

# THE PYLET

## 1996



**"You can't climb the ladder of success  
with your hands in your pockets"**

# Welcome to the Pylet

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The Pylet is our official yearbook. This book is published for you as a reminder of your camp experience. In side you will find messages from the staff, pictures of you and your friends, and write-ups on some of the activities that occur throughout the year. As you read, reflect back to the fun you had at camp and the lessons you learned. Share these lessons and the fun with your family and friends as you show them your Pylet for the summer of 1996! **Remember to always be the best you can be!**

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## Our 1996 Pylet is dedicated to: "Mo" Benson

*Board member Extraordinaire*

Like any non-profit organization, Pyles Boys Camp has a board of directors that makes and oversees policy. It is the board members who help raise the large sums of money needed to operate our program each and every year. This year we dedicate the Pylet to an exceptional board member who has served on the board since 1963, **Mr. Edward "Mo" Benson.**

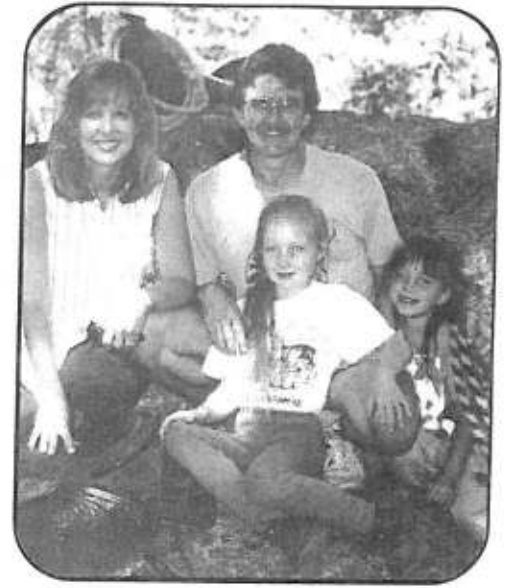
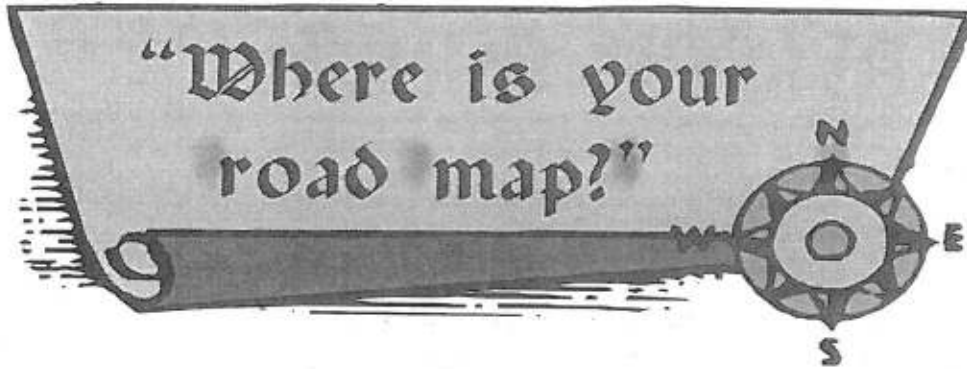
Mo first joined the board as an employee for Atlantic Richfield Oil Company. He retired as the Vice Chairman of ARCO. During his tenure as a board member of R.M. Pyles Boys Camp he has served with distinction, integrity and utmost dedication.

Longtime camp manager Smokey McAdams had this to say, "Mo is an ideal board member. He is a loyal supporter of Pyles Camp who is generous with both individual and corporate contributions. He is a great leader, a real gentleman and was an outstanding President." When asked why this was so, Smokey said "I think his visits to camp and his walks through the Sequoias would restore his soul, especially during stressful periods in the rough business world. I think Pyles Camp helped him realize what it meant to help his fellow man. Mo never forgets a friend and he is fortunate to have his wife Shirley behind him all the way." For those of us who know Mo, these words say it all.

Executive Director, Rocky Leitzell, echoes Smokey's comments "Mo gives real meaning to the word gentleman. He is well respected everywhere he goes. I am honored and privileged to know Mo and to count him as a friend. Mo, we thank you for your many years of service and your sincere belief in our mission of helping derserving youth become responsible and productive citizens. Thanks for everything!!"



# Message from Rocky



Have you ever been on a trip and realized you were lost, even though you thought you knew where you were going? I have and it's a humbling experience. It's humbling because I knew where I was going, or at least I *thought* I did. Yet I still ended up in a place I did not want to be.

Our life can be like that too. If we do not know where we are going, each of us can end up lost in life. Lost in a dead end job. Lost with no real friends, or friends that will keep us lost instead of helping us out. If we do not know where we are going it is almost certain we will not be happy where we end up.

At Pyles Camp we hope you gained the skills, confidence and desire to make your life what you want it to be. Knowing where you want to go, however, is only half the battle. You need to know how to get there. You need a road map for your life. What makes a good road map?

\* GOALS \* VALUES \* INTEGRITY \* DISCIPLINE \*

**Goals** determine where you want to go. Goals are mileposts on the path to your final destination. Goals keep you from drifting when other temptations appear - and they will!

**Values** help you decide what is right and what is wrong. Values are critical to success!

**Integrity** helps you do the right thing even when no one is looking, or there is pressure from "friends" to do what is wrong.

**Discipline** keeps you going, even when you are tired or don't feel like working hard.

Together these things create a road map for your life.

Decide where you want to end up in life. Decide what your **values** are. Develop the **integrity** to follow them always. Practice the **discipline** to keep going when the going gets tough, and set **goals** to help you reach your destination in life.

If you develop a personal road map you will greatly increase the chances that you will reach your goals. If you don't, you will greatly increase your chances of ending up lost in a dead-end life.

Have a great year and please make every attempt to attend our winter events.

Rocky, Executive Director - camper 1969

# Message from Bravo

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## “Courage kept you going”

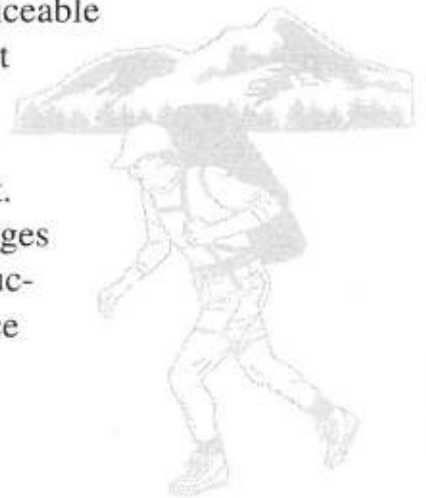


Chet Frazier, Deck, Jinx & Bravo

Thank you for making our 1996 camping season a success. You excelled beyond our expectations and it was exciting to see you “get into the program” and watch you grow. Camp is a unique experience in so many ways. I was most impressed with the courage you demonstrated during your backpacking trips. Courage is what kept you going up and over those steep mountains, across rivers, and to far away places you thought never existed. During this time, a change began to occur. You became more self-reliant, you learned how to be a team player, but more important, your confidence grew. Your increased confidence was immediately noticeable

once you returned from your outcamp. I realized what had transpired and it was pleasing to see that you accepted and overcame the challenge of outcamp. I realized that your successful outcamp required an enormous amount of courage, because without courage you would have never made it. Now, I call upon you to use this experience to help you conquer the challenges you face today. The courage you had during your outcamps is a key for success. **You must believe in yourself in order to succeed.** Thank you once again and best of luck with your future.

In The Spirit of The Camp,



# Message from Spuds

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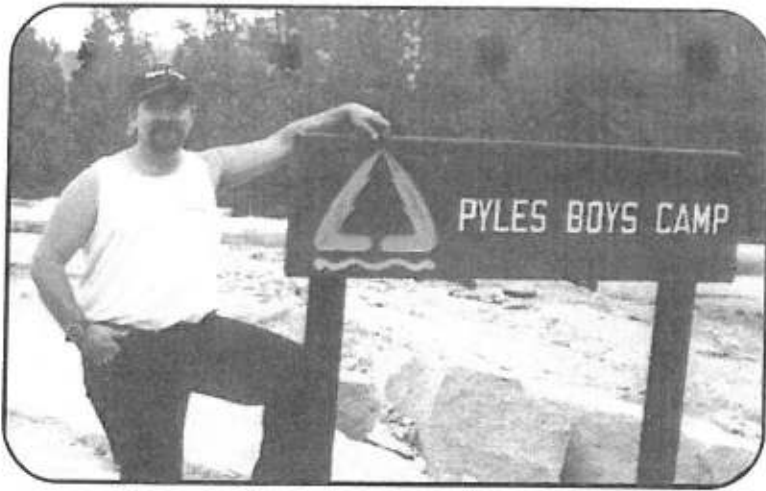


## “Success is a choice”

I'm happy to announce that I have been given the opportunity to work for R.M. Pyles Boys Camp full-time. R.M. Pyles has been part of the McEnulty family since I was in grade school. Two of my older brothers attended camp in the mid-seventies, my younger brother and I attended in 1980. Camp has meant a lot to me over the years. The values I learned at camp, such as personal integrity, generosity, and caring, helped me to make better choices and be a role model for the rest of the family. By using the work ethic I learned at camp I have accomplished many of the

# Message from Shotgun

## “Each of you are stars”



The summer of 1996 has passed and we are all busy with school, jobs, and families. But don't forget about the mountains and the lessons we learned while we were together. One of the things I like about being in the mountains is going out on the sandbar at night and looking up at the stars. It is amazing to see just how many stars there are and how brightly they shine.

Each of you you shined at camp. You accomplished, experienced, and challenged yourself more than you ever thought possible. Most importantly you made it. You made it because

you took the challenge! You challenged yourself to remove any false front that you may have in the city. You challenged yourself to give Pyles Camp a try and you became a star.

Now you are back in the city. If you go out at night it is hard to tell how bright the stars are. You probably have a hard time seeing them at all. But they are still there and they're just as bright as when you were at camp. So are you!

At camp through all your hard work, dedication, and team work you learned how to be a star where it was easy to shine as bright as you wanted. Now that you are home it may be harder to shine that bright. Here is your challenge. You already know how to be a star, now you need to shine as bright as you can. You need to cut through the haze that will try to make you dull or the clutter that will try to hide you all together. Just as the stars in the sky are above the haze that tries to dull their brightness, you are now above the haze of the city that will try to dull and block out your shine. Try to always remember and use the lessons you learned this summer. If you do, all the darkness of the city will not be able to block your shine. **You are a star!**

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goals I set for myself. I recently completed a major goal, graduating from Humboldt State University with a Baccalaureate of Science in Natural Resources. I credit this success to the lessons of hard work, goal setting, and self-motivation I learned at Pyles and the camp scholarship program that made my attendance possible. It is an exciting time here at the office. We're in the process of expanding the program to make more of an impact than ever. To be involved with camp at this time is a great honor and I look forward to the new challenges we face. Remember, **success is a choice.**



# In Memory of...

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This year we lost two special friends. One was **Dennis Mahood**. Dennis will be remembered for his deep compassion and dedication to Pyles Camp. In the late 1950's, Dennis was selected to attend Pyles, but he could not participate because his family could not afford to buy him suitable shoes. Mr. Pyles became aware of his dilemma, and bought Dennis shoes. Dennis never forgot that gesture of goodwill. As an adult, Dennis was involved with our work parties, fund raising B.B.Q's, and served as a Big Brother to a fatherless boy. One story that best illustrates his generosity, was when Dennis learned of a camper and his mother who had been evicted from a Los Angeles skid row hotel with nowhere to go. Dennis helped that family find a place to live, and provided the boy with clothes and shoes. Thank you, Dennis, for touching our hearts and for making our world a better place.

We also need to say good bye to longtime volunteer and supporter **Roger Snow**. Roger passed away after a brief illness. Roger had been actively involved with the Kern County BBQ committee for many, many years. He and his wife, Mary, hosted the annual pre-BBQ dinner at their home. Their gracious hospitality and generosity made the event a welcome highlight for the volunteers. Roger had a deep belief in God and was known for his personal integrity, optimistic outlook on life and his never-ending humor. When Roger came to the work parties everyone knew it would be a time of hard work and lots of fun.

It is volunteers such as Dennis and Roger that make Pyles Camp so rich and so unique. We will miss them both.

## Staff Profile... "Derby"

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Our featured staff member is **David "Derby" Dayan**. Recruited by Rocky in 1990 as the wrangler, Derby quickly proved himself as a valuable staff member and a camper favorite. His expertise with the horses was shadowed by his ability to teach. Derby is the essence of a teacher; patient, understanding, and dedicated. But more significant, Derby is a good friend to all. Derby will be leaving the camp for a teaching assignment in Korea. When asked about his experience at Pyles Camp, he had this to say, *"I had no direction in my life at the time I crossed paths with the camp. Camp gave me an opportunity to make a*

*difference in people's lives, which gave me a feeling of self-*

*worth. Camp taught me to believe in myself, but more*

*importantly it taught me to believe in others. Camp*

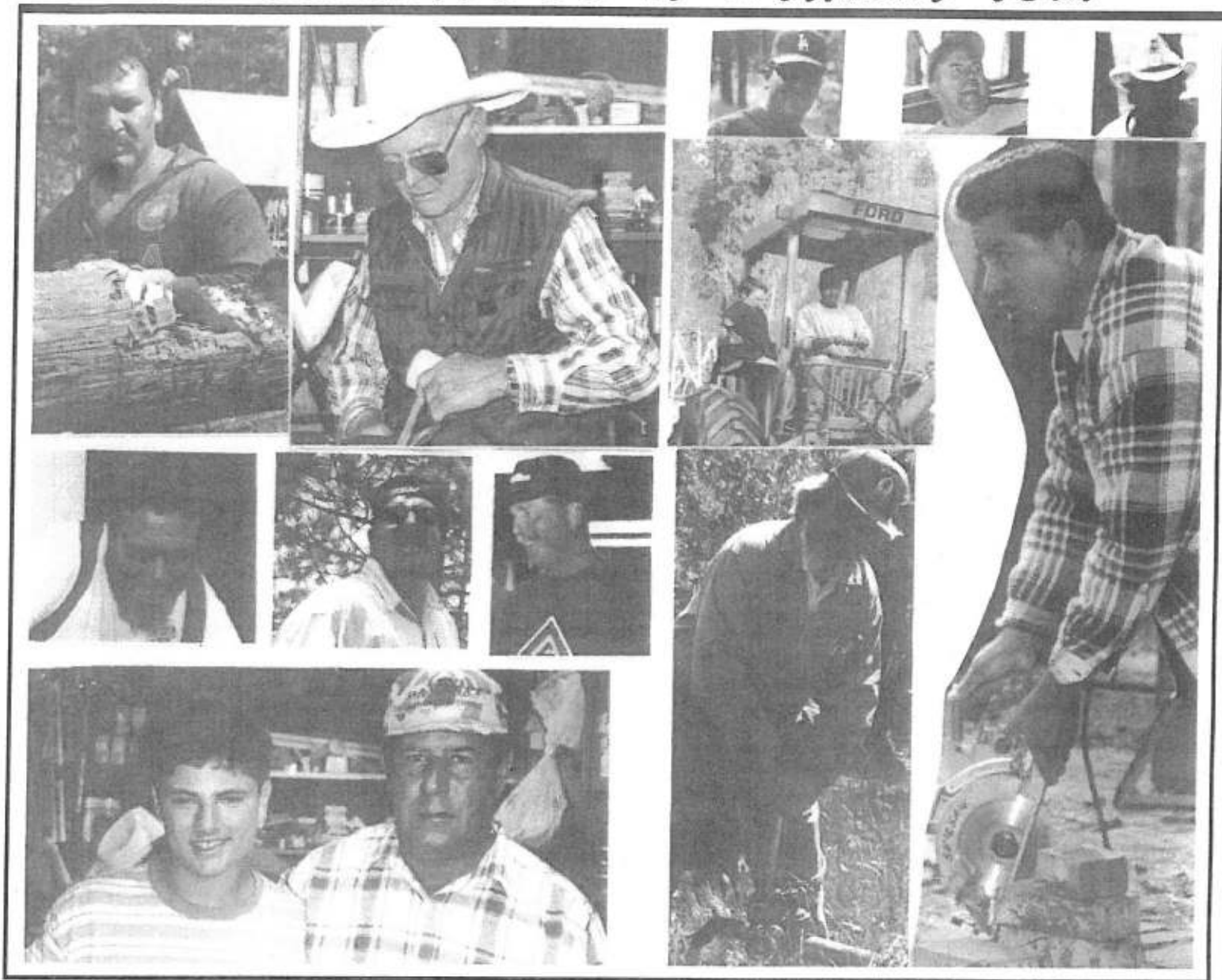
*showed me how to open my heart to all people,*

*regardless of my personal views, prejudices and stereotypes. In addition,*

*Camp has taught me not to complain about life never giving me any opportunities, rather to accept what I have been given and create my own opportunities."*



# We Couldn't Do It Without You!



## Texaco Donates Work Truck

### Thank you!

Thanks to the persuasive efforts of long time Texaco employee and volunteer **Bob McClenny**, Pyles Camp was gifted a needed work truck to help with maintenance. Our camp maintenance supervisor **Chisholm** said, "We are pleased as punch to get a real truck that can haul logs, trash, and slash piles. I am grateful to Texaco and Bob McClenny. Thank you."



# Last Year's Events



Wizard experiences jail life during the prison tour.

Although the summer is over and the camp is blanketed with snow, your experience with Pyles Boys Camp is not over. As we mentioned at camp, we will be in contact with you throughout the year.

Between the months of September and May we will set up a number of different activities for each of the areas that you live. Some of the various activities will include: Reunions, Barbecues, Field Trips, Workshops, Meetings, and maybe even some Campouts.

These activities are an important part of your Pyles Camp experience. Pyles Camp is like a giant support system. At camp we changed. We learned we can be a success. But, it's tough to be a success down in the city without



An exciting evening with the Lakers, thanks to Jason Nyhan.

any help or support from others. Attending the different events will help you to refocus on the lessons you learned at camp. They are lots of fun and you get to see some of the staff and your friends from the summer.

Some of the events that took place last year included a day long field trip of the **Kern County Sheriffs Department** and **Lerdo State Correctional Facility**. A group from the Los Angeles area spent an evening at a **Lakers** Game, while a group from Long Beach toured **Cal State Dominguez Hills** and the **Olympic Velodrome** where the U.S.A. Olympic team was training for this past summers

Olympic games. Some of the guys from South Central were invited backstage of the **MTV Studios** and were able to watch the taping of one of MTV's popular shows.

A few of the activities require help from you. Some of the companies that support the camp put on BBQ's and request our help with setting up, keeping the area clean and taking down. Two such special events were **Occidental Company Picnic** and **Applied Technology's** tenth anniversary party. A lot of hours were put in, but we had a lot of fun.

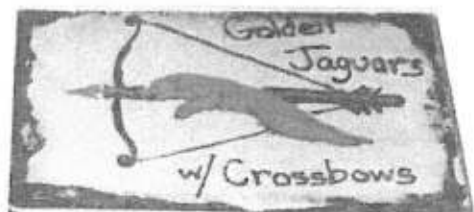
Keep your eyes and ears open for events in your local area. Please remember to respond as soon as possible to ensure your space for the event!



Good times - good food - good music & hard work at Applied Technology's 10th anniversary.



# Summer Fun



# First Session



## 8TH PICK - TIGER'S "PRIDE"

Chris Spellings, Jose Hernandez Jr., Michael Ortiz, Jerron Mays, "Tiger", Jose Gasca Jr., Kenny Williams, Gerald Watzelt, Isaac Medrano



## 4TH PICK - WIZARD'S "THE PLAYERS"

Geovanni Medina, Rueben Jordan, B.J. Garcia, Mark Banducci, Alex Battistoni, Darius Key, Herman (Tre) Mackey, Juan Lopez, "Wizard", Ivan Cahue

## HONOR CAMPERS

Miguel	Contreras
Ray	Jenkins
Gerard	Loaiza
Fernando	Contreras
Jacob	Taylor
Herman	Mackey
Juan	Lopez
Michael	Salcido
Dustin	Rigsby
Kyle	Salcido
Rudy	Diaz



## 7TH PICK - HUB'S "HIGH PRIDE"

Tim Skaggs, Rudy Diaz, Richard Zaragoza, Enrique (Henry) Ortiz, Michael Jackson, Kenny Downhour, "Hub", Kyle Salcido, Dustin Rigsby, Marty Castillo

*There are two guarantees: Life and Death.  
Everything in between remains to be seen.  
Anything is possible if one sets his sights  
on his target and goes for it!*

- Hub



## 1ST PICK - KAISER'S "CRUISERS"

Jason Kaufman, Chris Smith, Ray Jenkins, Miguel Contreras, Gerard Loaiza, Eddie Howard, Tim Coleman, Ryan Waites, Carl Hartzell, "Kaiser"

## What Is Success?

*To laugh often and much; To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; To appreciate beauty; To find the best in others; To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have success.*

*- Ralph Waldo Emerson*



**5TH PICK - BREEZE'S "TRAILBLAZERS"**  
Mike Leyvas, Jerry Williams, Samuel Gaitan, Ray Gonzales, Dennis Cottengim, Michael Salcido, Matthew Shearer, "Breeze", Alan Landers, Edward Marquez



**6TH PICK - SWEETCHUCK'S "PICOLLO SWEETS"**  
Carson Grettein, Mark Trapp Jr., Claudio Medina Jr., Ruben Sanchez, Jason Warren, Shawn Potts, Matt Perkins, Jacob Ruth, Eddie Rivas, "Sweetchuck"



**2ND PICK - WILDCAT'S "GENERATION X"**  
Chris Owens, Eric Smith, Tim Henderson, Mike Avila, Jeff Fabiano, "Wildcat", Richard Martinez, Zack Squyres, Nathan Terry

*"Forget your mistakes, but remember what they taught you."*

*- JoAnne Foley's "A Note A Day"*



**3RD PICK - O'RILEY'S "DOG POUND"**  
Larry Kirven, John Gaona, "O'Riley", Ulysses Perkins, Fernando Contreras, Chris Boyer, Garrett Well, Billie Frazier, Luke Eggeston, Jacob Taylor

# Second Session



## 9TH PICK - INDY'S "SHORT TRACKERS"

Robert Staples, Eric Zarate, "Indy", Jose Batalla, Justin Souza, David Hale, Armando Rodriguez Jr., Jeff Damaso, Cody French



## 4TH PICK - SWEETCHUCK'S "PREDATORS"

Olha Gross, Derryl De La Vega, Raul Menjivar, Anthony Liello, Luis Cruz, Sean Rodriguez, Jeremy Anderson, Anthony Rocha, Kevin Dirksen "Sweetchuck"



## 8TH PICK - TIGER'S "RATTLERS"

Tony Montero, Miguel Leon, Vincent Martinez, Miguel Herrera, Mario Valenzuela, Jose Sarabia, "Tiger", Sergio Valencia, Ruben Magallon



## 3RD PICK - FIRE'S "FORCE"

Antonio Nix, Raymond Rede, Nestor Barbosa, Anthony Castro, Juan Jimenez, Epifanio Moreno, "Fire", Salud Andrade, Stephen Lauer

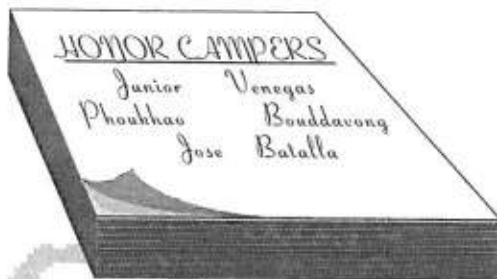


## 6TH PICK - WIZARD'S "HIKERS"

Omar Ruiz, Josue Magama, Justin Edgar, Albert Moreno, Steve Sutcliffe, Martin Acosta, Rafael Gonzalez, "Wizard", Raymond Lopez, Michay Valasquez

*"If you really want the last word in an argument, try saying 'I guess you're right.'"*

# Santa Maria, Tulare & Kern County



**2ND PICK - BREEZE'S "HORNETS"**  
 Jonathon Muhne, Phoukhao Bouddavong, Leonard Contreras, George Terro, Jose Leal, Sammy Hernandez Jr., Armand Muse, "Breeze", Jason Spoon, Bryan Goddard

*"Words are important, but there is nothing like the power of example."  
 - Aesop*



**1ST PICK - FOREST'S "TRAILBLAZERS"**  
 Tim Cameron, Justin Hester, Gabriel Soto, Nate Thorson, Junior Venegas, "Forest", Junior Aguilar, Mark Hildebrand, Jose Gutierrez



**7TH PICK - KAISER'S "WOLF PACK"**  
 Steven Krells, Jose Moreno, Daniel Lewis, Julio Gonzalez, Troy Lambert, Chris Michaud, "Kaiser", Tyler Estes, Greg Roach, Juan Burciaga



**5TH PICK - SIDEWINDER'S "SIDEKICKS"**  
 Matthew Hartmen, Juan Velasco, Jesse Rico, Francisco Gonzale, Lee Giggy, Steve Clark, "Sidewinder", Diogenes Luis, Mike Michaud

# Third Session

## HONOR CAMPERS

Timothy	Forster
Chris	Gomez
Alberto	Guardado
Nicholas	Williams
Adrian	Aguilar
Wayne	Grant
Dorian	Williams
Paul	Ahumada
Daniel	Aguilar
Robert	Ahumada
George	Barajas



### 1ST PICK - JAGUAR'S "BAD BOYS"

Reginald Morrison, Chris Gomez, Timothy Forster, Anthony (Jason) Alvarez, Gregory Bellows, "Jaguar", Dominic Saldana, Daniel Ruiz, William Shannon

*"To know what is right and not do it is the worst cowardice."*

*- Confucius*



**9TH PICK - GOLDEN ONE'S "GOLDEN BOYS"**  
"Golden One", Hector Cavazos, Raul Hernandez, Victor Guillen, Artiz Gossett, Robert Ahumada, Christian Rubio, George Barrajas



### 4TH PICK - BREEZE'S "BOYS"

Allen Rice, Zenen Lopez, Mark Perez, Willie Williams Jr., Luis Polanco, Miguel Pulido, Adrian Villegas, "Breeze", Maximino Romero

*"Failure to prepare is preparing for failure"*

*- Coach John Wooden  
UCLA*



### 5TH PICK - EINSTEIN'S "ECHOES"

Brandon Terry, Aaron Gulley, Alberto Guardado, Angel Martinez, Tony Cheng, Chris Pinel, Branden Newsome, "Einstein", Michael Mendoza

# San Fernando & Los Angeles

*"When you're through trying to improve -  
your through!"*



### 3RD PICK - FOREST'S "GUMPS"

Jose Alfaro, Ernie Marquez, Michael Williams, Steven Abron, Michael May, Noel Rodriguez, "Forest", Wally Gaitan, Travis Shallenburger



### 7TH PICK - HUB'S "ACHIEVERS"

David Vasquez, Daniel Diaz, Adrian Aguilar, Jesus Preciado, Dorian Williams, "Hub", Wayne Grant, Franklin Thomas



### 6TH PICK - HERMANO'S "FOREVER"

Humberto Ortega, Harrison Foster, Marcos Prieto, Frank Bustos, Nicholas Williams, Eddie Flores, "Hermano"

*"Challenge is the core and mainspring of all human activity. If there's an ocean, we cross it. If there's a disease, we cure it. If there's a wrong, we right it. If there's a record, we break it. And finally, if there's a mountain we climb it."*

*- James Ullman*

*1963 Mount Everest Expedition*



### 8TH PICK - ALLEGRO'S "BOBCATS"

Kirsten Boyd, George Huerta, Adrian Guillen, Daniel Aguilar, Paul Ahumada, "Allegro"



### 2ND PICK - PANTHER'S "PRIDE"

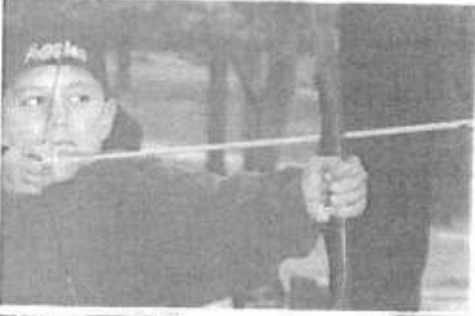
Luis Escobar, Jeremy Zobel, Julio Araiza, Pablo Saldarriega, Laine Thomas, Joe Guerra, Jon Longmire, "Panther", Anthony Ball

# Summer





# Reflections



# Fourth Session



**7TH PICK - GOLDEN ONE'S "VIPERS"**  
 Anthony Prandiz, James Bradley, "Golden One",  
 Kevin Peno, Javier (Frank) Cruz, Brian Tinsley,  
 Jamison Johnson, Joseph Avila, Daniel Gloisten

*"Man did not weave the web of life.  
 He is merely a strand in it. Whatever  
 he does to the web, he does to himself."  
 - Chief Seattle*



**9TH PICK - CROSSBOW'S "JAGUARS"**  
 Pepe Gonzales, Omar Mendoza, Jay Kennedy, James  
 Daniels, J.D. Allen, "Crossbow"



**5TH PICK - TIGER'S "HITCHHIKERS"**  
 Michael McCree, Augustine Medina Jr., Manuel  
 Estrada, Robert Gloisten, Justin Pope, "Tiger", Edgar  
 Mendoza



**1ST PICK - THE EDGE'S "REGULATORS"**  
 Noah Ortega, Michael Phillips, Xavier Ramirez,  
 Orallo Rojas, Brian Torres, Jason Morrell, "The Edge",  
 Phillip Barsun, Justin Evens, Steve Stevenson



**8TH PICK - TOPSPIN'S "HIKING CREW"**  
 Jason Vinson, Aaron Evans, Ron Haskins, Vin  
 Vivirito, Ricky Elkousy, Pedro Garcia, "Topspin", Ke  
 Sutton, Daniel Ramirez



**3RD PICK - WIZARD'S "WILDERNESS MEN"**  
 Miguel Sanchez, Jeremy Edwards, Rudy Cortez,  
 Matias Labbe, Luis Jasso, Brandon Carlton, Matt  
 Gibaldi, Fernando Shuman, Paul Hines, "Wizard"



**2ND PICK - PANTHER'S "WILDCATS"**  
 Lupe Guess, Jesse Ruiz, Daniel Prendiz, Michael  
 Morgan, Billy Shuman, Mark McCree, "Panther", Ryan  
 Rogel, Danny Ozuna



**4TH PICK - KAISER'S "DESPERADOS"**  
 Eloy Valencia, Romero Avila, Greg Fry, Eric Lugo,  
 Jaime Rodriguez, Chris Charles, Michael Sumner,  
 Matt Gray, Ryan Dovell, "Kaiser"



**6TH PICK - ALLEGRO'S "GIANTS"**  
 Michael Limon, Hugo Perez, Jake Rhods, Brian Herrod,  
 Brian Ramirez, Eric Nordman, Ben Cressy,  
 "Allegro", Anthony Novetti

## HONOR CAMPERS

Oratio	Rojas
Fernando	Shuman
Joseph	Avila
Daniel	Ramirez
Pope	Gonzalez

*"You can fall down many times, but you  
 aren't a failure until you begin to blame  
 someone else."*

*- Fortune Foley's "A Note A Day"*

*"The more a man knows  
 the more he forgives."*  
*- Catherine the Great*

# Fifth Session



**1ST PICK - PANTHER'S "DESTINY"**  
 Gilbert Morales, Raymond Valenzuela, Mike Craig,  
 Jaime Paez, "Panther", Luis Barron, Armando  
 Adame, R. J. Palacios



**6TH PICK - ALLEGRO'S "WOLF PACK"**  
 Jaime Jurado, Derek Storrie, Cesar Ayard, Eugenio  
 Romero, Jacob Lopez, "Allegro", Anthony Alva,  
 Jeremy Colacchio



**2ND PICK - THE EDGE'S "CRUSADERS"**  
 Anthony Trujillo, Tony Barragan, Chris Bareno,  
 Alonzo Dias, Jeremy Ramero, Jovanny Salas,  
 Thomas Yagle, "The Edge"



**3RD PICK - FOREST'S "WOLVES"**  
 Jose Garcia, Richard Santos, Jose Zarate, Matt  
 Adelstone, Mike Alva, Cesar David, "Forest", Mike  
 Bierworth, Shane Stringer

## HONOR CAMPERS

R. J. Palacios	
Jovanny Salas	
Thomas Yagle	
Richard Santos	
Jose Garcia	
Cesar David	
Brian Gutierrez	
Santiago Jaimez	
Daniel O'Sullivan	
Scott Coffin	
Eugenio Romero	
Anthony Alva	
James Lopez	
Arnulfo Gomez	
Gregg Krysinshi	
Ryan O'Sullivan	

# Burbank, Santa Clarita & Orange County



**8TH PICK - WALDO'S "NIGHTCRAWLERS"**  
 Greg Krynski, Michael Wood, Maurice Dunning,  
 Travis Jackson, James Curiel, Arnulfo Gomez,  
 "Waldo", Joseph Placencia, Adam Baumbach



**9TH PICK - PRIMO'S "MOSQUITOS"**  
 Freddie Trujillo, Andy Nunez, Brad Dibben, David  
 Goicochea, John Bonetti, "Primo", Ryan O'Sullivan,  
 Johnny Trujillo



**7TH PICK - HUB'S "JAGUARS"**  
 Daniel Gonzalez, Patrick Ray, James Lopez,  
 Richard Eacret, Paul Ames, Sean Austin, Jesse Olson,  
 "Hub"



**4TH PICK - JAGUAR'S "EL POLLO LOCO"**  
 Brian Gutierrez, Daniel O'Sullivan, Sergio Flores  
 Scott Coffin, Santiago Jaimez, Jeffrey Smith, "Jag-  
 uar" & Mathew Vramesh (not shown)



**5TH PICK - WIZARD'S, "7 BELIEVERS"**  
 Ricardo Ballesteros, Ruben Molinar, Jose Meza,  
 Anthony Stone, "Wizard", Rudy Garcia, Justin  
 Labretto, Sergio Hurtado

*"A man is humble when he stands in the  
 truth with a knowledge and appreciation  
 for himself as he really is."*

*- The Cloud of Unknowing*

# Sixth Session



**1ST PICK - REF'S "ENFORCERS"**  
Jacob Merrick, Luis Rodriguez, Alfonzo Preciado,  
Anthony Williams, Jeff Cacek, "Ref", Jose Rodriguez

*"Learn to look with an equal eye upon  
all beings, seeing the one Self in all."  
-Srimad Bhagavatam*



**8TH PICK - CROSSBOW'S "COWBOYS"**  
Alberto Sanchez, Jose Flores, Marcos Mitel  
Hershell Brown, Mike Fournier, "Crossbow", Jo  
Templin



**4TH PICK - SWEETCHUCK'S "WOODCHUCKS"**  
Jerome Powell, Justin Diebel, Martin Benitec, Herbie  
Brown, Eric Gantt, Fernando Aranda, Miguel Trejo,  
"Sweetchuck"



**2ND PICK - WALDO'S "TRAILBLAZIN WANDERERS"**  
Christopher Collado, Jason Rosales, Miguel Zarate,  
Pablo Contreras, Walter Lyles, Joshua Juarez,  
"Waldo", Ricardo Quintero

## HONOR CAMPERS

Jose Rodriguez  
Alfonzo Preciado  
Miguel Zagala  
Jason Rosales  
Miko Badillo  
Oscar Pinedo  
A.J. Vank  
Lamondrion Bellis  
Fernando Aranda  
Greg Depaz  
Mike Fournier  
David Morales  
Dean Culbertson

# Huntington Beach & Long Beach

## Rules of Behavior

*Hearts, like doors, will open with ease  
To very, very little keys.  
And don't forget that two of these  
Are "I thank you" and "Please."*



**6TH PICK - WIZARD'S "RATTLERS"**  
Jesus Cota, Justin Holguin, Michael Freeman, Victor Martinez, Greg Depaz, "Wizard", Omar Cabanas, Edgar Flores



**5TH PICK - GOLDEN ONE'S "GOLDEN GRAHAMS"**  
John Wolcott, Sergio Hill, "Golden One", Marquis Houston, Terry Lee, Michael Ashe Jr., Reynaldo Vasquez, Roberto Arias



**8TH PICK - BOWSER'S "OUTSIDERS"**  
Narciso Guzman, Justin Bundy, David Morales, Caesare Walls, Deon Culberson, "Bowser", Earnest Penson, Eric Jackson



**3RD PICK - INDY'S "MOUNTAIN TRAVELERS"**  
Lamondrion Bettis, Mike Badillo, Tyler Mackelburg, Ivan Ledezma, A.J. Vonk, Janson Arreguin, Oscar Pinedo, "Indy"

*"Life can be tremendously rewarding, but it demands before it rewards. The choices you make in life play a major role in the chances you have in life."*

# Lion Meadows



Lion Meadows is the next step on the journey you began as a camper. Lion Meadows could be the most rewarding experience of your life. Located in the middle of the Golden Trout Wilderness the meadow contains only a rustic cook cabin, storage cabin, and three simple shelters. There are no specialists or Nana at Lion Meadows. The Lioneers do all the cooking over a wood stove with wood they cut and gather themselves. KP, work projects, and activities must be accomplished by the Lioneers and their counselors. This means you will have more freedom and more fun than ever before, but

also more responsibility.

Lion Meadows can be incredibly intense at times, as many found out this year. Longer hikes with heavier packs were common. Those who accepted this challenge were very happy they made the effort. They were able to see and do more than they ever thought possible. They explored lakes over 11,000 feet in elevation, experienced a snowstorm in June, climbed peaks nearly 13,000 feet high, and saw large parts of the Golden Trout Wilderness. Because of this intensity Lioneers quickly pulled together as a team and

became as close as a family.

If you want to become part of the Lion

Meadows Family there are some things you need to do. Most importantly keep in contact with camp. Write letters expressing your desire to participate in Lion Meadows. Tell us how you are doing at home, what lessons you learned

at camp, and how you are using those lessons in your life. We will also require copies of your report cards so keep those grades up! Even if you were not recommended to come back to Lion Meadows by your counselor you can still participate if you make positive changes in your life and follow the steps listed above. We hope you will take the challenge and join us in the adventure of a lifetime.



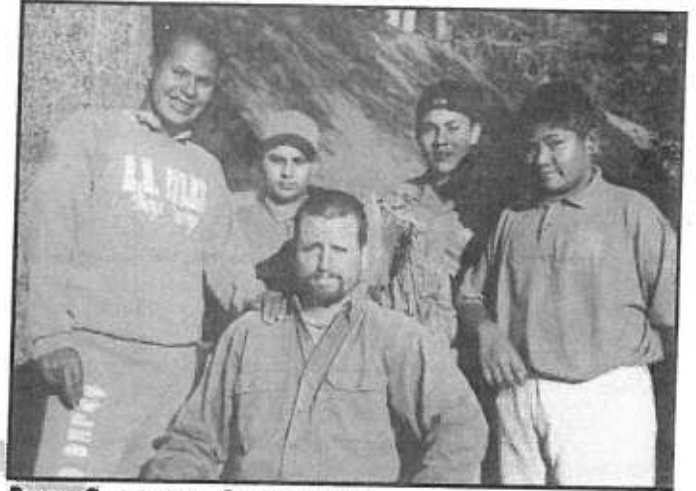


# Second Year Program



## 1ST SESSION LIONEERS

Brian Baker, Victor Escamilla, Thomas Cisneros Jr, Matt McDonald, Julio Alvarez, *Hermano*, Jeremy Williams, Steven Placencia, *Spuds*



## 3RD SESSION LIONEERS

*Wizard*, Hector Jimenez, Edwin Larin Leonard Olivarez, *Spuds*



## 2ND SESSION LIONEERS

*Spiderman*, Jeramie Malcolm, Ruben Cornejo, Chris Uritus, Torivio Contreras Jr, Chris Salazar, David Rodriguez, Armando Ibarra, Jesse Grumbles, Able Teles Jr, Javier Rodriguez Jr, *Spuds*



## 4TH SESSION LIONEERS

Jason Hopper, *Spuds*, Ruben Barajas, Martin Moreno, Josh Trujillo, David Meza, Chad Chandler, Jesse Shirley, *Jaguar*, *Sweetchuck*, Kevin "Blue" Williams, Sean Weaver

*"The Frontiers are not east or west, North or south, but where ever a man fronts a fact."*

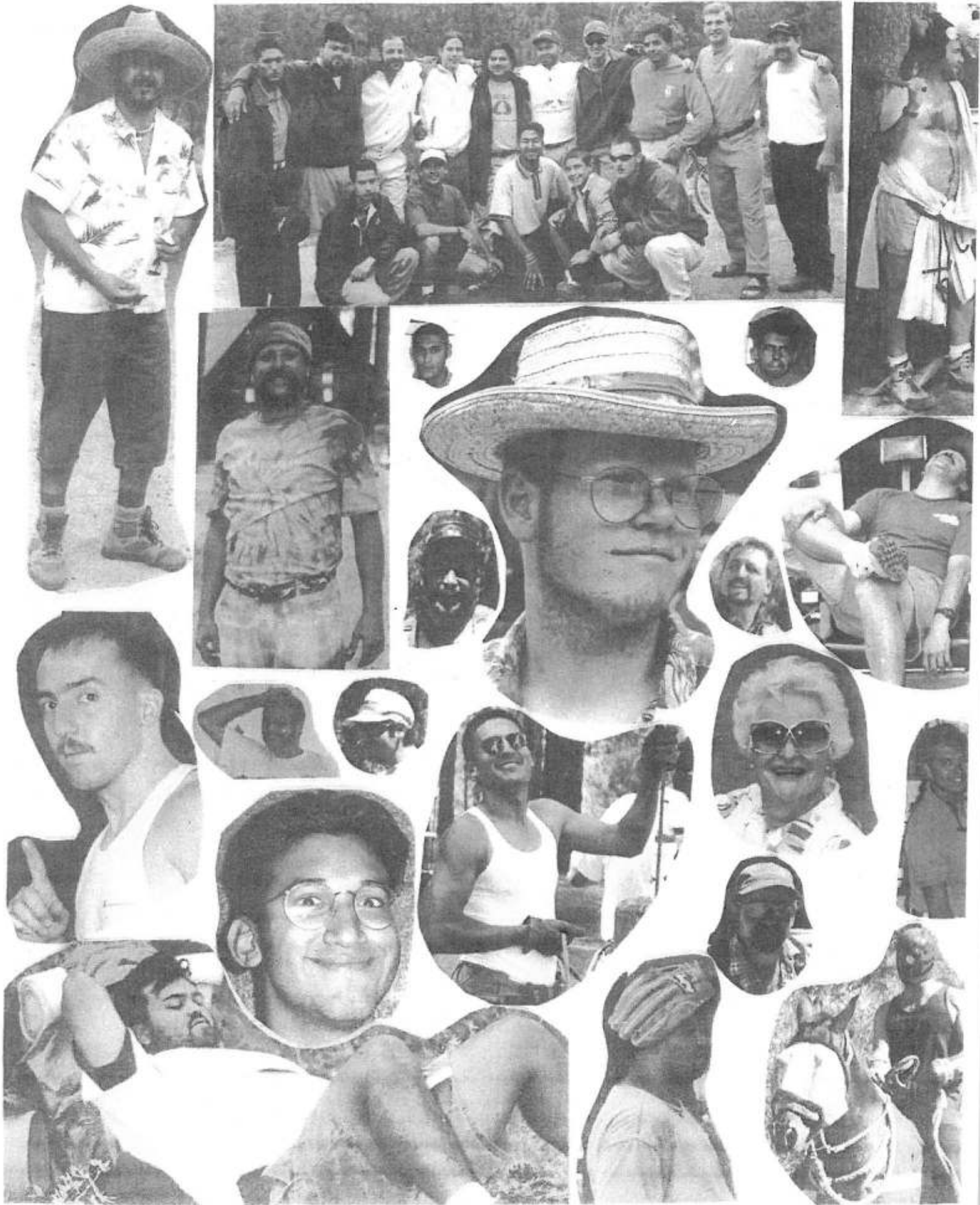
*- Henry David Thoreau*

## 5TH SESSION LIONEERS

Ryan McAdams, Aaron "A.J." Davis, Zane Bumkens, Chris Myren, Christian Hill, *Derby*, Noel Salas, Danny Holbrook, *Zorro*, Steven Gaither, Jessie Alvarez, Isreal Munguia, Jesus Perez, Tunde Kambon, Timothy "T.J." Quintana, *Kaiser*, Anthony Crook



# The Staff of 1996



# Staff Profile... "Hermano"



At Pyles Camp we believe that positive role models are critically important. We challenge every staff member to be that role model for the young men they touch at Pyles. One such role model is Kim "Hermano" Robinson.

Hermano first came to Pyles Camp in the 1980's while a student at Humboldt State University. He was recruited to Pyles Camp by former Manager Bruce "Sarge" Cates. Hermano quickly absorbed the Pyles Camp philosophy

Hermano is best known for his humor, empathy for the boys and willingness to try new ideas. "I can always count on Hermano to come up with some type of crazy adventure, new game, wild story, or interesting clothing. Thanks, Hermano, for being a great supporter and friend to all the boys, staff, and myself." Darren "Shotgun" King. Deeply committed to

youth, Hermano spends his winters teaching at an all girls school in Salinas California. He also enjoys playing basketball and rollerskating. He and his wife, Alicia, are nationally ranked rollerskaters. Hundreds of young men have benefited from his gentle guidance over his years with Pyles Camp. Hermano we salute you!



## Worker Powwow 1996



The workers play a very important part of the Pyles Camp program. They are the individuals who are up early in the morning helping to prepare the meals, feeding the horses and checking the generators and water systems of the camp. They are a crucial part to the success of the program.

The workers also make up 90% of our future counseling and specialist staff. Without an outstanding working staff we would be hard pressed to fill our counseling and specialist slots each summer.

The 1996 Powwow brought about 20 of us together for an exciting weekend.

We had an awesome behind the scenes tour

of the **Santa Barbara Natural History Museum** led by camp alumni Philip "Seymour" Brown and his wife Barbara. Later we were off to **Cate School** to challenge ourselves on their ropes course and climbing tower. We were also treated to an outstanding BBQ and tour of the school.

The Powwow provided an excellent opportunity for the workers to get back together, develop friendship, rekindle the Pyles Camp spirit, and to start looking toward the future. We are looking forward to this year's Worker Powwow!



# More Staff of 1996



# Off and Running

The winter of 1996 has taken off to a quick start! In September about 30 Pyles campers and staff headed out to the Kern BBQ



grounds to help **Occidental Petroleum** at their company picnic. This two-day event raised the camp over \$7000! In October we held a **Leadership and Communication Workshop** at the camp office. The four hour event was a great success bringing together 60 campers and staff for an afternoon of team building activities and discussions about being a successful leader. In Santa Maria we spent a **"Day at the Park"** with 24 campers and staff. Everyone had a great time getting together and talking about camp.

We look forward to seeing you at future events!



## Mule Days

This year five R.M. Pyles staff members were fortunate to be invited to represent camp at **Mule Days** in **Bishop, California**. Mule Days is a huge gathering of people involved in the breeding, training, and use of mules world wide. The event resembles a huge state fair. **Deck, Crazyhorse, Jinx, Dynamite,** and **Dodger** participated in the event and were involved in several competitions. In the opening parade they won a second place ribbon and a special award. From the opening parade to a mule race they displayed a competitive spirit and sense of fair play.

They also had an opportunity to meet new people as well as enjoy the concerts and other attractions at Mule Days. Their actions and friendly outgoing manner impressed everyone they met and won many new friends for camp.

We would like to give a special thank you to **Reid Hopkins** for arranging camp's participation, **Dave Mooney** for his assistance preparing for Mule Days and at the event itself and our staff members for doing an excellent job representing Pyles Boys Camp at this international event. We would also like to thank **Emporium Western Store, James Store, Bonny Richards, Dave Brown** and all the other people who helped make this event happen.



# *It's All In The State Of Mind*

**“If you think you’re beaten you are. If you think you dare not, you don’t.  
If you’d like to win but think you can’t then it’s almost a cinch you won’t.  
If you think you’ll lose, you’ve lost, for in this world you’ll find  
success begins with a fellow’s will; it’s all in the state of mind.**

**For many a race is lost, before a step is run.  
Many a coward will fall, before his work has begun.  
Think big and your deeds will grow. Think small and you’ll fall behind.  
If you think you can, you will; it’s all in the state of mind.**

**If you think you’re outclassed you are. You’ve got to think high to rise.  
You’ve got to be sure of yourself, before you can win a prize.  
Life’s battles don’t always go to the stronger and faster man.  
But sooner or later the man who wins is the man who thinks he can.”**

**Do you think you can?**

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