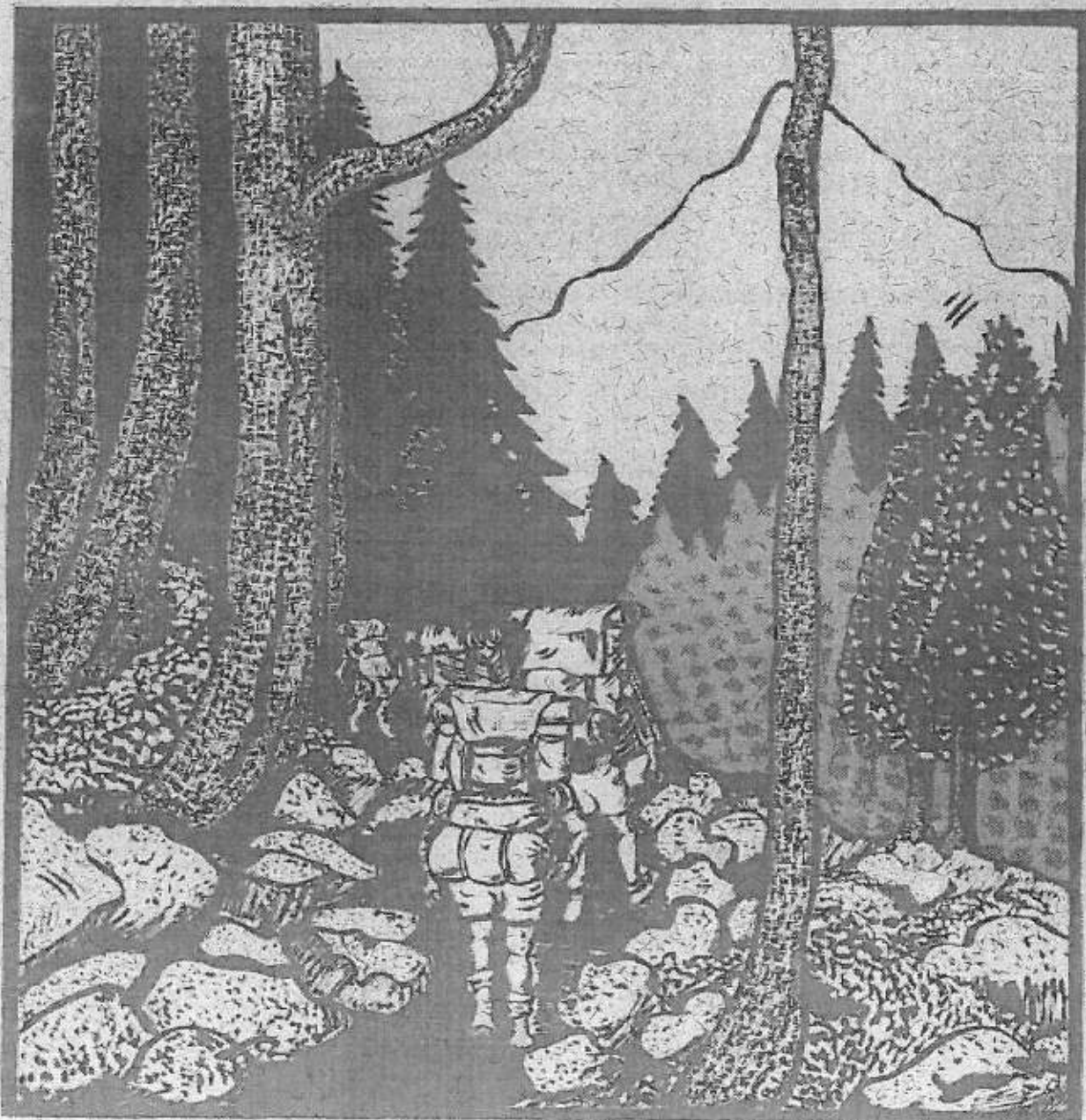


# THE PYLET 1997

“CREATING DREAMS”



“CONQUERING MOUNTAINS”

# Welcome to the Pylet

Welcome to R.M. Pyles Boys Camp's official year book "The Pylet." We hope The Pylet helps you to 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!

## We dedicate the 1997 Pylet to: Stan "Coach" Moe

*"...one of our finest volunteers"*

This year's PYLET is dedicated to Kern County Sheriff's Commander Stan "Coach" Moe. Coach has been a loyal Pyles Camp supporter for more than 10 years. He is a tremendous asset not only for our program but to his community as well. Currently, Coach is active with selecting campers, Lion Meadow staff, Pyles Leadership Training, work parties, field trips, and helping develop our training manual. In his community, Coach is involved in youth athletics, is a member of Standard School District Board, and as a training instructor for the Sheriff's Department.

An example of Coach's dedication to camp is best illustrated in the construction of our horse corrals. Our corrals were in dire need of repair. Coach made it possible, with help of some generous friends, for the corrals to be rebuilt with milled lumber and metal gates. The corral project was a tough and dirty job and it needed someone of Stan's caliber to assure it was done right. Our great looking corrals are testimony of hard work and sheer determination that characterizes Stan.

Like many of you, life's circumstances required Stan to grow up fast. At fifteen Stan's father died, leaving him in charge of his five younger siblings, the youngest only one year old. He and his mother managed to keep the household going as he continued his high school education. After high school, he served three years in the Army. Newly married, Stan hired on as a street cop with the Kern County Sheriff's Department. His law enforcement career spans over twenty-five years. Stan started a family and worked full time but never forgot his goal, to earn his college degree. Whenever the opportunity presented itself, Stan enrolled in a few courses at the local university and eventually earned his master's degree in Public Administration. Using hard work and determination Stan accomplished his goal. Today, Stan shines as one of our finest volunteers.



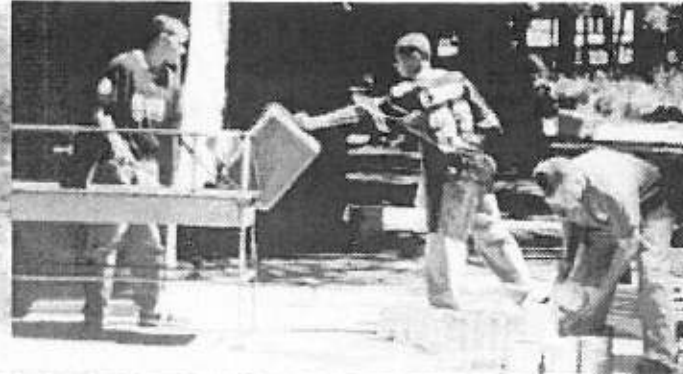


***A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO  
THE WORKING STAFF OF 1997***

Ninety-nine percent of the summer working staff are former campers who have been working their way through the program in hopes of counseling their own group one day.

The worker positions are not the most glamorous jobs: washing dishes, working in the mess hall, washing clothes, cleaning up after the horses and helping out around the camp. Although these are not the most exciting positions around the camp they make up the "backbone" of the program.

Without a strong group of workers, the program would not be as successful. Putting in long hard hours day after day is no easy task, but it is this dedication that keeps the day-to-day operations rolling along. Workers, your hard work is noticed and appreciated, we could not do it without you! Keep up the great work. Thank You!



# Something to think about

## "Character Counts" - Rocky

Congratulations on successfully completing our program. I hope you enjoyed your summer experience, but more importantly I hope that you grew from it. I hope you realized that **who** you are, your character, is important. Your character is critical to success and it can't be faked. Martin Luther King said he wanted his children to be judged by the content of their character not by the color of their skin. He said that we need to be people of character, not people of color.

Character counts if you want to be a success. Character is being **Trustworthy** and honest. Character is being **Respectful**, being considerate of others and treating them with respect. Character is being **Responsible**, doing what you are supposed to do. Character is being **Fair**, playing by the rules. Character is being **Caring**, helping and forgiving others. Character is being a good **Citizen**, taking responsibility for your community. Character is **doing right**, even when no one is looking.

We all were born with great potential. Character helps turn your potential into reality.



## "Attitude Adjustment?" - Spuds

Working for Pyles Camp has been a very rewarding time for me. I have had the opportunity to work with some very generous and caring people and to watch many young men develop and grow as individuals.

Pyles Camp has allowed me to really witness the power of a person's decisions and attitudes. I have seen people overcome huge obstacles by taking a positive attitude on life and always striving for excellence. They view setbacks as nothing more than temporary problems which to learn from.

The secret to being successful is having the proper attitude. Set high standards for yourself and live up to them. Associate yourself with positive people and activities. Turn "bad" situations into good by using them as a learning experience. The bottom line is, to achieve great things you must be positive and flexible. Starting right now, take a look at the way you handle things. Do you need an "attitude adjustment?"

## "Man is designed for accomplishment" - Bravo...

One of my favorite motivational speakers is Zig Ziglar. He believes that "man is designed for accomplishment, engineered for success, and endowed with seeds of greatness." That means you! Zig Ziglar stresses that honesty, character, faith, integrity, love, and loyalty are foundation stones to attain health, wealth, and happiness.

Zig Ziglar says, "Imagine life as a stairway. To reach the top, you must develop a healthy self-image, use team work, set goals, have a positive attitude and be willing to work hard. Finally you must have a burning desire to excel." Sound familiar? It should. At camp we discussed these topics, experienced them on out-camp, and reflected on their importance around the campfire. How are you going to incorporate these points in your life? Thanks for being great campers. Work hard and I'll see you at the top!



## “Challenge” - Shotgun

*“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. Finally, if there’s a mountain, we climb it.” - James Ullman, 1963 Mount Everest Expedition.*

Pyles Camp, like life, is full of challenges. You were faced with many challenges during your time at camp. We challenged you take the opportunity to attend camp, work as a team, make new friends, participate in each of the activities, and spend several days hiking through the back-country. Congratulations on accepting the challenge!

Now we challenge you to look inside yourself to find the strength to accomplish all the challenges that await you in the future. With hard work, determination, and self confidence you can succeed in everything you put your mind to.



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## Mule Days: Back in the saddle again!

Once again Pyles Camp has made a big impact at Mule Days, earning 7 ribbons and a plaque in competitions against professional commercial packers. Reid and Mary Hopkins, Dave Mooney, Wayne Gallegly, Dodger, Dynamite, Fox, Bodean, Cadillac, and Blade represented Pyles Camp at Mule Days this year. Our congratulations goes out to all of this year’s Mule Days Team. Outstanding job!

- 1st place in the pack string competition against commercial packers
- 1st place in the Mule Days Parade
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in the diamond hitch competition
- 4th place in the trail course (once again against commercial packers)
- 5th in the run, ride and lead competition
- 6th in the musical tires competition



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## Staff Profile:

### Wes “Sweetchuck” Morris



Wes “Sweetchuck” Morris attended Pyles as a camper in 1990. Since then he has distinguished himself as a hardworking and motivated staff member. Sweetchuck has become one of the “backbones” of camp, regularly attending and helping at winter events. He also assisted in locating Camp Condor for our winter program.

One of our more experienced counselors, Sweetchuck counseled five groups during the summer of 1997. This was a marathon performance and is all the more impressive because he maintained such a high energy level throughout the summer. Sweetchuck is also a talented specialist with the ability to fill in wherever needed.

Currently Sweetchuck is attending UCLA studying Political Science.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the program. Pyles Camp wishes you the best of luck on all your goals.



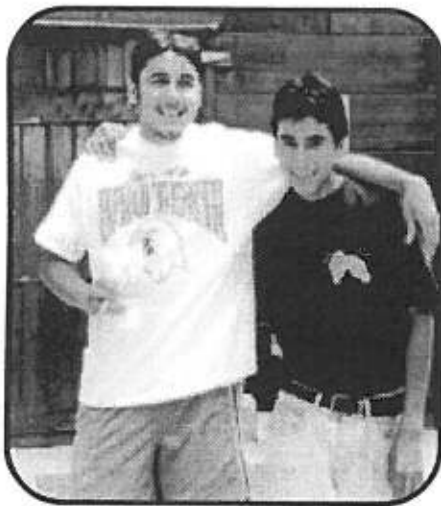
# Staff Profile:

## Juan "Deck" Herrera



Selected as a camper in 1994 out of Bakersfield, Juan "Deck" Herrera came to Pyles Camp excited to have the opportunity of a lifetime. He knew right away that camp was a special place and took to heart the messages that the camp gave him. Taking these "tools" home with him, Deck put them to use in his life. Returning the following summer as an outstanding Lioneer, Deck was invited to join the working staff the same summer!

Living in a rough part of town, Deck is faced with many pressures of the city on a daily basis. But due to his strong desire to be successful in his life and to make a difference in the lives around him



these pressures are much easier to deal with. The enthusiasm that Deck brought to Pyles in 1994 has only grown stronger over the years. One of our top workers he is always ready and willing to jump in and help out on any job he is given. During his time working at Lion Meadows this summer, Deck proved he has the ability to be a great counselor!

*"Deck was a quiet but hard-working camper. Over the years I have seen him grow tremendously in confidence and ability. I feel very privileged to know him!" - David "Spuds" McEulty*

*Deck can bust suds with the best of them and help whip up a mean meal!!  
- "NANA"*

*"He is enthusiastic about doing a good job..., I hope he continues to use his talents to help others, be it family, friends or others in general."  
- Stan "Coach" Moe*



*"Pyles Camp has many very hard-working young men. Deck is one that really stands out!  
- Darren "Shotgun" King*



# Flashback to the Winter of 96-97

Last winter marked the start of the camp's new and improved winter program. We did more events, mailed more letters, and saw more campers and staff than we ever have in the history of Pyles Camp. The winter program provided a great opportunity to get together at

many exciting events. A few of our events included: reunions, Lakers games, meeting Brooke Shields on the set of "Suddenly Susan", touring the Frito Lay plant, a tour of Lerdo Jail and several great campouts along with a number of awesome staff get togethers and training sessions. Some of the people who responded early and helped out at the events were treated to special outings such as mountain bike rides and cross-country ski trips.

The list is too long to mention them all but we held over 40 events during the winter/spring session and had a great time doing it. Thank you to all who attended and those who helped out. An extra special thank you goes to Juan "Deck" Herrera and Matt "Jinx" Cosper for their dedicated help and support they provided on many of our trips.

This year we will continue to expand and improve our winter program. Make sure you get in on the fun, respond to the invitation early (many of our events this year will be limited to the first responders). Please try to attend as many as you can!



# Familiar Faces





# 1997 Honor Campers

All the staff at Pyles Boys Camp would like to congratulate each of the boys who got into the program and worked extra hard to become an Honor Camper. We hope you are proud of this accomplishment. Keep up the hard work and going that extra step, you'll be glad you did.

## 1st Session

Alfredo Avez  
Adam Andres  
Michael Bura  
Keith Forbes  
Mark Lopez  
Roman Martinez  
Chris McEnulty  
Michael Scales  
Gilbert Vega

## 2nd Session

Eduardo Ayala  
David Cofield  
Siliano Contreras  
Chris Echavarria  
Jesus Giron  
Austin Graham  
Emanuel Lara  
Joel Orozco  
Sergio Orozco  
Jorge Sotelo  
Stephen Vang  
Lee Waldron

## 3rd Session

Laloy Bonheur  
Camorin Brown  
Norman Bucknor  
Ernest Edwards  
Enrique Felix  
Michael Holland  
Ricky Johnson  
Kerry Kessee  
Andrew Martinez  
Khai Tan  
Michael Tran

## 4th Session

Jack Anderson  
Tyler Batten  
Tim Becker, Jr.  
Rory Blaisdell  
Jacob Cortez  
Wes Edwards  
Anthony Garcia  
Juan Garcia  
Kelly Glaubiz  
Omar Guzman  
Frank Herrera  
Mario Izquierdo  
Pec Jimenez  
Michael Lopez  
Benny Martinez  
Lucas Metcalf  
Jesse Rodriguez  
Francisco Sabido  
Juan Tejada  
Dennis Wilkinson

## 5th Session

Juan Abarca  
Randy Cox  
Tony Denuncio  
Ben Dykes  
Gabriel Esparza  
Robert Hibdon  
James Mason  
Justin McClelland  
Julian Mendoza  
Mark Morgan  
Mike Olivas  
Omar Sanchez  
Chris Serrato  
Carlos Soria  
Jesse Sparman  
Akeem Tylor  
Mark Varela  
Marcos Vargas

## 6th Session

Jalil Badran  
Edward Donaldson  
Al-Malik Gaither  
Jairo Garcia  
Daron Jones  
Enrique Lopez  
Michael Taufest  
Carlos Torres  
Simons Valdez



# First Session



Wizard's "Mountaineers"

back: michael bura, chris grijalva, WIZARD, michael bass, ernie alonso. front: charlie layshot, keith forbes, gary cosper, jose iturbe, jeremy lytle



Jester's "Pirahnas"

back: juaquin ramirez, JESTER, cori roberston front: lionell thomas, johnny couch, daniel cortez, phillip raider, tony andrade, john burger



Jaguar's "Grizzlys"

back: JAGUAR, mark lopez, jesse rosas, michael scales, david howth front: willie leonard, johnny samarripas, chris mculty, chris young, juan cisneros



McGyver's "Troops"

back: cody fitzgerald, adam andres, MCGYVER, rud swinger, william ayala front: lionel jauregui, Manue miranda, richard moore

*If you don't know where you are going,  
you'll end up somewhere else.*

*- Yogi Berra -*

# GOALS

# Bakersfield



## Aztec's "Trail Blazers"

back: cordell dyles, freddy dela garza, AZTEC, gustavo lopez, daniel duval front: bernie pinto, albert arvallo, andrew stoy, zack johnson



## Sweetchuck's "Chammillions"

back: SWEETCHUCK, chirs franks, daniel kanuss, greg holder front: eddie brand, oscar hernandez, steven alonso, stephen gutierrez, josh dunning

*"If you don't know where you are going,  
every road will get you nowhere."*

*- Henry Kissinger -*

*"In the long run you hit only what you  
aim at. Therefore, though you should  
fail immediately, you had better aim  
at something high."*

*- Henry David Thoreau -*



## Ref's "Wildcats"

back: frank rodriguez, matt clark, bobby hummel, robert anderson front: eric hill, REF, roman martinez, gilbert vega, julio gutierrez



## Allegro's "Warriors"

back: alfredo alvarez, jimmy kennon, frank acosta, michael weston front: anthony bultierra, joe dela torre, nick martinez, daniel goulart

# Second Session



Jaguar/Topspin's "Black Forest Ants"  
back: JAGUAR, david cofield, victor valadez, steven hang, joseph haywood, TOPSPIN front: richard diaz, raymond corona, george sotelo, anthony noska



Sweetchuck's "Loco Campers"  
back: miguel martinez, robert rivera jr., elias di SWEETCHUCK, robert kester front: chris blevi nicolas diaz, jesus pulido, andrew martinez, j lowrey



McGyver's "Screaming Dogs"  
back: lee waldron, oscar payan, MCGYVER, arturo botello, daryl moore front: jose llamas, joel arreola, jeffery hall, leo barboza, eliseo soto



Bowser's "Nature Boys"  
back: miguel barboza, manuel bravo, chris flores, BOWSER, jesse valdez front: jayson patten, dustin miller, jeoy valdez, billy johnson

*"Don't wait for your ship to come in. swim out to it!"*  
- Anonymous -

# INITIATIVE

# Santa Maria, Tulare & Kern

*"Men who do things without being told draw the most wages."*

*- Edwin H. Stuart -*



## The Edge's "Demolition Men"

clockwise: THE EDGE, dalton guerre, jeremy day, austin graham, sergio orozco, jesus giron, valentin peñaloza, francisco estrada, jason ruffus, miguel rodriguez

*"The journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step."*

*- Lao-Tzu -*



## Einstein's "Rangers"

back: victor mena, vincent hernandez, EINSTEIN, joe salinas, jeremy palacpac front: joel orozco, bobby sandoval, anthony bentley, josh reints, patrick foxen



## Wizard's "Magic"

back: oscar orozco, andrew acebedo, WIZARD, adrian hernandez, julio gallardo front: joseph alexander, lorenzo padilla, david velasco, larry carreras, jose ruiz

*"To achieve greatness: start where you are. use what you have. do what you can."*

*- Arther Ashe -*



## Ref's "Officials"

back: silviano contreras, cody douglas, emanuel lara, abram sanchez front: anthony diaz, chris echavarria, REF, ruben herrera, eduardo ayala

# Third Session



Wizard's "7 Dwarfs"  
back: karry kessee, WIZARD, ernest edwards front:  
joseph perez, danny jackson, kenny sumner, michael  
becera



Sweetchuck's "Survivors"  
back: felix ramos, jose gutierrez, thanh luong front:  
john allen, chris roman, tommy lao, SWEETCHUCK,  
julian grant



Topspin's "Smashing Mushrooms"  
back: tony lemus, robert dominguez, john stalnaker,  
robert barron front: michael tran, juan ortega,  
TOPSPIN, james middleton, benjamin sahagun



Bowser's "Originals"  
back: camaron brown, jerry gomez, BOWSER,  
kenneth floyd, danny gonzalez front: michael  
holland, rudy nuñez, justin denson, laloy boheur

*"The price of greatness is  
responsibility."  
- Winston Churchill -*

# RESPONSIBILITY

# San Fernando & Los Angeles



Dynamite's "Crazy Campers"

back: jose salcedo, DYNAMITE, hector morales, c.j. howard front: hhai tan, george cortez, tre burgess, lloyd tosh



Hippie's "Wildcat's"

back: william ortega, jose alcantara front: christian cabrera, george palomares, HIPPIE

*"No individual rain-  
drop ever considers  
itself responsible for  
the flood."*

*- Anonymous -*



Lobo's "Wolfpack"

back: paul rodriguez, LOVO, alex cornejo, omar medina, daniel castro front: marcus williamson, thomas mendez, daniel hickman



Astro's "Scorpions"

back: norman bucknor, noe martinez, ASTRO, enrique felix front: ronald mccane, zack minero, william vong, jamari kelly



Duke's "Hikers"

back: DUKE, andrew martinez, joe mesa, kerry smith front: william turner-dorsey, brandon perez, ricky johnson

# Summer



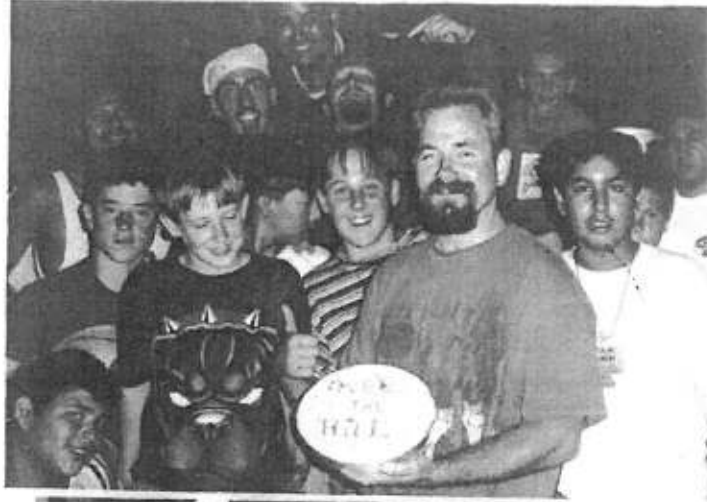
If your HEART was a GAS PUMP,  
 it could pump enough to fill the  
 tanks of 400 CARS in 24 hours

Yesterday's High 87°  
 Low 44°  
 Now Today 84°  
 High Temp 57°  
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 Rainfall 1/2"  
 Relative Humidity 55%  
 Wind Speed 7-14 mph  
 (10-14 mph)  
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# Experiences



# Fourth Session



Sonic's "Boom"

back: arturo nava, nick klopp, SONIC, joe silva, tony rodriguez front: francisco sabido, felix arellano, dennis wilkinson, jonathan lazarus

*"To earn trust you must be someone people can depend upon."  
- A great anonymous writer -*



Astro's "Challengers"

back: steve malloy, stephen hall, ASTRO, luis guerro, j.d. brown front: david sander, mike kinkaid, jesus acosta, juan garcia



Jester's "Gyros"

front: luke metcalf, keith dalzell, rafael guzman, michael herrold, jesse rodriguez back: JESTER, miles clancy, kelly glaubit, jason keller, pec jimenez

*"Only a fool would build on shaky ground. The wise man builds on a dependable foundation."*

*- Thinker -*



Breeze's "Trailblazers"

front: jerry steelsmith, max martinez, brand martinez, jose guardado, sal escoto back: jc suckle, david bleach, BREEZE, michael cawe patrick lepage

# DEPENDABILITY

# Ventura

DEPENDABILITY



Tiger's "Terrorizers"

back: jonathan conway, TIGER, noe gonzalez, david goldstein front: matt imes, wayne hammen, eliy oseguera, aris contreras

DEPENDABILITY



Jaguar's "Descendent Warriors of Mother Nature"

back: JAGUAR, alfred robbs, frank herrea, rory blaisdell front: tyler battem, wes edwards, omar guzman, jack anderson, tim becken, caleb fletcher

DEPENDABILITY



Wizard's "Sequoia Boys"

back: peter santos, zach jordan, WIZARD, brandon stuart, daniel guerrero front: hill, richard barbero, tom manoney, michael lopez, greg guardado

DEPENDABILITY



Hoss' "Osmosis"

front: eli martinez, carlos abriz, jack mimms, josh green back: tony tisdell, HOSS, juan tejeda

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*"I have had many friends in my life but the friendships that lasted were with those I could depend upon."*

- David C McEnulty -

DEPENDABILITY



Ref's "Guardian Ravens"

back: rattana lor, anthony garcia, REF, pedro perez, moses Enriquez front: lorenzo gutierrez, mario izquierdo, jacob cortez, scott milby, robert ferreira

# Fifth Session



Waldo's "Sequoia Locos"

back: james mason, jesse sparman, WALDO, mike olivas, akeem taylor front: juan contreras, chris serrato, mark varela, marco vargas

ATTITUDE



Tiger's "Redwoods"

back: mario duarte, mario federico, TIGER, james padilla front: cam tang, manuel martin, tony castillo, antonio hall

ATTITUDE



Hoss' "Men In Camp"

back: scott coleman, bobby davis, mike martinez, christian garcia front: danny gutierrez, john aleman, jeremy paluska, HOSS

ATTITUDE



Ref's "Bounty Hunters"

back: rob hibdon, omar sanchez, REF, gabriel esparza, ben dykes front: david carrillo, lindsey green, peter rueda, travis lucas

ATTITUDE

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# Burbank, Santa Clarita & Orange



Bowser's "Trail Tiger's"

back: beau specter, carlos soria, BOWSER, mark morgan front: derek jacobs, enrique delgadillo, greg williams, oscar leon

*"Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude."*

*- W.W. Ziege -*



Topspin's "Meat Puppets"

back: alex guerrero, frank saenz, TOPSPIN, justin mclelland, anthony denunzio front: bryan martinez, randy cox, dominic Clifton, juan mejia



Lobo's "Little Lobito's"

back: jeff truespell, chris cortez, LOBO, sal castillo front: dale manzano, julian mendoza, daniel gutierrez, corey kieffer

*"What happens to a man is less significant than what happens within him."*

*- Anonymous -*



Hippie's "Groovy Sasquatches"

ramiro ascencio, derrik donnauro, juan gonzalez, HIPPIE, jordan wright, david machuco



# Sixth Session



Ref's "MVC" (Most Valuable Campers)  
back: enrique lopez, michael tautfest, "ref", al-malik  
gaither simon valdez, front: courtney mariner, mike  
baker, jalil badran, leonard newman



Sweetchuck's "FBI"  
back: SWEETCHUCK, freddie davis, julio aguilera, kevin  
wesselhoft, mike hamlin front: welby garcia, jose  
ordonez, javier solis, jason leidholdt



Topspin's "Fifth Deminsion"  
back: choup chao, seldon harris, TOPSPIN, dylan  
shelton, edwin calderon front: daron jones,  
max jy guag chaha, omar cervantes, josh carter



Wizard's "Magicians"  
back: ismael castaneda, WIZARD, ralph harbin,  
jairo garcia front: james drake, juan carlos torres,  
arron wynne, delon hampton, joe pena

*Together Everyone Achieves More*

# TEAM WORK

# Huntington Beach & Long Beach



Electro Laux's "Screaming Eagles"  
back: aaron dionne, melford oshon, ELECTRO LAUX,  
edward donaldson, phillip aguirre front: jonathan  
castro, bruce hisle, tim sonntag, herbert cash

*"No matter how much work a man  
can do, no matter how engaging his  
personality may be, he will not  
advance far if he cannot work with  
others."*

*- John Craig -*

TEAM WORK



Enoch's "Polar Bears"  
back: stephan green, marvin fulton, ENOCH,  
steaven yeomans, larry crawford front: orlando  
cervantes - rigoberto gutierrez - marvin flores



Lobo's "Jaguars"  
back: jose luis alipio, nathaniel newman, LOBO, carlos  
mendez - juan ortega front: porter bailey, francisco  
martinez, luis villalobos, mike seda



Dynamite's "TNT"  
back: michael hailemaskel, david montes, DYNAMITE,  
gary ramerez, freddy leos front: oscar vallasenors,  
allen hughs, albert aguirre

*"The world must learn to  
work together, or it will not  
work at all."*

*- Dwight D Eisenhower -*

TEAM WORK

# Lion Meadows

Lion Meadows is a very different experience from main camp. There are no Specialists, no hot showers, no electricity, and no Nana! (How will we survive!) What we do have is a beautiful alpine meadow with a sparkling stream running down the middle of it, a very rustic cook cabin, and shelters. And most important we have each other. As the sessions progress the Lioneers and their counselors become as close as a family. They learn to work together, cook on a wood stove, drink from a mountain stream, participate in new and exciting activities, and pull together as a team. Lioneers spend more time in the wilderness and go much farther than any main camp group. They experience all the wonders of nature, from mid-summer snow storms to fishing in a lakes over 10,000 feet in elevation. It is rugged and physical experience but, without exception, every Lioneer has been glad he took the challenge.

If you want to accept this challenge there are some steps you need to take. First write camp and let us know you are interested. Take the lessons you learned at camp and apply them to your life. Keep writing and let us know how you are doing and what changes you are making to improve yourself. We will also need copies of your report cards so keep working hard in school. Even if you were not recommended by your counselor you may still be able to become a Lioneer. Just start making positive changes in your life and write camp. Lion Meadows is an opportunity of a lifetime. **Accept the challenge!**





# Second Year Program



# The Voyager Program

Not only did our winter program jump into high gear this past year, our summer program added a new dimension, *The Voyager Program!* The program was created to provide another opportunity for leadership development through an intense and adventurous wilderness experience.

Third session was the start of the adventure for Mustang, Fox, Bullet, Shorty, Polar & Trojan being lead by Shotgun and Hermano. The majority of the time was spent on the trail going to places we have not been before. We had the opportunity to take the back route to Lion Meadows, explore caves, be over run by marmots and deer, see a huge bear, cross-country over rugged peaks, sled in the snow, get stuck between a mountain & a river for several hours (not lost!) and hitting the trail to Lion Meadows perfectly. But, most of all we learned more about ourselves, the others in our group, and became better leaders through group discussions and the challenges of the adventure.

Congratulations to all of this year's Voyagers for getting into the program and taking advantage of this great opportunity. Keep up the hard work, we are counting on you to lead us into the future!



The Voyager Team



"I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD GET A CHANCE TO GO TO PLACES LIKE THIS UNTIL I WAS OLD ENOUGH TO BE A COUNSELOR"



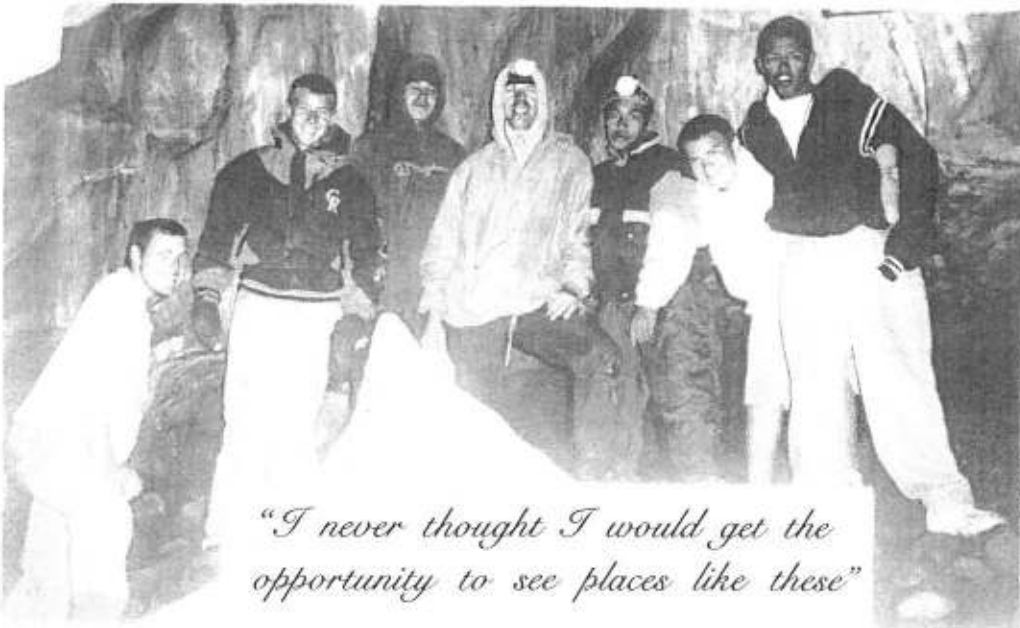
"Talking about my career goals made me think about my future and what I have to do now to accomplish my goals"



# *The Road Less Traveled*



*"Putting myself in someone else's shoes really helped me to see both sides of a situation"*



*"I never thought I would get the opportunity to see places like these"*



*"I thought about camp every day for seventeen years..."*

## *Visit by Andy "Primo" Saxton*



This year Pyles Camp was honored with a surprise visit from Andy "Primo" Saxton. Originally from Bakersfield, Primo now makes his home in beautiful Honolulu, Hawaii where he works as a professional entertainer and youth advocate. During his visit, Primo sang a variety of songs from his beloved island. Each song contained a message of love, hope and faith.



Nearly two decades have passed since Primo worked at Pyles Camp. Primo said, "I thought about camp everyday for seventeen years and it feels great to be home again! I love Pyles Camp and I never forgot what the camp did for me. As a matter of fact, my work with youth is based on what camp taught me."

Accompanying Primo was his lovely wife and longtime supporters Dutch and Dona Kruger. A special thank you to Dutch and Dona who made it possible for us to enjoy Primo's wonderful music and encouraging words.

*A true friend to all...*

## *Willie "Freight Train" Patterson*



Pyles Camp is truly blessed with wonderful volunteers who give unconditionally from their hearts. One such volunteer is Willie "Freight Train" Patterson, a Pyles Camper from 1969. Recently, Freight Train has played a key role organizing work parties. Working with Shotgun on building a new worker cabin, Freight Train enlisted the help of fellow construction workers to secure materials, build, and paint the new cabin.

In addition, Freight Train assists the camp with other project planning and recruits

highly skilled construction workers to help at camp. He is also an active Pyles alumni member. Bravo calls Freight Train "a true friend to all." Camp is fortunate to have an individual of his caliber be involved with our efforts to serve youth. Freight Train you are awesome. Thank you for your dedication!



# Alumni Giving back to the program

After 48 years and over 20,000 campers Pyles Camp has made a great impact on many lives. Our program stresses getting a good education, setting your goals high and becoming a success in life. Most spend a few years with the program before heading off into the "real" world. As we look toward our 50th anniversary we encourage all alumni to become involved with Pyles Camp. This year we had numerous alumni helping to keep the program alive and strong.

A very special *Thank You* goes to Philip "Seymour" and Barbara Brown for their hard and appreciated efforts in the remodeling of the nature center. After numerous hours of hard work and planning we now have an outstanding nature center. We can't thank you enough!

## Our thanks to all the alumni who are currently giving back to Pyles!

Wille "Freight Train" Patterson - 1968	Work party consultant
Edd "Chain" Cadena - 1966	Assistant Director
Philip "Seymour" Brown - 1973	Specialist
Tui "Serpico" Wright - 1976	Specialist
San "Badger" Saleh - 1974	Supplies
Andy "Primo" Saxton - 1974	Great musical entertainment!
Fernando "Zorro" Ortiz - 1981	PLT support
Daniel "Weasel" Forster - 1987	Lion Meadows Director
Jose "Havoc" Becerra - 1982	Specialist
Joe "Enoch" Ramirez - 1989	Counselor
Kevin "Electro-laux" Rushing - 1989	Counselor
Albert "Touche" Verdugo - 1973	Work Party
Richard "Harmonica" Robinson - 1970	Selector
Kenn "Roller" Roller - 1976	Selector
Mike "Chico" Castro - 1976	Supplies
Jose "Billy Bear" Romo - 1982	Specialist/Contributor
Jose "Reckless" Cardenas - 1984	Field Trip
George "Spider" Sylva - 1975	Field Trip/ Camp Video
David "Cobra" Morrow - 1979	Work Party
Bill "Clutch" Moore - 1989	Contributor
Ruben "Lou" Baeza - 1980	Contributor
Dr. Carl Cohn - 1950's	Board Member
Leo "Twilight" Dith - 1988	Selector
Robert "Spook" Tafoya - 1965	Board Member
Victor "Puma" Castro - 1979	Field Trip/Contributor
Yuri "Zapp" Seals - 1980	Work Party
Miguel "Silk" Sanchez - 1982	Work Party
Steve "Ranger" Rubalcava - 1972	Field Trip
Rudy Cortez - 1980	Selector
Ruben "Rubi" Rojas - 1972	Work Party/Training
Ray Verdugo - 1964	Work Party
Maurice Verdugo - 1982	Work Party
John Suniga - 1958	Work Party
Stan "Coach" Moe - 1980's	PLT Leader/Work Party/ Selector
Fernando "Kermit" Rodriguez - 1976	Work Party
Dennis Giammichele - 1960's	Work Party
Jayson "Blinder" Haskell - 1989	Work Party
Sean "Beaver" McEnulty - 1974	Contributor
Nat "Big Red" Williams - 1976	Work Party
Chris Larson - 1950's	Contributor
Brian "Spiderman" Webb - 1982	Counselor/Contributor
Travis "Thorn" Killion - 1987	Contributor
Addison De Boi - 1966	Contributor
Korye Logan - 1980's	Contributor



# Pyles Camp

Here is a list of all the staff who worked during the summer of 1997 (now you know their real names!). Please take some time to write your counselor (he gets lonely in the winter time) or other special friends you made while you were at camp this summer. You can also reach us by contacting the Pyles Camp Office:

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*Sent in by Tim "Ironman" Forster*