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The "Smoke" never leaves the fire at Pyles

Welcome to the Pylet

We publish this magazine for you as a reminder of your experience at Camp. You can see pictures of you and your friends, activities, and remember what it was like at camp. Share the lessons you learned and the fun you had with your family and school friends as you show them your Pylet from the summer of 1995!

Dedication to Smokey

Pyles Boys Camp was conceived by Mr. Pyles. It was his dream to build a camp to help turn deserving boys into men. Yet, as many of us know, turning a dream into reality is often no easy task.

To accomplish this, Mr. Pyles needed to find a man with enough energy, love and talent to make it all happen. That man was Bob "Smokey" McAdams. Smokey was a Scout Executive with the Boys Scouts of America and was operating a troop for disadvantaged boys in the Porterville area when Mr. Pyles gave him the call. The rest, they say, is history.

It was Smokey who developed the basic program and philosophy of challenge and achievement sprinkled with a large dose of love and discipline that has stood the test of time. A father figure to thousands of boys, a friend to just as many adults, and a great husband to his loyal wife Lois "Swede" McAdams.

To Smokey we give our thanks for his many years of giving and shaping the organization we know as R.M. Pyles Boys Camp. Thank you, Smokey, for all you have done.



Smokey and Office Manager Karen "Peanut" Werner

Smokey, when I think of you I see a gentle powerful hand that led the Boys Camp to the great work that touched the lives of me, some of my closest friends and thousands of boys who I'll never know but who I have always known.

I think of the tears in your eyes when you told us about "Cool," and the fire in your eyes when you told us about "White Wolf."

What I see is a man with heart. This is the man I strived to become. One of heart and earth and sky. One who cares even when the world seems to have stopped caring. It is the strong, hard and tough man who embraces and understands the soft warm moistness of life.

There at the center of all these memories, I see you as a man who has given love. This love is what I remember and I know it is why this organization is a truly grand achievement.

- Ricochet - 70's staff member



IN MEMORIAL

Tom O'Neill - Board Member

Hank Neel - Board Member

Darrell Miller - Camper in 60's

Gordon Miller - Mr. Pyles Son in law

Edmond "Gunner" Hedgeman - 80's staff member

Message from Bravo

I will never forget that cold winter night during a training session when the course of my life would change forever. A change that now defines who I am and what I do. This happened after an entire day of training topics and learning new skills.

A group of us kids (rookie staff members) had huddled together with blankets draped over our shoulders, as we sat around an old sheep herder stove attempting to stay warm. We were tired and it was cold. Our feet felt as if they were frozen solid. We waited patiently for the last and final speaker before heading to bed, by now our only thought.

The room was silent when the "man" stepped out of the shadows and into the fading light of a Coleman lantern that hung from the rafters. The man cleared his throat and paused as he shuffled his snow boots against the sandy floor. The sound of his voice captured our attention. He thanked us for participating in the training session and for making Pyles Camp a priority of our young lives.

He then spoke of what perhaps would be the most important thing we could do in our lives, what we would be remembered for. He talked about "giving." To give of ourselves in the name of making our world a better place. To give a boy an opportunity to experience the "greatest two weeks of his life." As he continued his talk, I began to understand why we have Pyles Boys Camp and the good that would result from our hard work. Unknown to me, that talk would later help me define my outlook on life and what purpose I would serve in this world.

Today, we honor Smokey as that "man" and we thank him for giving so much of his life to the R.M. Pyles Boys Camp program. We also thank him for simply being a friend to thousands of campers.



Message from Shotgun



*"Those who have the courage to love,
should have the courage to suffer."*

It is with great pleasure that I am writing this message! I see it as an honor to have been asked to join the Pyles camp staff on a year-round basis. Although this is a new position for me, I am not new to the camp. This summer marked my ninth year working for Pyles, nine years of learning, growing, working hard to realize my potential, and having a great time.

In the summer of 1987, I came into the camp much like most every camper, going through some hard times as my parents were

Message from Rocky

Where is your vision?

Welcome from the Executive Director! Most of you do not know me since I spend most of my time down in our administrative office in Valencia. However, I too, was a camper in 1969 and worked as a counselor and Camp Director for many years.

My comment to you is in the form of a question. Where is your vision? Do you have one? If not, why not?



A recent study showed that individuals who become successful have a vision of what they want their future to be. If you cannot visualize where you want to be, how can you ever get there?

Do you see yourself graduating from high school? Do you see yourself completing college? If you can, then the next step is to set concrete goals to realize that vision.

If you do not, then there is no next step. If you do not have a vision then you are dooming yourself to drifting from opportunity to opportunity, never knowing where you are going. Suddenly you are in a dead end job and wondering where life went wrong.

Decide this year, right now, where and what you want to become. Have a vision, set your goals and take the personal responsibility to make it a reality. To me this is one of the most important messages Pyles Camp sends.

Have a great year and remember .. **CREATE A VISION FOR YOUR LIFE!!**

splitting up, and not knowing completely what Pyles Camp was all about. That summer I had the pleasure to counsel several groups, work at Lion Meadows, and learn a few specialist jobs. To say the least, I was hooked. That first summer, camp did more for me then I could ever repay.

From that point on I have always tried for the best I could achieve; at camp, home, and school. In school, I would put failure behind me and tried until I did succeed, even if it meant repeating the same class over several times.

This past year has been one that I will never forget. It has been a year for reaching a few of my goals; graduating from college, and being asked to work for the camp.

I feel that there is a lot of potential in our program and as the camp moves into new directions, we are bound to see positive changes. I am looking forward to what the future has in store for me with this new position. I look forward to working with all of you.

Best Wishes! Shotgun

Reunions

We have completed our five regional camper reunions for this year. We would like to thank all of those who took time to respond to our mailings, even if they could not attend. It



shows us that camp means something to you. All of the reunions were a big success, attendance was high, guest speakers were excellent, the food was great, and a good time was had by all!

Our first reunion was held at the East Los Angeles Sheriffs Community Center. We had a super lunch prepared by Nana and her sister Bell, and were entertained by a finale to "Dodger" and "The Edge's" skit, "The good, the bad and the ugly," and it was ugly!

Our second reunion was for everyone in the Orange County, Long Beach and Santa Clarita

Valley and held on a private beach in the city of Corona Del Mar.

Board member Win Rhodes-Bea set up this great location, provided a first class lunch, a tour of the Harbor Patrol Station and a U.S. Coast Guard boat.



The Ventura Reunion was held once again at the Shell Hall in North Ventura and was arranged by long-time camp supporters Edna Walker and Bob McClenn. Richard "Sgt. Agarn" Tafoya, a former staff member, now doctor, was our guest speaker and gave a moving presentation.

Their is never a dull moment at the Kern County Reunion which was held once again at the Melodrama Theater in Oildale. The Kern County BBQ Committee out did themselves. The Melodrama performers gave a great show and our guest speaker, Mr. John Tello talked about being persistent and not giving up.

Our final reunion took place in Santa Maria. Board members Bobby Doss and Bruce Conway sponsored a great lunch after a game of softball and football. Guest speaker, Mr. Dan Cadena spoke about doing the best you can at everything you attempt and grasp all the opportunities to succeed. Santa Maria selector, Nancy Johnson, deserves a great thanks for securing an excellent site.

A final "Thank You" goes out to all the others who made the '95 reunions possible.



Honor Groups

Now that you have been to camp, you know what an Honor Group is and just how hard it is to achieve this recognition. It is a rare occasion when eight or nine strangers can get together and



work so hard for the same goal in such a short amount of time. This is what makes becoming an Honor Group the highest achievement for a group at Pyles Boys Camp.



This past summer, we had two groups reach this high status: "The Edge" with his group, "The Mighty Cats," of

second session and "Critter" with his group, "The Creepy Crawlers," of third session.

Congratulations to "The Edge," "Critter," and all the young men in both of those groups for taking the meaning of Pyles Boys Camp to heart and working so hard together as a team!



Board Profile

In 1977, Win Payne proposed the creation of a scholarship fund to outgoing and incoming board presidents Mo Benson and Phil Kistler. A Special Youth Activities Committee was established to determine the objectives for the fund for formal proposal to the board. Chairman Chet Frazier along with Don Craggs, Phil Kistler, Ed Pellegrin, Smokey, and Rifle defined these objectives which are still in effect today. The fund assists qualified staff with financial need, who are deserving, show potential for success, have a good, positive attitude and are earning their way through college.



Chet Frazier and Win Payne

Win and Fran Payne kicked-off the fund with the first donation. They have continued to be an important financial and moral supporter of the program and of each young man as he works toward success in college.

The criteria for the scholarship includes: becoming a staff member, enrolled in 12 academic units at a college or university and better than a 2.0 G.P.A. (Grade Point Average)

"Any camper can aspire to a college education. Stay in school, work hard to master the fundamentals needed for collegiate studies. The scholarship program is the gateway to success. Aim High!" Chet Frazier, Scholarship Chairperson

First Session



Wigard's "Mountain Hitchhiker Machine"-Chad Garcia, Christopher Ramirez, "Wigard", Brad Lewis, Trinidad Rondan, Kean Bolden, Carlos Barraza, Alex Subia, Ramiro Cisneros, Raul Zuniga



Sting's "Unstoppable Hornets"-Adonis Abuyen, Johnathan Hills, "Sting", Jose Estrada, Lucas Kanyon, Jason Brown, Kevin Johnson, Alex Carrillo, Isaac Gonzalez, Bobby Sharp



Kaiser's "Ice Griggley's"-Matt McDonald, "Kaiser", Ruben Cornejo, Thomas McCulloch, Joseph Hunter, Bruce Simmons, Allan Hance, Armando Guillen, Robert Perez



Ref's "Mountain Rangers"-Kevin Tramble, Mark Bruley, "Ref", Curtis Coursey, Dalan Brackett, Devin Daniel, Alfredo Reyes, Thomas Cisneros, Stephen Mears, Frank Oros

Honor Campers

**CARLOS BARRAZA
MATT MCDONALD
ALEX CARRILLO
RAMIRO CISNEROS
THOMAS CISNEROS
RUBEN CORNEJO
VICTOR ESCAMILA
MARGARITO LUCERO
TRINIDAD RONDAN
DANIEL AGUILERA
ISAAC GONZALEZ
ALAN HANCE
ALEX SUBIA
JULIO ALVAREZ
RAUL ZUNIGA
JESSE GRUMBLES
SHAWN SCHNEIDER
ROY CANO**

Bakersfield



Forest's "Road Runners"-John Christy, "Forest", Andrew Ruiz, Nathan Stuckey, Ray Flores, Jerry Knox, Dwayne Perry, Jesse Grumbles, Jose Frayre, Zachary Fitch, Stephen Fogle

If you get caught doing something wrong, don't point to others around you. It was your decision to go along. On the other hand, when you feel the rewards of success don't forget to point to yourself, it was your hard work that got you there.

- Shotgun



Waldo's "Wonder Woods"-Shaun Schneider, Bryan Maxwell, "Waldo", Victor Escamilla, Moises Gonzalez, Ray Cano, Craig Herrold, Louie Santana, Johnny Fabiano, David Cayetano



Hub's "Crew"-Mark Sanchez, "Hub", Hector Caro, Ralphie Marano, Daniel Aquilera, Tracy Plymale, Ventura Macias, Ryan Wandick, John McCann



Edge's "10 Commandments"-Glenn Herrold, Robert Martinez, "Edge", Michael Rivera, Danny Galloway, Lionel Quiroga, Jason Gauthier, Lonnie Eves, Brian Baker, Steven Placencia, Marcus Tweedy



Indy's "Achievers"-Julio Alvarez, Travis Dixley, Margarita Lucero, Brandon Hachendahl, "Indy", Donald Andrews

Second Session



Edgo's "Mighty Cats" - "Edgo", Jeramie Malcolm, David Rodriguez, Terivio Contreras, Adrian Ledesma, Mario Mendoza, Juan Rangel, Chris Utitus, Jose Pulido, Erick Walter Graf



Sting's "Scorpions" - Justin Balderas, Gary Robert George, "Sting", Salvador Barajas, Nathan Fowler, Alejandro Carillo, Nery Bahena, Javier Rodriguez, Sal Padilla, Curtis Billings Clark



Agtec's "Eagles" - Regio Sanchez, Chris Lacey, "Agtec", Benjamin Williamson, Juan Antonio Mendez, Matthew James Noble, Francisco Peresra, Abel Teller, Michael Aragon, Juan Valenzuela



Silk's "Squad" - Jose Tamez, Nos Garcia, "Silk", Job Diaz, Mario Guzman, Tony Garcia, Juan Salazar, Chris Headspeath, Augustin Jaime Leija, Christopher Salazar



Cobra's "King Cobras" - Joshua Coffey, Adam Chandler, "Cobra", Matthew Aron Koch, Manpreet Dhillon, Josue Noriega, Christopher Teniente, Oscar Meraz, Leonardo Rios, Juan Pulido

Know how to make a fire in a snowstorm. before you get caught out in one

- Edge

Santa Maria, Tulare & Kern County



Spiderman's "Ten Fantastic Dreamers"-Eric Everett, Larry Martinez, "Spiderman", Jaime Gutierrez, Jesus Ayala, Joe Martinez, Ari Aragon, Aaron Castellanos, Chuckie Wilson, Miguel Balderas, George Uribe



Forest's "Rattlers"-Henry Romero, Michael Flores, "Forest", Justin McCann, Scott Smith, Emilio Osorio, Luis Zamora, Johnny Castaneda, Robert Flores, Charles Hill



Ref's "Wild Cat's"-Armando Ibarra, Mike Reeves, "Ref", Jose Gutierrez, Benito Vargas, Carlos Ramos, Raphael Magana, Richard Castro, Alfred Bahona, Albert Baoz, Eduardo Figueroa

Honor Campers

**MARIO MENDOZA
STEVE MARTINEZ
TERIVIO CONTRERAS
ERIK GRAF
ADRIAN LEDESMA
MICHAEL REEVES
JOSE TAMEZ
BENITO VARGAS
JOSE GUTIERREZ
DAVID RODRIGUEZ
ABEL TELLES, JR.
JOSE PULIDO
JERAMIE MALCOLM
CHRIS UTITUS**



Kaiser's "Lil Player's"-Kaiser, Robert Morales, Daniel Witt, Billy Hughes, Ernest Gil, Fernando Moreno, Josh Everett, Chris Wilson, Steve Martinez, Michael Padilla

Third Session



Waldo's "AM/PM Boys"-Cory Logan, Ky Diop, Henry Melendez, Rudy Luna, Pedro Magada, Wesley Hafflich, Mario Nery, "Waldo", Fidel Lago



Critter's "Creepy Crawlers"-Sophy Tith, Ruben Rosales, Phong Dinh, Jaime Lopez, Brian Watkins, Alvin Mallari, "Critter", Jose Castro, Miguel Alcala



Pogo's "Panthers"-Tiemoand Ruthland, Lamar Williams, Anthony Cerda, Leonard Olivarez, Gregory Mitchell, "Pogo", Hector Jimenez

San Fernando & Los Angeles

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Qumby's "Trailblazers"-Alex Honora, Ricardo Gomez, Vibol Auth, Amoy McDonald, James Martinez, Edwin Larin, "Qumby", Jesso Diaz, Walter Rodas

Sweetchuck's "Screaming Hawks"-Mario Rodriguez, Oscar Loga, Francisco Garcia, Warren Bingley, Jonathan Miller, Karl (.Lance) Evans, "Sweetchuck", John Smith, Fernando Bucina

The Quality of a person's life does not depend on the circumstances of his life. as much as the attitude with which he focuses those circumstances

-Derby

Honor Campers

**JAIME LOPEZ
SOPHY TITH
BRIAN WATKINS
LEONARD OLIVAREZ
MIGUEL ALCALA
FIDEL LAZO
RUBEN ROSALES
ALVIN MALLARI
JOSE CASTRO
PHONG DINH**

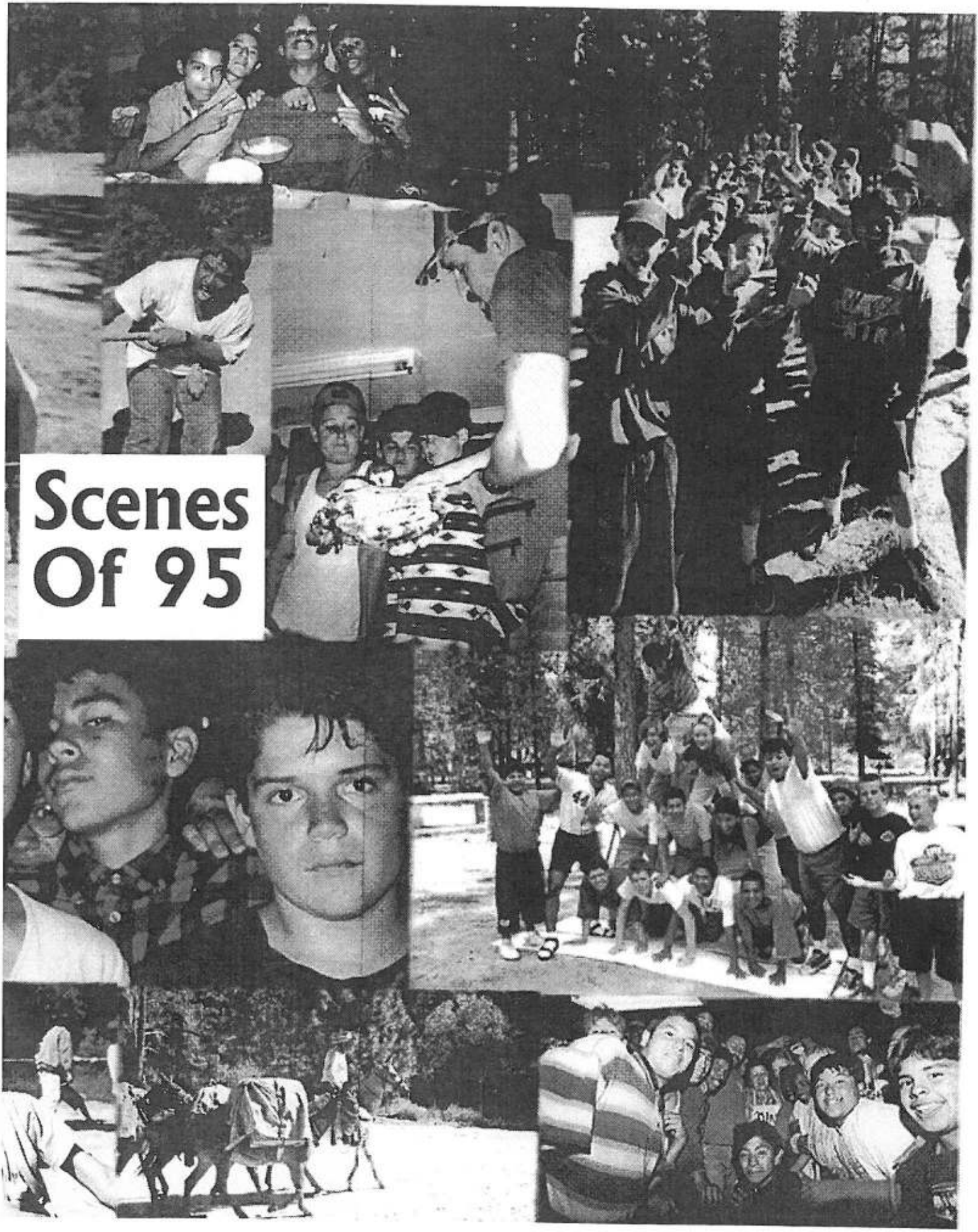
Ref's "Vipers"-Bernard Green, Robert Williams, Virak Prakh, Jose Diaz, Julia Hernandez, "Ref", Jose Najera

Indy's "Winning Team"-Alfred Esquivel Jr., "Indy", Andres Aceves, Darrelle Morris, Antonio Nery, Bayron Perez, Timothy Alfred

Einstein's "Brainstormers"-Steve Calvario, Bryon Ridley, George Mendez, Peter Spencer, Marshall Duncan, Marcus Rogers, "Einstein", Angel Dowd

Breeze's "Warriors"-Dominich Robinson, George Losa, Davione Harvey, Arminda Montalvo, Kinyon Stewart, "Breeze", Oscar Oras, Joseph Espino





Scenes Of 95

Fourth Session



Critter's "Critter's"-Ryan Fleischer, Edwin Valdivia, Ismael Lopez, Alex Paeg, Uriel Rojas, Mike Blundell, Pedro Perez, "Critter", Joseph Lewis, Sean Weaver



Panther's "Posse"-Rene Weil, "Panther", David Meza, Joshua Adams, Jason Hooper, Augustine Flores, Jason Hooper, Jermain Padilla



Gumby's "Journey"-Joe Talaugon, "Gumby", Dane Hayward, John Kiefer, Steven Kahavand, Christopher Tully, Mathew St. Clair, Luis Ortiz, Brandon Waldron

When your heart needs to speak, let it, because people don't know how you feel about them, until you tell them
-Waldo



Breeze's "Bears"-Breeze, Craig Hinson, David Schlund, William Burse, Henry Robles, Brandon Meriwether, Josh Trujillo, Josh DeLao, Henry Robles



Wigard's "Tiger's"-Ryan Evans, Joseph Leon, Oney Colon, Christian Tinker, Jesse Shirley, Dale Decker, John Tunis, "Wigard", Michael Bustos

Honor Campers

CHRIS RAIL
JOE TALAUGON
JOSH TRIJILLO
ALEX GOMEZ
JUAN FERNANDEZ
JOHN ST. CLAIR
EDUARDO LOPEZ
CORTEZ DAVIS
AUGIE FLORES
JOEY LEWIS
RENE WEIL



Agtea's "Champions"-Alex Gomez, "Agtea", Luis Piron, Isaac Lara, Cy Segovia, Juan Fernandez, Jeremiah Janrequi, Martin Moreno, Alex McClroy



Kaiser's "Sancho's"-Aurelio Velasquez, Robert Justice, Pedro Limon, Paul Luna, "Kaiser", Thomas Ward, Raymond Gonzales, Jordan Rollins, Jacob Martin, Chad Chandler



Silk's "Regulators"-Jamar Smith, "Silk", Kevin Williams, Roman Martinez, Raymond Monje, Chris Rail, Alejandra Hernandez, Joseph Robles, Daniel Breton



Sweetchuck's "Jaguars"-Sweetchuck, Clinton Tomlinson, Scott Herron, Sergio Soto, Juan Reynosa, Ryan Vanderjagt, Cortez Davis, Manny Burns, Michael Daniels

Fifth Session



Broogo's "Wildcats"-Alex Escobar, Sean Hunt, Asuaan Ahen, Jerry Harrison, Gilbert Fausto, Brett Solem, Ricardo Espinoza, "Broogo", Luis Cua, Larry Moore



Edgo's "Team Spirit"-Dennis Lopez, Ivan Chavarria, Scott Solares, Sean Quattro, Rita Cabral, Marcos Miramontes, "Edgo", Miquel Mendoza, Emmanuel Constante



Agteo's "Bobcats"-Ismael Chavarria, Chuck Loy, Matt Winter, Gilberto Dominguez, George De Jesus, Chris Aguirre, Jesse Dominguez, "Agteo", Israel Gallegos, Jesse Alvarez



Kimo's "Hermit's"-Zuc'Dair Lucious, Jacob Romero, Alfredo Bermudez, Landon Floyd, Jacob Ehret, Ricky Padilla, "Kimo", Sebastian LeBlanc, Alex Lopez

Honor Campers

NOEL SALAS
ISRAEL MUNGUIA
JESSE KUKAHIKO
NOLAN SPUNT
RICKY PADILLA
JESSE ALVAREZ
GILBERT DOMINGUEZ
RICHARD ESPINOSA
LUIS CUA
MIGUEL MENDOZA
RYAN MCADAMS
JURON ERVIN
NICK DONATONI
AARON (A.J.) DAVIS
MARCOS
MIRAMONTES
JESSE DE LA PAZ

Burbank, Santa Clarita & Orange County



Kaiser's "Grand Coyotes"-Anthony Ortiz, Joe Pena, Alejandro Vera, Marcos Flores, Michael Dickenson, Ryan Staggt, Cesar Castro, Juan Velasquez, Juan Serrano, "Kaiser"



Red's "Dragons"-Angel Aguilar, James Gernert, "Red", Drew Kilian, Jesse de la Paz, David Cooper, Anthony Morales, Brandon Acosta, AJ Davis



Sting's "Harmful Hornets"-Matt Torres, Alex Rodriguez, Ralph Soto, Randy Serrano, Zach Bell, Jansen Arrequin, "Sting", Juan Ventura, Chris Myren

*Life is like sitting
under a fruit
tree... you can sit
there and wait for
something to fall on
your legs or you can
climb it and take
what you want*

- Judy



Jaguar's "Rugrats"-Nolan Spunt, Ryan McAdams, "Jaguar", Nick Donatoni, Israel Mongia, Noel Salas, Omar Quintero, Jeron Ervin, Jesse Kuhahiko

Sixth Session



Agtec's "Indians"-Anthony Martinez, John Cole, "Agtec", Christopher Escobar, Joe, Jacob Arias, Aaron Azzato, David Luera, Jarrell Bergado, Lopez



Spider's "Bad Boys"-Gilberto Alcantar, Johnson, "Spider", Frank Fuentes, Garcia, Chico Polasa, Jeremy Williams, Raul Aguilera, Myron Reamer, Roshad Jefferson, Doug Seymore



Ref's "Untouchable Mafia"-Isaac Clark, Andres Dominguez, "Ref", Christian Hill, Maury Ray, Lopez, Carlos Arenas, Louis Gallo, Fred Burkes, David Fuentes



Panther's "Claws"-J.R., Brent Gavin, "Panther", Josh Balzarano, Sarun Soar, Jason Stell, Able Casares, Solomon Moore, Preston Gomez



Red's "Wood"- Ramiro Castillo, Pablo Contreras, "Red", Oscar Jacobo, Daniel Anguiano, Skyles (Tom) Blaheman, Akimunde Kambon, Ben Walters, Jason Smith, Andrew Niedrich

*A setback is a reason
for a comeback
-Agtec*

Huntington Beach & Long Beach



Scorpio's "Blus Devils" - "Scorpio", Steven Parsi, Lopez, Francisco Moran, David Jones, Greg Bambrook, Deon Murray, Gerald Bennett, Keo Nhem, Danny Lemos



Spiderman's "Long Beach posse" - Marcus Tate, Alex Vargas, "Spiderman", Nick Hernandez, Richard Brown, Danny Holbrook, Brian Miller, Alfonso Ramirez, Anthony Brown



Brogo's "Sequoias" - Dylan Campbell, Manuel Colin, "Brogo", Jane Bunkers, Timothy Quintana, Anthony Crowell, Juan De Lira, Anthony Contorelli, Cruz Capotano, Louis Ruiz

Honor Campers

**KEO NHEM
ANDRES DOMINGUEZ
GILBERTO ALCANTAR
CHRISTIAN HILL
DANNY HOLBROOK
LOUIS GALLO
SOLOMON MOORE**



Hermano's "Tiger's" - Aaron Blackman, Jonathan Bergado, "Hermano", Bianco White, Jason Adams, Scott Fox, Jesus Perez, Steven Gaither, Greg Webb, Johnson

Lion Meadows

Lion Meadows is a powerful place, located deep in the Golden Trout Wilderness. Lion Meadows has only a few rustic cabins, a wood burning stove that we cook over, and some furniture carved from Ponderosa Pines. The Lion Meadows experience is unlike any other, but the experience depends greatly on the group itself. To get the most out of Lion Meadows we look for individuals who have a desire to be there, a willingness to open for those who have the potential to work hard and be positive leaders. From Lion Meadows you could become a worker.

While at Lion Meadows you are expected to help with the daily duties. We cook all our meals over a wood burning stove, we collect our own wood and we all help with the K.P. There are no activities like at main camp and, sadly enough, Nana is not there either.

Because of the way Lion Meadows is set up, we become a close family, relying on and helping each other experience success.

Last summer's Lionees experienced an added challenge. Because of the heavy snow fall last winter the first four sessions were unable to take the normal 12 mile route to Lion, but had to take the long 17 mile route, all in the first day!

Although this snow added extra miles to the hike out, it made for some exceptional outcamps. All five of the Lion Meadows groups this summer were able to get up to the snow on their outcamp trips for a good time sledding, eating snow cones, and some awesome snowball fights (all in the middle of summer!).

If you think you are up to the challenge of Lion Meadows, here are some things we are going to be looking for and expecting of you. You need to keep in contact with the camp, by sending letters, letting us know how you are doing at home, what you learned at camp and how you are applying it to your life. We ask that you make a copy of your report cards and send them to us so

we can see how you are doing in school.

Lion Meadows is open to all of you, even if you were not recommended by your counselor. However, space is limited. Take the initiative to keep in touch with us and work hard on the areas above. This effort can make the difference in being invited back or not!

Congratulations to all of this year's Lionees for accepting the challenge!



Second Year Program



1st Session-Daniel Martinez, Alex Andriano, Jeff Rodriguez, Andrew R, Ray Martinez, Robert J, Eduardo Chavez, Jose Andriano, Juan Carlos Herrera, Stanley Peterson, Matthew Papion, Bobby W, Jared Ingle, Stephen Van Schaack, "Weasel", "Coach", "Hermano"



3rd Session-Rufus Terry, "Billy Bear", Manuel Contreras, Bryson Conley, Hektor Larios, Armistead Scott, "Poresi", "Shotgun", Noriel Lima, Danny Hawks, Cesar Espino

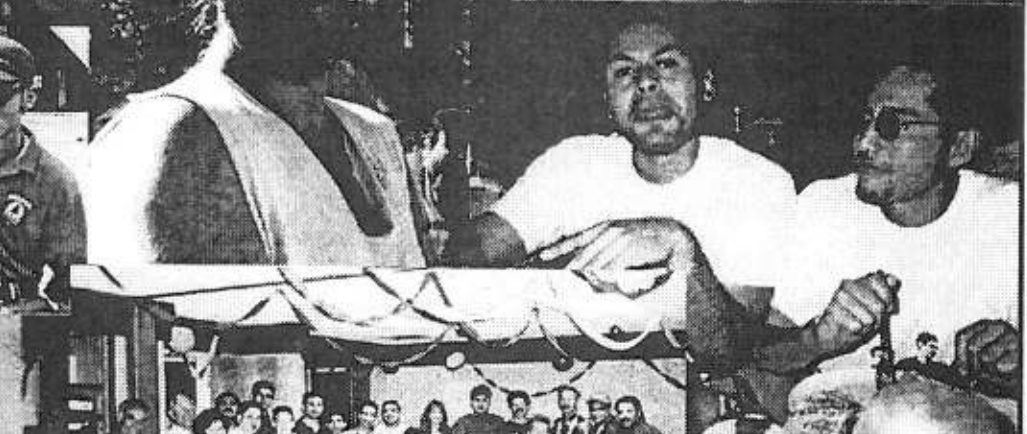


2nd Session-Darren Wilson, Justin Bonfield, Arthur Arnold, Darren Tidwell, Daniel Bridwell, Daniel Cook, Able Garza, Lupe Carillo, Richard Sines, Alex Aguirre, Robert Yanez, Josh Alyea, Eric Ayala, "Wigard", "Weasel", "Indy"



5th Session-Danny Angel, Robert Cherry, Jason Kamas, Jose Lopez, Josh Manriquez, Danny Meza, Omar Serrato, Danny Pacheco, Ubaldo Hernandez, Oscar Cortez, Alvin Mallari, Dan Sullivan, Edgar Rosales, Eric Coronado, "Panther", "Ref", "Sweetchuck"

THE STAFF OF 1995



Congressman Visit

This summer we were pleased to host United States Congressman **William Thomas** of Kern County to the camp. Mr. Thomas along with Sheriff **Carl Sparks** took time out of a busy schedule to visit both our Lion Meadows Wilderness Camp and main camp.

After observing the programs and some quiet time asking and answering questions from the boys, Mr. Thomas presented a flag that was flown over the Capitol. Mr. Thomas also spoke on the responsibilities of being an American citizen. He was impressed by the large number of volunteers who work so hard to make it all happen.

Shortly after his visit, Mr. Thomas had this to say, "If there ever was a program that was effective in promoting the choice of a young man to be motivated, responsible, a team member or a competent leader, it is that of the R.M. Pyles Boys Camp...I was enlightened by the number of committed and caring people that make it a part of their lives to become involved in providing an opportunity for a young man to change the direction in his life. The staff and contributors are making a valuable contribution and are to be commended upon their dedication to these young men."



Applied Technology's **George Gillam** deserves a big "Thanks" for his help in making the congressman's visit to camp a reality!

Special Thanks

Volunteers are what makes Pyles Camp so special. Year after year, summer after summer, hundreds of volunteers donate their time to make sure that Pyles Camp runs as it has for over 40 years. This summer, we were privileged to have Bruce "Pogo" Robertson volunteer at camp.

"Pogo" came to Pyles through a program at the University of Notre Dame, and was very instrumental in this summer's activities. It takes a great deal of skill and knowledge to become a counselor, and being associated with camp for the first time, Pogo took that challenge and did a fantastic job!

Thank you "Pogo" for your time and dedication to the boys, staff, and the program at Pyles Boys Camp. It is kind hearts like yours that make this place fill with the magic it has.

"Pogo" wrote to camp and said, "I have been working hard, absorbed in work here, and stressed out at times, but I want you to know that I never stop thinking about my time at Pyles Camp, and what it meant to me...The people I met at Pyles Camp are like none I've met anywhere." We want to thank Bakersfield Judge Robert Anspach for sponsoring and introducing "Pogo" to Pyles Camp.



Staff Roster

Here is a handy list just for YOU! Take some time to write to your counselor or other special friends you made while at camp this summer. As always, you can write to Rocky, Bravo, Dodger, Shotgun & Peanut at the camp office:
27211 Henry Mayo Drive, Valencia, CA 91355.

"Aztec"	Alex Castillo	78 Cambria	Ventura, CA	93004	(805) 659-0815
"Bear"	Shaun Robertson	9560 Cardinal Ave.	Westminster, CA	92683	(714) 775-4945
"Billy Bear"	Jose Romo	8112 Bertal St.	Lamont, CA	93241	(805) 845-9341
"Blue"	Phillip Williams	3036 Kentucky	Bakersfield, CA	93306	(805) 325-5369
"Blue Jay"	Johnnie Gibson III	5534 Olive Ave., #B	Long Beach, CA	90805	(310) 428-1919
"Boats"	Michelle McEnulty	P.O. Box 333	Ulm, MT	59485	(406) 454-0655
"Breeze"	Jose Oliva	7840 Lemp Ave.	No. Hollywood, CA	91605	(818) 765-2948
"Brownie"	Rigoberto Araujo	4532 Elder Ave.	Seal Beach, CA	90740	(310) 594-4787
"Cap'n Crunch"	David Hughes	1602 Myrtle	Bakersfield, CA	93301	(805) 323-5363
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"Cobra"	Jesus Rodriguez	12919 Osborne St.	Pacoima, CA	91331	(818) 834-6548
"Cool Chip"	Jonathan Valdez	424 Knotts	Bakersfield, CA	93305	(805) 335-0728
"Crazy Horse"	Julian Holquin	1513 Sterling Rd.	Bakersfield, CA	93306	(805) 873-9623
"Cricket"	Nestor Berber	433 Gloria Ct.	Oxnard, CA	93030	(805) 487-1009
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"Deck"	Juan Herrera	208 Hoover St.	Bakersfield, CA	93307	(805) 325-0117
"Derby"	David Dayan	8708 #F Woodman Way	Sacramento, CA	95826	(916) 922-3964
"Diamondback"	Larry Sullivan	4102 Old Mill St.	Irvine, CA	92714	(714) 733-8892
"Dirt"	Jerald Holman	1000 Sterling	Bakersfield, CA	93306	(805) 363-7223
"Domino"	Glen McCullouch	917 "P" St.	Bakersfield, CA	93304	(805) 861-1913
"Dre"	Andres Santillan	2929 Lockfern Ct.	Bakersfield, CA	93306	(805) 872-6360
"Dynamite"	Alex Venegas	2341 Kentucky	Bakersfield, CA	93306	(805) 328-9974
"Einstein"	Robert Gurney	401 Circle Dr. W. #147	Los Angeles, CA	90024	(310) 794-4740
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"Forest"	Mike McKenzie	1114 Nord Ave., #37	Chico, CA	95926	(714) 492-0232
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Wings Are For Soaring

American Indians tell the legend of a brave who found an eagle's egg one day.

Not knowing what to do with it, he put it in a prairie chicken's nest.

The prairie chicken sat on the egg and hatched it.

When the newly hatched eagle looked around, all he saw
were prairie chickens scratching and pecking for food.

When they flew, he saw that they rose only a few feet above the ground.

So the young eagle followed his companions,
keeping close to the earth and venturing nowhere.

One day, glancing into the sky, he saw a magnificent bird
with wings outstretched, circling high above the earth.

The bird seemed to be aiming for the sun, it flew so high.

"What kind of bird is that?" he asked his companions.

"Oh, that's an eagle," an older chicken said. "Eagles are the proudest, strongest,
most royal of birds. But don't think about them. Be happy on the ground
with the rest of us chickens for you're never going to fly like that one."

And so the eagle lived and died close to the ground,
scratching for food like the prairie chickens.

He never knew his wings were meant for soaring in the sun.

He never knew he had been destined to live on the highest mountain peak.

He never knew he was an eagle.

No one ever told him.

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