S "BOBCATS":** Dante Acosta, Danny Ibarra, Rodrigo Renteria, Jesse Olguin, Lupe Menchaca, Mike Figueroa, "Viking", Roger Bell



*Pyles Camp —  
Before Ropes  
Course*

## HONOR CAMPERS

Cesar Sandoval  
Christian Ingersoll  
Joseph Furgiele  
Jimmy Martinez  
Mike Figueroa



**HUB'S "NIGHT STALKERS":** Miguel Lopez, Ronnie Burns, Ignacio Renteria, "Hub", Adam Gaona, Jaime Guerrero, Daniel Hilton

# FIFTH SESSION



**DOLPHIN'S "DIAMONDS":** Alejandro Acantara, Juan Barrera, "Dolphin", Alek Manfredi, Jerome Martin, Chris Ramirez, Joey Sarto, Det Keo, Mark Woods



**PROVERB'S "B.M.P.'S":** Rafael Maldonado, Miguel Maltos, Kim Ngor, John Cortez, "Proverb", Carlos Garcia, Salvador Garcia, Ernie Hurtado



**REF'S "UNTOUCHABLE MAFIA":** Jab Smith, Jesus Steven, Andy Velasquez, Jose Hurtado, "Ref", Chris Munoz, Mark Orabuena, Raul Ponce, Heriberto Resendiz



**STINGRAY'S "STUDS":** Max Gonzalez, Maynor Merida, Damian Clark, Javier Cuevas, Alfonso Carrillo, Brandon Boreham, Ruben Camacho, "Stingray", Jon Walker, Gerald Rowe



**SLASH'S "HIKERS":** Julio Gonzales, Greg Griffen, Nate Hernandez, Rafael Montejano, David Reyna, Jesse Camargo, Sinath Chiem, "Slash", Margarito Echeverria

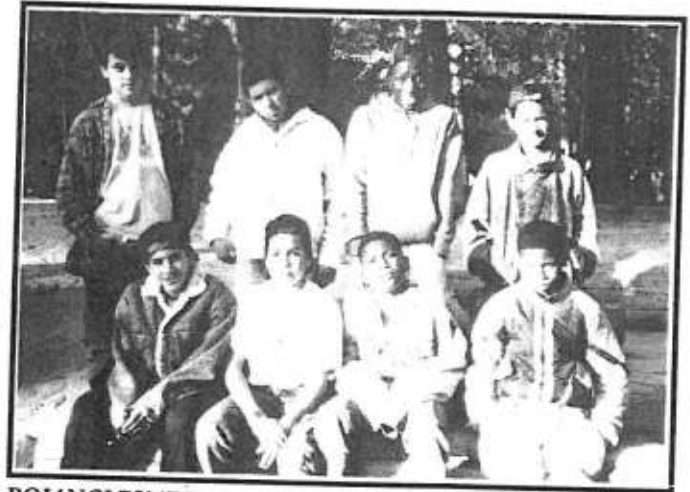
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 Det Keo  
 Abel Galindo  
 Joe Sarto  
 Mark Woods  
 Chris Ramirez  
 Alejandro Enriquez

# Long Beach, Harbor City, Huntington Beach



**TREB'S "MOBSTER":** Kyle Pendley, Jose Moreno, Tony Flores, Jesse Conriquez, Tywon Evans, Abel Galindo, "Treb", Josh Parks, Alonzo Gomez



**BOJANGLES' "BLACK TIGERS":** Sonny Moreno, Oscar Mora, Miguel Rivera, Alfonso Johnson, Paul De San, Duval Hartley, "Bojangles", Manuel Orabuena



**SOUP'S "CHICKEN LICKIN' 8 PICKIN' NOODLE HEAD POSSE":** Guillermo Galindo, Jesse Gastelum, Lonnie Jacobs, Martin Resendiz, Steve Shobeiri, Clemente Mata, "Soup", Jerry Mosqueda, Harry Ponce



**ROOK'S "MAD DOGS":** Daniel Colin, Javier Colin, Mario Guevara, Tony Jane, Javier Larios, Armando Micro, Royal Cofield, "Rook", Ralphie Ceja

# SIXTH SESSION



**STINGRAY'S "WARRIORS":** Art Hernandez, David Limon, "Stingray", Mike Durkin, Frank Villavazo, Chris Oropeza, Enrique Chavez, Richard Cuevas, Alfred Bolton

**DOLPHIN'S "NO RETREAT, NO SURRENDER":** Carlos Cortez, "Dolphin", Daniel Regalado, James Henry, Rick Owens, Joe Lamoy, Jason Smartt



**SILK'S "PANTHERS":** Arturo Jimenez, Alejandro Lopez, Ruben Arroyo, Robert Knight, Manuel Flores, Edgar Leal, Peter Sarinana, "Silk", Edward Robles



**SNAG'S "POWER":** Clifford Hankins, Genaro Rodriguez, "Snag", Jose Segura, Pablo Gomez, Jesse Montes De Oca, Jeremy Troyo, Alejandro Enriquez, Roger Austin, Jr.





# Orange Co., Santa Clarita Valley

**SHADRACK'S "ADELPHOS":** Preston Hair, Scott Zeigler, "Shadrack", Oscar Gomez, Jason Lynch, Terrence Williams, Derek Colarusso, Jesus Covarrubias, Aaron Akers



**TREB'S "CRAZY 8":** Anthony Casillas, Angel Rodriguez, Franklin Leon, John Silvas, Max Hoelzel, Colin Sanders, Brandon Akers, "Treb", Travis Kennedy



**LIL P'S "A-TEAM":** Trevor Sanders, "Lil P", Max Figueroa, Hugo Melgoza, Nick Guzman, Carlos Hernandez, Juan Cortez, Greg Nunez



**SIDEWINDER'S "JACKOLOPES":** Corey Alberts, "Sidewinder", Graham Longstreet, Matt Prather, Nick Thomas, Joshua Blythe, Jeremiah Buell, Todd Shirley

## HONOR CAMPERS

Hugo Melgoza	Carlos Cortez
Carlos Hernandez	David Limon
Jesus Covarrubias	Christopher Oropeza
Greg Nunez	Peter Sarinana
Mike Durkin	Jason Smartt

# LION MEADOWS

Lion Meadows is a beautiful place and a special part of R. M. Pyles Boys Camp. Located deep in the Golden Trout Wilderness, Lion Meadows has only a wood-burning stove, a few rustic cabins and some furniture carved from Ponderosa Pines. This is home for select second-year campers called Lioneers.

Unlike the main camp where Nana prepares each meal, or where activities such as archery, horseback, krafts, and ropes course are offered, the Lioneers have to fend for themselves. But for each Lioneer there is a chance to try new and different things. Things that help them grow as a person, but also develop a close-knit family atmosphere. There's a chance to hike to high alpine lakes, play on mountain glaciers, and see magnificent scenery.

This year's Lion Meadows counselors were Amigo, Arrow, Apache, Commando, Dodger, Dolphin, Reckless, and Spuds. Hermano and Shotgun alternated as program directors.

During outcamp the Lioneers hiked up steep mountains to visit places like Coyote Lakes, Silver Lakes, and even explored some caves near White Chief Lakes. The 5th session crew discovered a new lake between Coyote and Silver Lakes. The new lake is now called "Lioneer Lake" in honor of all the Lioneers.

The Lion Meadows experience is very unique and well worth the effort. Lion Meadows is the next step toward becoming a staff member. The counselors at Lion only recommend the best to return to the main camp and work. Being a worker qualifies you for a college scholarship and a chance to become a group counselor.

Unfortunately, the Lion Meadows program can only accommodate a small number of campers. Some of you were recommended to be Lioneers by your counselors. Others, who even though were not recommended, still have a chance. Here's how . . . write a letter to Rocky or Bravo telling them how you are doing. Are you applying the lessons learned at camp? Did camp really mean a lot to you? If so, let us know. That extra effort can make the difference in being invited back or not!

Congratulations to all of this year's Lioneers!



(1ST SESSION) "Zorro", Russell Whaley, Adam Blanks, Lee Caldwell, Mike Soria, Eddie Ortiz, Robert Denk, Brian Foss, Ricky Contreras, Aaron Bailey, "Amigo"

(2ND SESSION) Damon Rodriguez, David Guillen, Wesley Morris, Anthony Fierro, Esgardo Bazan, Ludwing Ortuste, Alex Pena, "Zorro", Edgar Vallin, Willie Avila, Jeremiah Morris



## Second Year Program

*(3RD SESSION) Octavio Encarnacion, Enrique Pedroza, Mark Gonzales, Deaire Kidd, Ruben Ybarra, "Shotgun", Mario Rivera, John Ramirez, Carvel Sibley, Erik Emmermann, Pat Potter, "Dolphin", Melvin Jackson, Jerome Roseborough, Rico Rocha*



*(5TH SESSION) "Reckless", Omar Muneton, Jose Resendiz, Robert Schmid, Frankie Conriquez, Roy Steiner, "Shotgun", Robert Bustamonte, Michael Duarte, "Hermano", Brian Fuston, Michael Johnson, Robert Kress*



*(4TH SESSION) "Ogre", "Spuds", Justin Saldino, Rob Crawford, "Hermano", Casey Wootten, Alex Castillo, R. J. Kisling, Shane Keller (not pictured - "Shotgun")*

*(6TH SESSION) Luis Roman, Brent Soderman, Chad Gaylord, "Apache", Crispin Pallares, James Drake, Kevin Jett, Miles Todorof, Keith Duncan, Tim Brown, "Arrow"*





# PYLES LEADERSHIP TRAINING

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This year's P.L.T.'s were Thorn, Soup, Wizard, Slash, and Rook. They were selected to participate in our special two-week "Pyles Leadership Training" program because of their hard work and enthusiasm. During this intensive training session each candidate learned a variety of leadership principles such as responsibility, teamwork, supervision, decision making, and safety. When the time comes these important principles will help our P.L.T.'s be effective Pyles Camp group counselors. Besides learning counseling skills, the P.L.T.'s became familiar with the back country and practiced outcamp skills. The outcamp theme for this fun-loving group was "don't be weak".



Bravo was the chief instructor, however, a special word of thanks goes to longtime guest P.L.T. instructors, Tango and Rubi for their expertise.

Congratulations to: Slash, Soup, and Rook who made the successful transition to group counselor.

*Bravo, Thorn, Soup, Wizard, Slash, Rook, Tango (not pictured - Rubi)*

*P.L.T.'s enjoying the wild and scenic Mountaineer Creek*





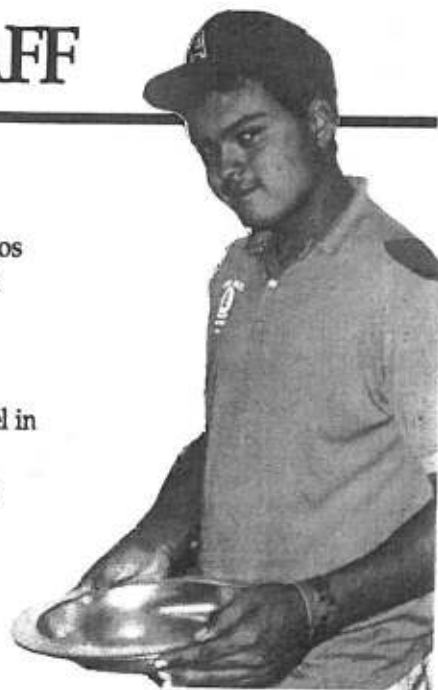
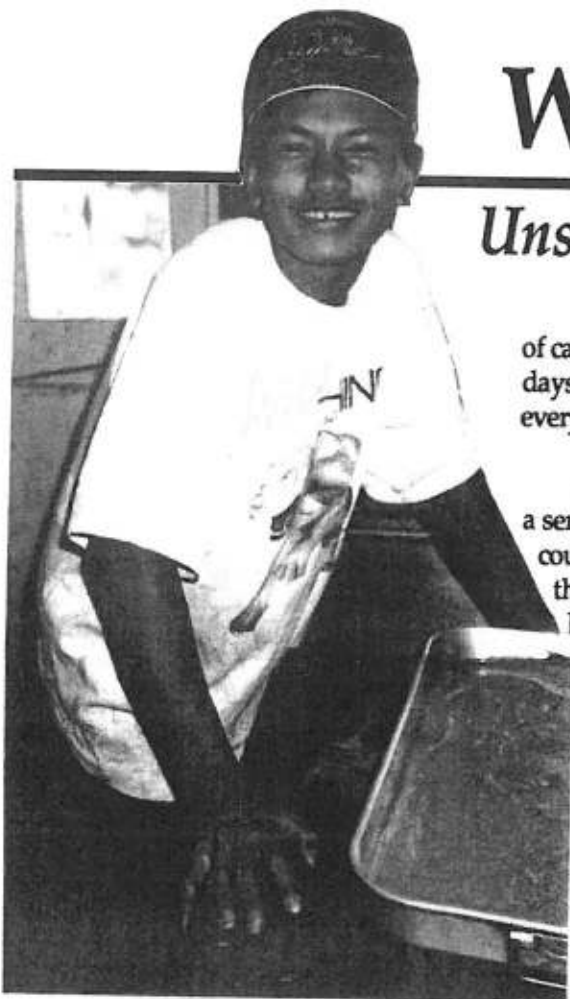
# WORKING STAFF

## *Unsung Heros*

The workers are definitely the unsung heros of camp. They work long and hard hours seven days a week making sure you get the best of everything during your stay at camp.

Our workers have made it to the third level in a series of steps toward becoming Pyles Camp counselors. It is tough and demanding, but as they succeed they are on their way to becoming a P.L.T. and eventually a group counselor.

We are very proud of our excellent working staff.  
Thanks, guys, for a job well done.

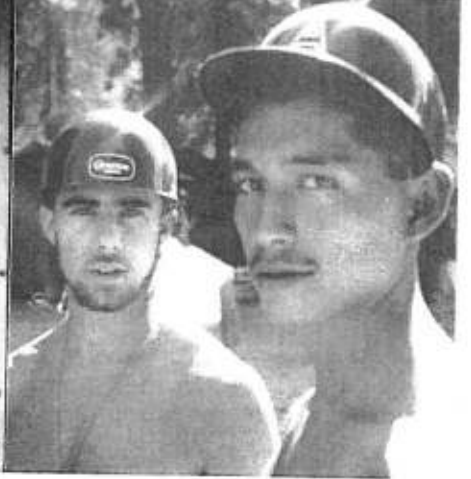




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## POSITIVE ATTITUDE — KEY TO SUCCESS

Lupe "Jockey" Solis, a former Pyles Camp counselor and Assistant Director, was recently named as Associate Administrator for the Lemoore High School District. Prior to his new post, Jockey served as Principal at Lemoore High School which is "considered to be one of the most academically sound institutions in the central valley if not the state." When asked about his personal philosophy for success, Jockey went on to say,

"It is interesting that certain people seem to have all the luck in the world, but in fact they are no luckier than anyone else. What we see as luck is only calculated success.

Success comes to those who are well organized and have their priorities straight. Organization starts with some basic principles.

Throughout my life I have practiced these principles. **Setting Goals** — People who set goals succeed because they know where they're going. Without goals there is no road map and you never know where you're going. **Desire** — Successful people keep moving. When they make mistakes or reach a goal they don't quit, they just keep striving forward. **Always believe in yourself** — Believing that you can succeed. If you're going to succeed you must first believe that you can. Set backs are only **opportunities** — opportunities that test your goals, successful people always see problems as opportunities for success. **Always do your best** — What you plant now can be used at a later date. **But most importantly, success comes to those who are honest with themselves and have a positive attitude toward life."**

Thank you, Jockey, for those great words of encouragement. We are so very proud of you.

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