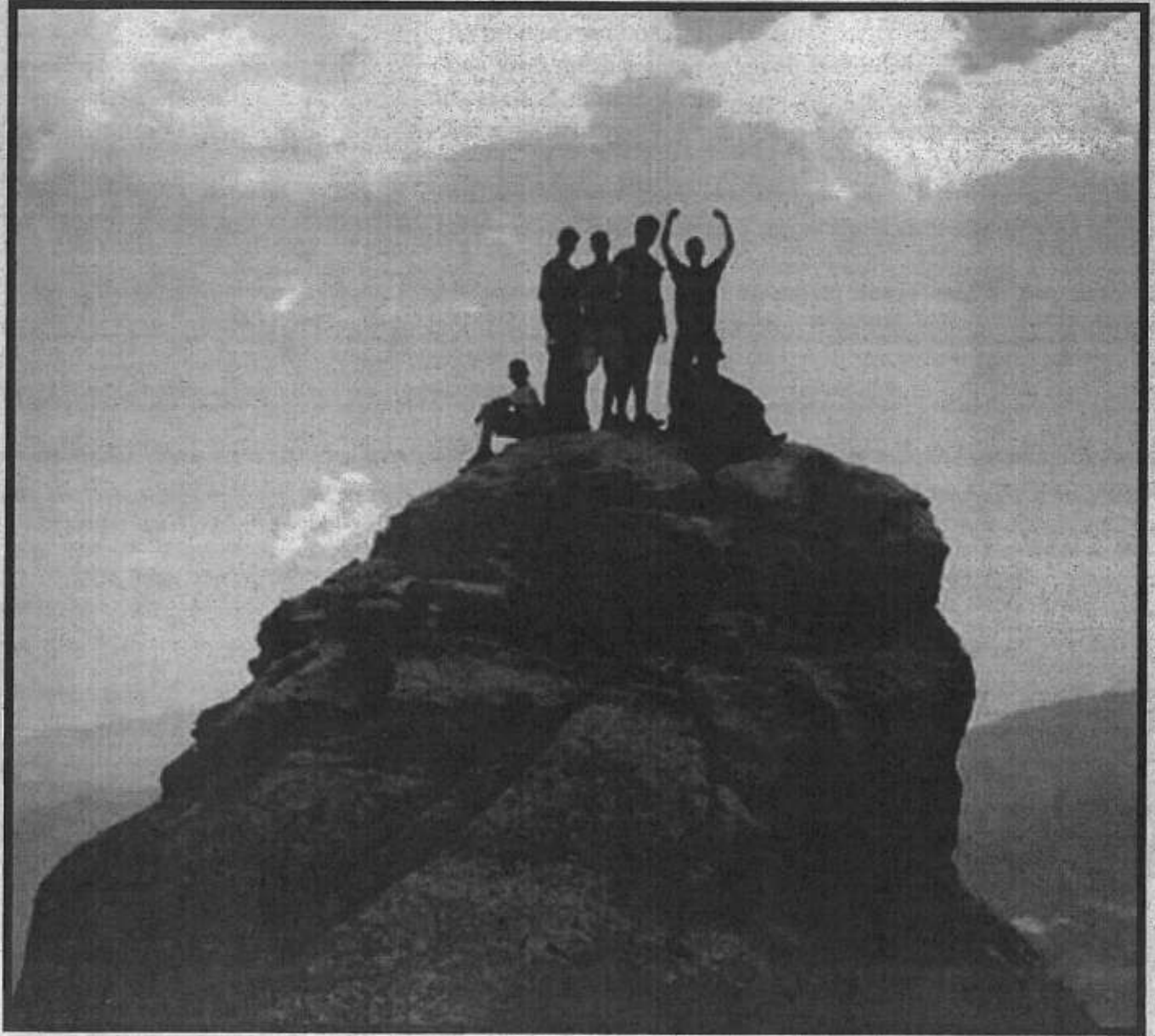


THE PYLET

2003



*“Only Through The Youth Of Today Is A
Better Tomorrow Possible”*

Hello Everyone and Welcome to The 2003 Pylet!

The Pylet is our annual yearbook highlighting the past summer and other events we have done. We hope it brings back all those good memories you experienced with Pyles Camp over the last year. Enjoy the articles and the pictures and share your experience with family and friends.

Camp is now shut down and blanketed with snow for the winter. Being back at the office I have taken some time to reflect on what a great season we had at camp. Several others and myself began opening the camp for the summer way back in April and remained there until we locked the gate in October. A special thank you needs to go to **Maverick, Bodean, Billy Bear, Freight Train** and his crew for all the extra work they provided in helping to get the camp open and closed this year.

The highlight of the summer for me was 2nd session when my nephew **Christopher** (aka. "Squirt Gun") came up to stay with me. It was fun sharing my 17 years of camp experiences with him. It also provided me with the opportunity to take him on his first backpacking trip. It was a lot of fun getting back into the backcountry and seeing some of the places I used to take my groups when I was a counselor.



Ready to hit the trail

Best wishes and I hope The Pylet brings some good memories for you as well!

Shotgun

Dedicated to LaVerne "Tex" Chandler

Alumni Staff Member and Current Board Member

Each year we dedicate the Pylet to an individual who has helped make Pyles Camp what is today. This year the Pylet is dedicated to longtime Pyles Camp family member LaVerne "Tex" Chandler. Tex has been involved with Pyles Boys Camp since the early 70's when she read about camp in a magazine and knew it was the type of place where she wanted to help. Working as an Executive Secretary at Exxon in New York, Tex used her vacation time to cook for Camp for several summers. Tex has been an important part of the Pyles Camp family giving generously in numerous ways for over thirty years, including serving on our board. - *Peanut*



I met Tex when I was 15 years old. I was working at camp and she requested me as her cook's assistant. I learned to love Tex and fondly referred to her as my "second mom" for the rest of my life.

I remember the love Tex gave to all the campers and staff at Pyles Camp. She worked long hours and never complained or showed the slightest fatigue. During 1970's, Tex worked one month each summer, giving Nana some relief.

One example of the big heart of Tex was how she would leave the kitchen after dinner and gather up all of the clothing needing mending (mostly blue jeans and pants) from the staff. Tex would take the clothes back to her cabin and work late into the night stitching up holes and sewing on patches. In the morning she would return the mended clothing, all done for just a hug. - *Beaver*

Thoughts from Beaver

“It is easier to go down a hill than up, but the view is from the top”

Most of you experienced the feeling of “reaching the top” this summer. As you learned on the trail, when you climb it may become necessary to take breaks along the way. Are you still on a break? Reaching the top should always be your goal in life.

Did you find as you hiked the trails this summer when you reached the top there was another hill somewhere in the distance, waiting for you to climb? Each time you climbed a hill your view became better, the air clearer, and your feeling of accomplishment more meaningful.

Remember to look at life as a series of hills to climb, not a single insurmountable mountain. Set your goal for the hill in front of you and enjoy the climb. When the climbing gets tough, know you are building strength for the long journey ahead. Knowing the journey of life is long, enjoying your life should become a part of your journey. The key to success is making every path you find yourself on an adventure.

To be successful you must choose to walk your path, however, you do not have to walk alone. As you found at camp, there are many people out there in the world who want to see you succeed, if you show the motivation to make things happen yourself. Many of you have already found that we are here to help you. We want to make sure you have what you need to travel through life. We also want to share the joys and the struggles with you.

I enjoyed watching each of you as you experienced Pyles Camp in much the same way as I did as a camper 29 years ago. Some things have changed, but the hills are still the same, as well as the principle of *“challenging Boys to become Men”*. It is time for you to decide whether or not you are up to the challenge. Make your life better, make your family’s life better, make your community better, and make our nation better.

I wish you all a great New Year!



Cloud, Ben, Beaver & McFly

Beaver

“Only those who risk going too far will ever know how far they can go”

Cate School

Cate School returns to Pyles Camp again. Cate School is a private boarding school in Carpenteria. For one week each year the school goes on an outings week. Nearly every year since 1986 Cate School has brought their 9th grade class to Pyles Camp. Over the years a good relationship has formed between our two programs. Each



year they look forward to coming to camp and we look forward to seeing them. For our staff who work that week, it provides us an opportunity to share what Pyles Camp is all about.



During the winter Cate School opens their doors to us to bring some of our campers and staff to tour their school.

Message From Dolphin

Greetings to all Campers, Lioneers, Voyagers and Staff.

Now that camp is over I hope each of you has set goals and is focusing on your education. Pyles Camp is very unique in many ways. We carry on traditions from those who built it with **hard work and dedication**, which allows us to see the strong foundation of our camp. Hearing the stories from the alumni of the 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's, keeps us going. Anything is possible as long as we have faith in God and ourselves. What is the outcome of hard work? **Success!**

In our life we have great opportunities knocking on our doors. It's our duty to open those doors and seek what is out there for us. Reflect back on your summer with all your friends on this once in a lifetime experience. Those two weeks will become among your most memorable times in life.

Don't be caught by the wrong things "*don't indulge your ego at the expense of your soul.*" Many kids have lost their lives getting wrapped up in the wrong path. Each one of us was designed uniquely by God with talents, gifts, skills, and abilities. We sharpened those skills and discovered our hidden talents at Pyles Camp.

I hope to see you all or hear from you soon. I close with this to you; "*God has given gifts to each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God's generosity can flow through you...and your talents can be duplicated.*"

God Bless You, Dolphin

Words From Wolf

The year has come to an end! You can now reflect back on your accomplishments. As you look back and wonder where the year went or why it flew so rapidly, there's only one answer, **Pyles Camp!**

For you *Staff, Voyagers, and Lioneers* camp has become a part of your life since your experience as a camper. However, for you **first time campers** I bet for many of you camp was not in your agenda early in the year. This summer you became part of our giant family and we welcomed you with open arms. Before the summer, perhaps your life was complicated and you weren't making progress. Maybe you weren't happy or perhaps no one took the time to encourage, motivate, assist, or provide any type of moral support to you. Nonetheless, *after your experience this summer we hope your life has changed forever.*

As you experienced Pyles Camp you were made aware of its purpose. Aside from the fun & games and location of the camp; *the focus and central core is to instill in you valuable lessons and skills for the realities of life.* They can be applied to your daily life. They will give you an entire new outlook in your life. *Why?* Because we have provided **structure**, ability for **self-guidance** and **discipline** to plan and fulfill tasks that you thought you could never accomplish.

The lessons of camp are in each of you. It is up to you now to create your opportunities and place yourself on the path of success. But remember that no matter what task you are confronted with only you can prevent yourself from reaching its peak. *I thank you all for a wonderful, rewarding, and full of excitement summer!* I look forward to seeing and hearing about your good and hard times, and your goals and accomplishments throughout this new year.

Take care and **GOD BLESS YOU!!!**

Sincerely, "Wolf"



Dolphin & His Boxing Team

Dolphin Coaches Boxing in Santa Clarita



Coach Wolf & His Defensive Line

Wolf coaches football for Roosevelt High School in East Los Angeles

Nana's Tree Dedication

Over time lots of things come and go. Time brings change; it's just a fact of life. After 53 years you would think Pyles Camp has seen its fair share of change. But, you might be surprised. We hear from a lot of alumni staff and former campers about how much things have remained the same. They tell us that the look and feel of the camp is the same great program that helped them years ago.

One person that has seen the camp more then anyone else is our cook **Rose "Nana" Urbina**. First coming to the camp in 1958, Nana is still serving up her great meals to hundreds of thankful boys 45 years later.

Due to drought and a bark beetle problem affecting the forest we have had to cut down a number of trees. This summer a special tree was planted and dedicated to Nana for all her years of love and care she has provided to all the boys and staff. On August 2, 2003, with numerous Board Members, alumni, campers, staff and even members of Nana's family were on hand to surprise Nana with a six-foot tall Giant Sequoia and bronze plaque.

Thanks go out to everyone who helped make this day a special one. Special thanks goes to staff member **Dominique "Unique" Esquibel** for his effort in finding and hauling the tree to camp from Santa Barbara.



Nana with staff and alumni during presentation



"Welcome Back Unique"

We want to take the time to welcome back **"Unique"** after being away from camp for several years. In late spring of '03 he stopped by the main office and made himself available for the summer with extraordinary qualifications as a certified *Naturalist*. The five sessions he worked were very beneficial to the campers.

Thank you for your contribution to the program!



1st Session

Bakersfield & Kern County



Fader's "Odysains"

Erik Chavez, Joey Macias, Niall Stanley, Richard Saldena, Rodney Douglas, Tyrees Johnson, William Litchfield, Johnny Soto



Gizmo's "Army"

Ryan Patterson, Nikko Sanchez, Daniel De La Torre, Grant Sanders, Reggie Brumfield, Jason Martinez, Jesse Oropeza



Paisano's "BTS"

Armando Mesa, Joseph Reynolds, Christopher Haynes, Darren Parks, Jack Jones, Stephen Mellinger, Michael Palmer, Jose Jimenez



Bamm Bamm's "Bams"

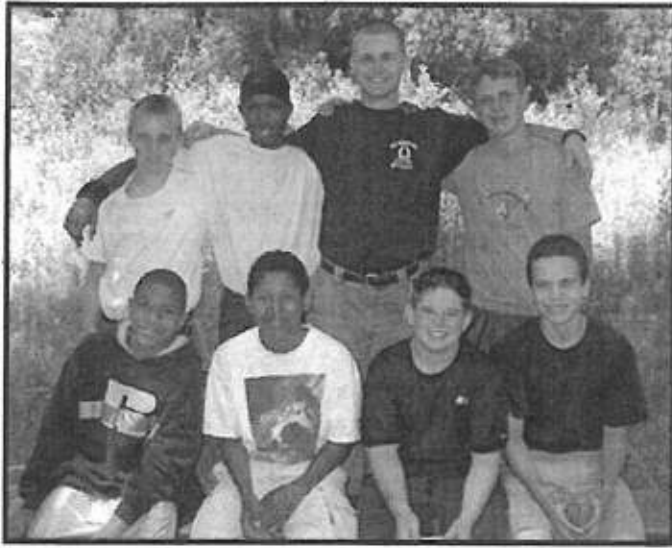
Charles Leffingwell, Mauricio Manriquez, Gregory Beigle, Nathan Wells, James King, Angelo Almendariz, Vince Rivera, Chad Ray

Honor Campers

Noah Walling
Nikko Sanchez
Gregory Beigle
Nathan Wells

Eduardo Padilla
Juan Tovar
Ethan McEnroe

"It's not who you are or where you've been, it's where you're going that counts."



Q-Ball's "Trailblazers"

Aarron Payne, C.J. Knox, Daniel Alcala, Clarence Balsby,
Jason Wandick, Trevor Konopk, Noah Walling



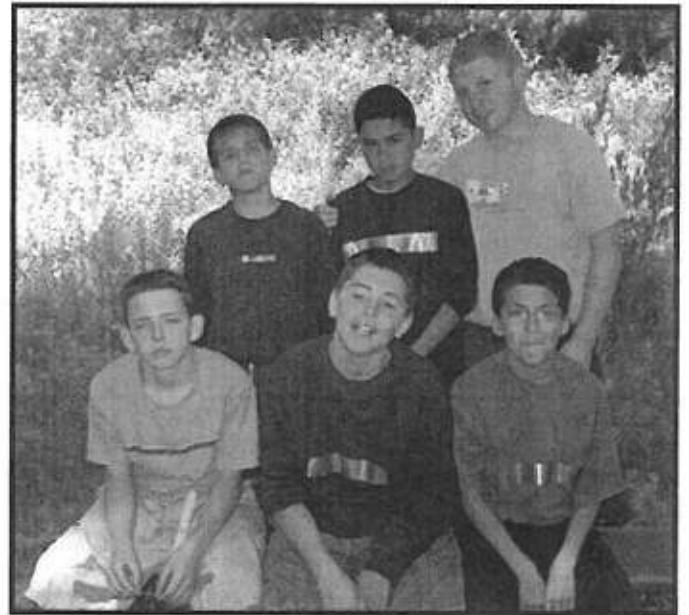
Thinker's "Thinkers"

Miguel Gutierrez, Joseph Blackmon, Jorge Valenzuela,
Andres Zavala, Jared Graves, Gary Otterson, Mathew
Mooney, John Chanley



Shades's "All Stars"

Rigo Romero, Doug Johnson, Juan Tovar, Martin Duran,
Jack Chase, Zack Pena, Ethan McEnroe



Chief's "Warriors"

Joel Nunoz, Joseph Gonzales, Karry Baze, Marshall
Golden, Manuel Cabrera



Serpico's "Lightening Bolts"

Aidan Rodriguez, Eduardo Padilla, Brock Kleeman,
Richard Legarreta, Louis Rivas, Michael Grider,
Michael Soto



2nd Session

Kern & Los Angeles County



Serpico's "Nialators"

David Armenta, Angelo Corea, Travis Douglas, Brent Layton, Setefano Loau, William Skaggs



Shorty's "Dangerous Men"

Michael Johnson, Chris Lara, Shawn Nourse, Fraydel Pacheco, Isaiah Smith, Miguel Villa



Thinker's "Day Walkers"

Hector Beltran, Roman Duenez, Ian Glowczewski, Gilmer Gonzalez, Tremell Livingston, Oscar Martinez, Matthew Ramos



Hoss's "Awesome Posse"

Benjamin Castillo, Smith Gonzalez, Jose Ramirez, Eric Recinos, Jesus Roman, Michael Valdiva, Wendell Whitaker

Honor Campers

<i>Roman Duenez</i>	<i>Shawn Nourse</i>	<i>Fernando Rosales</i>
<i>Nicholas Gomez</i>	<i>Fraydel Pacheco</i>	<i>Michael Valdiva</i>
<i>Chris Lara</i>	<i>Kevin Patton</i>	<i>Rick Vargas</i>
<i>Setefano Loau</i>	<i>Omar Ramirez</i>	<i>Francisco Villanueva</i>
<i>Victor Madera</i>	<i>Eric Recinos</i>	



Chief's "Cougers"

Daniel De Nyangos, Jose Garcia, Louie Green, Robert Hernandez, Ben McEnulty, Jonathan Tapia



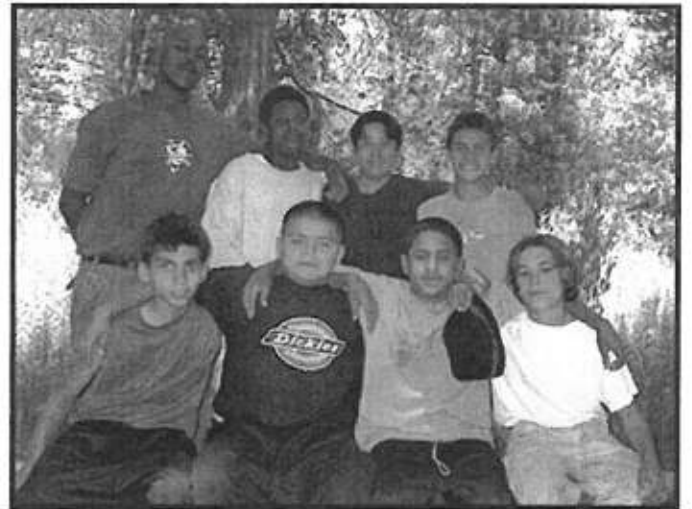
Duke's "Rough Riders"

Robert Biddles, Treyvion Duenas, Justin McKinley, Adrian Orozco, Rick Vargas, Johnny Vasquez, Matt Webb



Critter's "Crew"

Taylor Almeida, Jesus Gutierrez, Jerry Lopez, Chris Olave, Kevin Patton, Omar Ramirez, Fernando Rosales



Method's "Blue Jays"

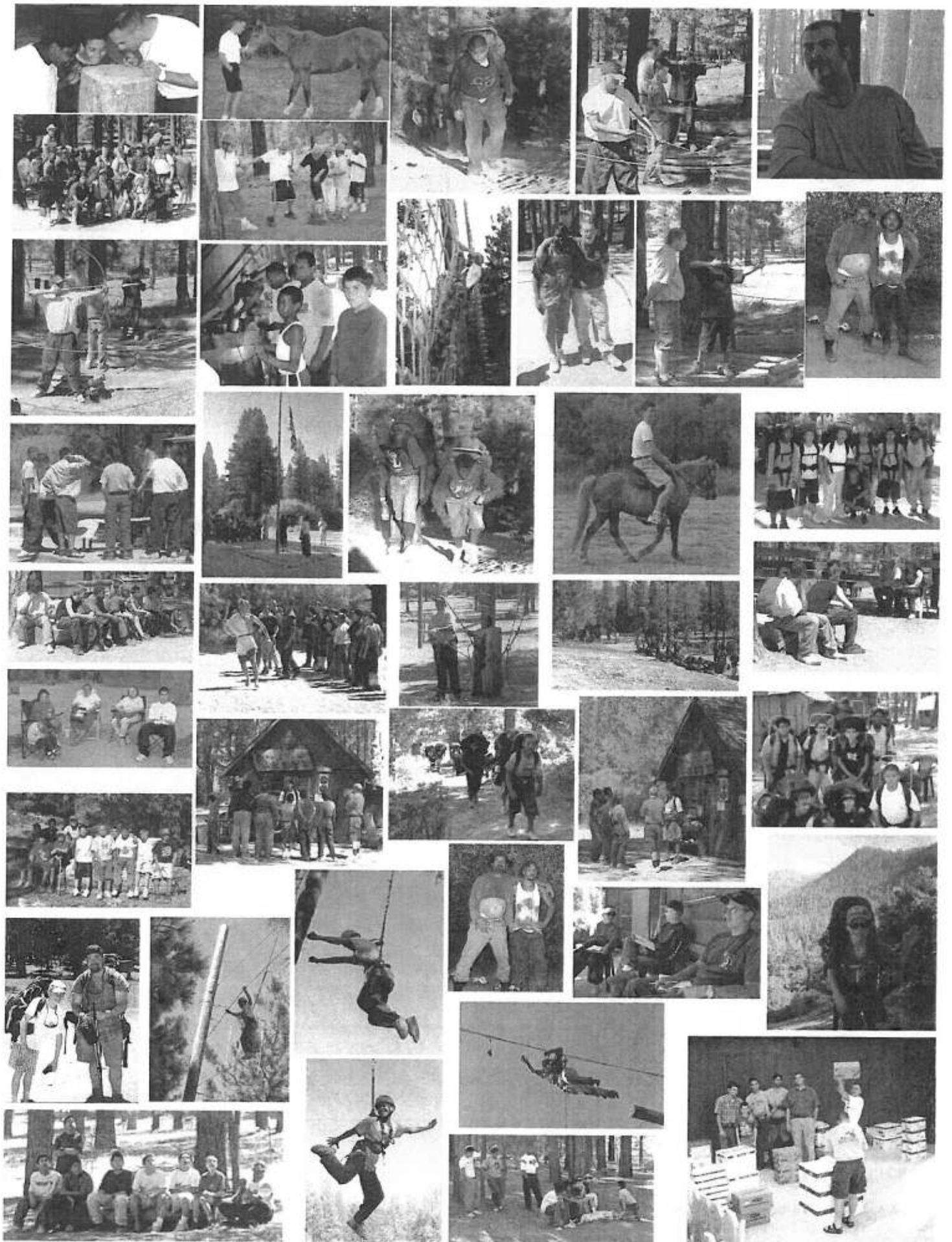
Oliver Buzzelli, Jesus Garcia, Nicholas Gomez, Javier Hernandez, Andrew Rivas, Renaldo Singleton, Henry Vilches



Goblin's "Braveheart"

Jaime Garcia, Irving Garibay, Daniel Gutierrez, Victor Madera, Cornelius Myles, Francisco Villanueva

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





3rd Session

Los Angeles County & Santa Maria



Unique's "Enduring Honor Group"

Adam Baez, Carlos Cisneros, Roberto Gomez, Brian Hylton, Daniel Medellin, Erik Mendoza, Andrew Nevarez, Demetres Stevenson



Duke's "Outlaws"

Robert Esparza, Thomas Gallegos, Kolby Gomez, Robert Harvel, Javier Millan, Ezequiel Rabadan, Lance Spiteri, Josh Unrein



Stretch's "Vipers"

Aaron Avis, Josh Elmore, Cody Kithcart, Cody Lasater, Jeremy Luker, Josh Maez, Juan Sanabria, Luis Santiago, Dylan Van Blaricom



Gizmo's "Demons"

Evan Avila, Keith Chapman, Ritchie Godinez, Henry Gutierrez, Isaac Huerta, Cody Lyon, Jose Mendez, Angely Non, Terrence Piceno

Honor Campers

Thomas Gallegos
Ricardo Garcia
Roberto Gomez
Vincente Herrera

Jeremy Luker
Erik Mendoza
Brian Hylton
Cody Lasater

Andrew Nevarez
Jim Payne
Angel Perez
Eddie Perez

Michael Rivera
Edgar Rubio
Ramiro Sandoval
Luis Santiago



McFly's "Mamma's Boys"

Anthony Castillo, Isaac De Robles, Jorge Felix, Johnny Guzman, Lundan Johnson, Ramiro Sandoval, Sergio Villanueva, Ashton Wright



Owl's "Terminators"

Nathan Castillo, Dale DeRosier, Ivan Gonzalez, Frank Manzano, Jose Mendoza, Jesse Plata, Amner Rubio, Kirk Townsend



Rusty's "Wildcats"

Venh Chiu, Justin Elmore, Eduardo Escobedo, Rafael Escobedo, Cory Gonzales, Jonathan Gonzalez, Kayne Groner, Nathaniel Philley, Grant Wolter



Vortex's "Rattlers"

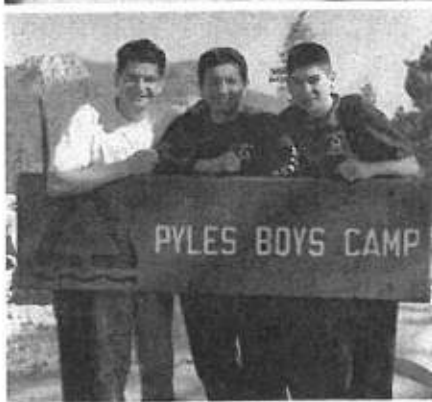
Jared Bledsoe-Sams, Colton Broderick, Raymond Garcia, Ricardo Garcia, Vincente Herrera, Angel Perez, Ivan Vara, Ivan Vergara



Breakaway's "Hunters"

Jonathan Gutierrez, Adrian Luevano, Brian Manriquez, Jim Payne, Eddie Perez, Jackson Pham, Andres Preciado, Michael Rivera, Edgar Rubio

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



4th Session

Ventura County & Santa Clarita Valley



Breakaway's "Hermits"

Tony Acuna, Joshua Laurito, Chris Perez, Nelson Ramsdell, Dane Saunders, Devon Sonne, Marqus Williams, Jose Zendejas



Goblin's "Scrappies"

Edgar Amaro, Ethan Garcia, Luis Garcia, Drew Heftye, Eddie Huerta, Matt McKinney, Jeffe Ortega, Joseph Vallejo, Adrian Villegas



Highlander's "Deadly Alliance"

Richard Arellano, Kyle Arruda, Robert Castro, Brandon Kelley, Juan Medina, Miguel Morales, Ivan Palencia, Chad Skogrand, Trevor Tardiff



Lobo's "Wolf Pack"

Cory Allen, Elias Carrillo, Andrew Gonzales, Guillermo Munoz, Daniel Paez, John Prentice, Randy Reynolds, Vincent Saunders, Rocky Vargas

Honor Campers

Tony Acuna

Cory Allen

David Avilez

Elias Carrillo

Gary Gomez

Andrew Gonzales

Ferman Hernandez

Joshua Laurito

Alexis Martinez

Miguel Morales

Guillermo Munoz

Jeffe Ortega

Ivan Palencia

John Prentice

Rafael Ramirerz

Randy Reynolds

Vincent Saunders

Justin Sherman

Rocky Vargas

Adrian Villegas

Jose Zendejas



Serpico's "Musketeers"

Joshua Barnes, George Flores, Ernest Hafner, Brenden McFarland, Raul Ortiz, Joshua Packer, Steven Sanchez, Donald Slaughter, Javier Velasco



Malosi's "Jungle Boys"

Edgar Bernabe, Gustavo Diaz, Gary Gomez, Ferman Hernandez, Alexis Martinez, Alfredo Orozco, Christian Ortiz, Jesse Ortiz



Vortex's "Kangaroos"

Jose Bazan, Don Cline, Mark De La Rosa, Juan Lopez, Curtis March, Jacob Medina, Nicholas Ruiz, Ryan Rumminger



Owl's "Posse"

David Avilez, Keith Gilchrist, Andrew Kessler, Armando Mesa, Rafael Ramirez, Anthony Shade, Justin Sherman, Brett Sorenson

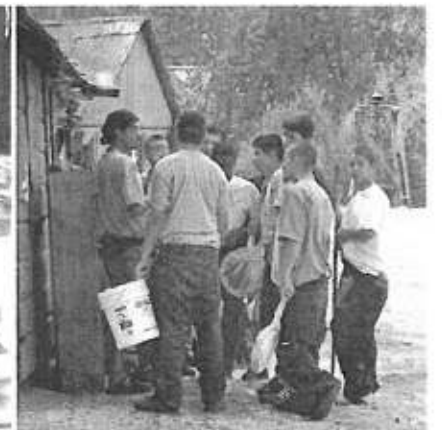
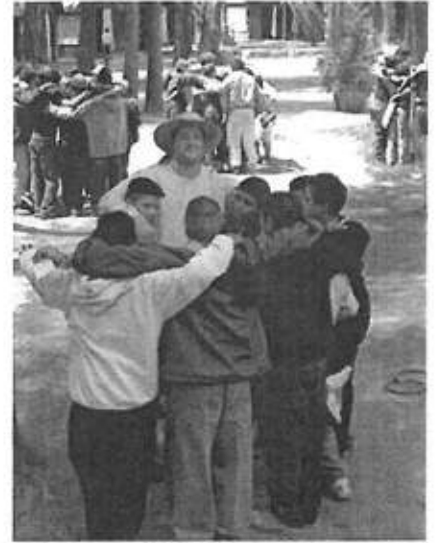


Rusty's "Rattle Snakes"

Alex Belle, Joseph Beltran, Jake Brown, Scott Langford, Tim Marsden, Jose Mendoza, Refugio Ramirez, Luis Zamora

***"If you dont know
where you are going,
every road will lead
to nowhere."***





5th Session

Long Beach & Orange County



Apache's "Stone Soldiers"

Nick Bell, Victor Gandarilla, Ramon Garcia, Jonathan Griggs, Tyler Hawkins, Angel Puig, Jr., Liven Younger



Buddha's "Monks"

Robert Amaya, Salvador Canizales, Kurtis Gilchrist, Joel Gomez, Michael Lopez, Travis Patterson, Raymond Rios, Brentton Wilson



Hollywood's "Fighting Irish"

Bush Beltran, Jermaine Childs, Kyle Copley, Elic Evans, Christian Gilder, C. J. Jamaica, Prince Mollett, Zachary Pardee



Malosi's "Warriors"

Travion Gant, Moises Garcia, Carl House, Miguel Lopez, Raul Lopez, Steven Renderos, Mario Salgado

Honor Campers

Nicholas Atta

Alvaro Figueroa

Noel Gomez

Armando Monteverde

Christopher Rios

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



Lobo's "Trojans"

Cory Bodda, Alvaro Figueroa, Benjamin Flores, Robert Kirby, Cody Miller, Derrick Nelson, Desmond Peterson, Ricardo Villareal



Goblin's "Scorpien Killers"

Nicholas Atta, Noel Gomez, James Hanrahan, Jordan James, Louis Nguyen, Alfonso Perez, Jesus Robles, Jason Zalmanzig



Shorty's "S-Unit"

Osvaldo Baldivias, Mario Cruz, Jonathan Flores, Dominick Hicks, Aaron Jackson, Pedro Joaquin, Luke Nguyen



Stretch's "Soldiers"

Justin Gadd, Shane Hallahan, Francisco Haro, Jesus Joaquin, Armando Monteverde, Abdur Outlaw, Abran Vasquez, Jonathan Wilson



Bullet's "Snipers"

Alexander Ayres, Preston Federico, Anthony Padilla, Nicholas Parks, Ronald Pigeo, Christopher Rios, Gregory Soles, Irving Vasquez

"If you don't know where your going, you'll end up somewhere else."



Special Recognition

“Excellent job Breakaway”

“Breakaway” was re-united back to the Pyles Camp family in early spring of '03. Due to his age and maturity level he was placed in all staff trainings and the P.L.T. program in the summer where he topped head of the class. He earned the opportunity to lead main camp groups as a counselor. With a smile on his face and full of energy he put his heart and soul into his groups. As a first time counselor he excelled and it was pleasant having him join the counseling ranks. We look forward to seeing you next summer with the same enthusiasm. **Great work!**



“Recognizing Chief”



Considering that it was your first time as a counselor this summer at camp, we want to take the time to *recognize* and *acknowledge* you for a job well done. We know you were ready to lead groups and had plenty to offer, therefore, we were honored to have given you the opportunity to lead main camp groups 1st & 2nd sessions. The senior staff really felt you did an amazing job providing valuable guidance to these young men's lives. **Thank you for a great summer!**

“Great job Cloud”

We want to recognize “Cloud” because this summer, due to his maturity and the reliable person that he is, he surpassed the working ranks and was assigned to specialist positions. He served as the, *out-camp emporium* and *archery* specialist. He did an excellent job in those positions and we were very impressed with his performance considering his age. Within the specialist positions he developed skills that he will be able to apply once he reaches the counseling ranks. **Very impressive work!**



“Great job Flame”



We want to recognize “Flame” for a great job performance this summer. He worked five sessions. He originally started the summer as a worker. However, under senior supervision he grasped the attention of his supervisor who then recommended that he is responsible enough to obtain a specialist position. The senior staff agreed and he was placed in specialist positions in which he remained throughout his summer contract. The positions consisted of Maintenance, Archery, Kraft's, and Nature. **Good work!**

“Good job Malosi”

This summer “Malosi” overcame some adversities while in camp. He was put through various challenges because we needed to witness him mature within the working ranks of the program. His *tears of joy, strong moral character, and eager to learn attitude* awarded him the opportunity to lead main camp groups of his own as a first time counselor. Of the six sessions he worked this summer he counseled 4th, 5th, & 6th consecutively. We commend and congratulate you for a successful summer on your accomplishments, and we look forward to more summers with you. **Excellent work!**



6th Session

South Bay Areas



Bodean's "Mountain Monkeys"
 Steven Araki, Morgan Cooper, Keegan Curry,
 Robert Gomez, Aaron Gray, Gregorio Guitran, Eric
 McCard, Cameron McKoy



Goblin's "Zombies"
 Riley Aggen, Isias Garcia, Pablo Gonzalez, Brill
 Hernandez, Jose Parra, James Seng, Raven Williams,
 Bobby Zuniga

Honor Campers

<p>Riley Aggen Juan Avila Matt Bassett Luis Delgado Yosua Ferrin Vincent Gallegos Brill Hernandez Francisco Hernandez Alex Martinez Oscar Mendoza</p>	<p>Matt Miyashiro Alvaro Ramirez Jorge Reyes Clarence Richards Alejandro Rodriguez Christopher Romo Luis Sandoval Geovanni Wright Bobby Zuniga</p>
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*“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.”*



Apache's "Screaming Cows"

Daniel Calderon, Yosua Ferrin, Vincent Gallegos, Omar Gutierrez, Alex Martinez, Matt Miyashiro, Jorge Reyes, Alejandro Rodriguez, Geovanni Wright



Unique's "Navigators"

Johnny Brown II, Yovani Estrada, Matthew Hahn, Eric Medina, Daniel Petrosky, Steven Reyes, Jose Vargas, Erick Vazquez



Duke's "D-Unit"

Juan Avila, Matt Bassett, Daniel Knapstead, Oscar Mendoza, Alvaro Ramirez, Clarence Richards, Luis Sandoval, Brandon Tisdale



Billy Bear's "Rattlers"

Damon Carter, Theo Cruise, Luis Delgado, Francisco Hernandez, Matthew Martin, Alexandro Olmedo, Christopher Romo, Reuben Sequin

New Assistant Directors This Summer

We want to acknowledge "**Fader**" because he is a young man who has worked hard and has earned many positions through the ranks of the program. Our senior staff recognized his abilities to learn and excel rapidly in such positions and we provided him the opportunity to lead the program this past summer. He obtained the highest staff position as 5th session's camp **Assistant Director**. We "**congratulate**" you and look forward to providing more of these opportunities.

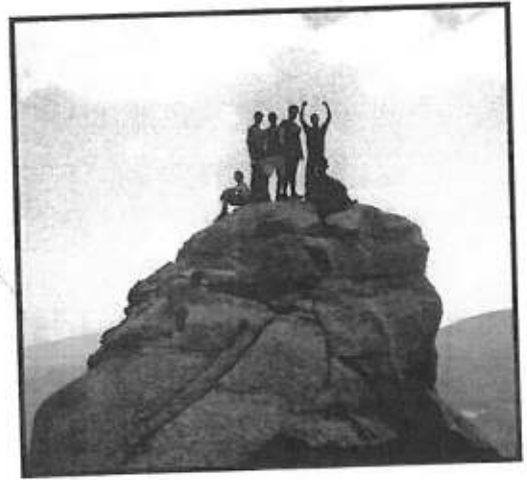


We want to take the time to *recognize* and *congratulate* "**Lobo**" for a superb job this summer. This summer, after completing his first full year at the *University of Southern California*, he was granted the opportunity to serve as the camp **Assistant Director** (2nd & 3rd sessions). His maturity through the program, leadership qualities, and education level qualified him immediately. Therefore, once again "**Congratulations**" for an outstanding accomplishment this summer and we look forward to providing you with more opportunities in this position.



Lion Meadows

One hundred and twenty acres nestled in the Golden Trout Wilderness twelve miles from the main camp is Lion Meadows, home to our second year program. The lucky individuals who get the opportunity to experience Lion Meadows will see why many consider this place their second home. At Lion Meadows, we do not have the common luxuries of the main camp. The fact that we cook our own food over a wood burning stove, collect our own firewood, and live in a rustic environment, allows for the inner tranquility to set in. The work that we create at Lion Meadows reaches an instinctual desire to be productive and responsible individuals. It is our hope that the inner rewards the Lionees receive from these experiences allow them to go into their own environments and be equally productive and responsible citizens. If you would like to experience the Lion Meadows Program you need to contact Dolphin right away!





1st Session Lioneers

Hermano, Shorty, Buddha, Chad Alyea, Nikko Angelica, Ein Brown, Jonathon Celaya, Mathew Chacon, Eric Hallmark, Gus Magallanes, Samuel Maly, Eddie Martinez, Mitchell Willard



2nd Session Lioneer

Hermano, Mcfly, Fader, Edwin Aceves, Freddy Bernabe, Robert Hernandez, Brad Johnson, Louis Mac, Gilbert Madison, Luis Rojas, Alan Salazar, Joel Sotelo, Daniel Swan



3rd Session Lioneers

Hermano, Bugeye, Topspin, Peter Avina, Sam Avina, Steven Boone, Stephen Burgueno, Daniel Casarez, Eddie Cota, Adam Lesmeister, Oliver Nunez, Jesse Orozco, Adrian Pichardo, Aaron Rolls, Steve Santizo, Johnny Soto



4th Session Lioneers

Tiger, Shorty, Gizmo, Brandon Amesquita, Ricardo Jara, Robert Neuner, Michael Padre, Nick Pasmant, Bryan Payne, Jr., Aaron Pilson, David Rodriguez, David Rutherford



5th Session Lioneers

Mc Fly, Batman, Sniper, Brian Batchelder, David Burgess, Steven Carrillo, Tejon Hayes, Alex Inurreta, Karl Packing, Eric Palomino, Linzy Sims, Jose Vasquez, Jarred Zimmer



6th Session Lioneers

Mustang, Malosi, Jose Brambila, Jr., Roberto Campos, Thomas Gallegos, Christian Lopez, James Mincks

The Voyagers



1st Session Voyagers

Lobo, Goblin, Xavier Armenta, Curtis Fisher, Christopher Gist, Roland Haywood, Jeremy Smith, Jonathon Walzer



3rd Session Voyagers

Bowser, Sniper, Edgar Alvarez, Francisco Basaldua, Chris Clemo, Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Javier Medina, Mike Ramirez, Kyle Riebel, Nicholas Rye



5th Session Voyagers

Duke, Unique, Justin Balduc, Griffith Fuller, Daniel Imoesiri, David Imoesiri, Rayvonn Lee, Anthony Martinez, Christopher Murphy, Cameron Pringle, Chuck Roller, Tan Tran

The Voyager Program is an intense 13 days of self-discovery. The program challenges you both mentally and physical. During the 13 days you and your group become one. The majority of the time is spent challenging nature's obstacles such as alpine mountains that make Sequoia National Forest one of the most breathtaking places in the world. As a Voyager you are honored with the opportunity to backpack in these mountains. During the trip you will learn living skills as well as role-playing real life situations that concerns you. Also, group discussions allow for personal growth. The Voyager program is an opportunity that only a few get to experience. This is an opportunity you will not want to pass you by!



4th Session Mt. Whitney Journey

This summer a select group of workers were invited to participate in a special Voyager trip to Mount Whitney. Hiking nearly 140 mile in ten days and climbing to 14, 491 feet above sea level!

Buddha set the tone for the trip by having each of us answer two questions; what are your goals for yourself and for yourself at camp? He helped lead the group with skill and good humor through thundershowers, soggy sleeping bags, and equally soggy clothes, creek crossings too numerous to count, high altitude, and mosquitoes. Many lessons were learned on this trip!

Throughout our temporary stay in nature's wonderland we traveled over mountains, through lush meadows and met interesting people along the way. We witnessed first hand the grace and grandeur of our creator - something our friends back home may only get to experience in a movie or on TV.

As most of you learned at the completion of your out-camp, the mountain is a metaphor for life, each of us gets served up the challenge/lesson that's needed at that moment. At the completion of the journey there is a powerful realization that no goal is beyond your reach. It's as simple as making a plan, putting one foot in front of the other and not giving up until you reach the top. Whether or not you physically reach the top is irrelevant to your having tried your best to get there. So, enjoy the journey!

My trip was enriched by being in the company of such fine young men. The completion of this trip has given them the experience, confidence and desire to continue the Pyles Camp traditions. I trust they will achieve any goal they set for themselves both as individuals and members of the Pyles Camp family. So, the next time you see **Dragon, Speedy, Blade, Grumpy, Voltage, or Harry Potter** at a reunion or around camp ask them about their experience of climbing Mount Whitney. They are well on their way to becoming "the kind of camper who can sleep through a storm".

The most memorable part of the trip for me was when we got back to camp and Tex told me how proud she felt when she saw me hike in with the boys. For the first time I felt proud of myself and what I had accomplished.

Hugs to all, Art-E



On Top of Mount Whitney



Pyles Leadership Training

This summer during second session we had 11 Staff members chosen for the Pyles Leadership Training Program (PLT's). Ten of the PLT's are former campers and one was a summer intern from University of Notre Dame. The staff included Breakaway, Bond, Malosi, Viper, Sniper, Highlander, Stretch, Solo, Rusty and Morpheus, with Owl from Notre Dame.

The PLT program is an intense leadership program that tests the abilities and readiness of the participants to become future counselors. The



PLT's endured many hours of discussion; role-playing scenarios, and leadership challenges. Coach and Sidewinder administered all of the activities. Coach is one of the original instructors for PLT's and was joined this year by Sidewinder as a new instructor.

The outcamp allows the PLT's to visit many of the popular outcamp sites, as well as experience some of the problems that may occur while in the backcountry. This was a very rewarding yet challenging session for the PLT's. Coach's son Cowboy also joined the PLT outcamp to tend to the horses.



Backcountry Emergency Care

Training is an important part of everything you do in life. In school you are training to advance you to the next grade and eventually advance you into your future. At camp we are also training. One of the most important training we do is the Backcountry Emergency Care (BEC) class. Pyles Camp is set in a remote location, when we head out on our backpacking trip we become even more remote. The BEC class teaches our staff how to deal with and treat nearly every emergency that could happen in the backcountry. This 24-hour class is long and covers a lot of information, but it is also fun and the sense of self-confidence is priceless. The class is taught by John "Bugeye" Papastathis. After numerous years of working with Pyles Camp, Bugeye is now an official staff member working 3rd session with the Lionees and visiting all the groups on their outcamp teaching his skills to the boys.



Worker Pow Wow

The word "Pow Wow" is Native American for gathering. Last winter we gathered an outstanding group of young workers and potential workers and spent the weekend in the mountains at Frazier Woods Camp in the Frazier Park area. The weekend was spent talking about things they can do to be the best working staff possible. Much of what they learned will also help them in the future to become counselors of their own group. But it was not all meeting and talking. Everyone had a lot of fun as there was plenty of snow on the ground to enjoy sledding and snowball fights.



2003 Winter Follow Up Events



“Hearst Castle”

On Saturday April 19, 2003 a field trip event took place at the *Hearst Castle* located in the beautiful coastal city of San Simeon, California. This castle is one of the largest “Historic House Museums” in the U.S. of approximately 5000. The selected group awarded to attend this field trip were campers,ioneers, voyagers, and staff from Santa Maria. They earned it because they maintained yearly contact with camp. *Hope you had fun and enjoyed your tour!*

Dodger Game

On Thursday April 17, 2003 a “get together” was held to go and witness a home baseball game of the Los Angeles Dodgers. A large group of fans was composed of staff, voyagers,ioneers, and campers from the L.A. area. Also, members of the Santa Clarita Youth Center (including staff) were invited to participate in this evening event to cheer for the local team. In a very exciting game the Dodgers made a comeback in the bottom of the ninth inning from a 3-0 deficit to win the game 4-3.



“Museum of Tolerance”

On Sunday October 5th 2003 a field trip event took place at the **Museum of Tolerance** located in West Los Angeles. This field trip was provided for a selected group of Pyles Camp members (*staff, voyagers,ioneers, & campers*). The field trip was for educational purposes. These young men learned about the *tolerance* of a very worldwide hurtful historical event that occurred in Europe: “The Jewish Holocaust.” They learned how much damage the power of a single man can do. The tour of the museum consists of a story being told by displayed artifacts, re-creation of concentration camps, actual video footage, and survivor stories being told. It was a very beneficial and learning field trip worth attending. *Those in attendance, I hope it was of value to you!*

“Bakersfield Bowling”

On Sunday October 19th, 2003 a fun & game gathering was held at the **AMF Bowling** in Bakersfield. It was a moment taken so that first time campers and everyone else who participated this summer could reflect back on their experience in camp and update us on their current school and home life improvements. It was a joyous wonderful afternoon of excitement. Hope you all had fun!





A View From Above

We have all hiked into the backcountry whether for the first time this summer or lots of times during your years at camp, but very few ever get the opportunity to see the backcountry from above.

This summer that opportunity was given to me by a generous offer from Maverick. One morning we took off and headed out to Lion Meadows, we flew over all the meadows that we normally hike through; we even made a couple of loops around the main camp. I got to take some great pictures; it sure looks different from the air.

Boy, it sure made it easy to get over Jerky! Thank you, Maverick. - *Shotgun*



Over Camp



The Outcamp Emporium



Over the Corrals



Mule-Train going to Lion



Top of Jerky



Burnt Corral Meadow



Farewell Gap



Grey Meadows



Lion Meadows

New Lioneer Cabin Under Construction

Over the last several years the program has been expanding at Pyles Camp. The Voyager Program which is for third year campers or selected staff for special trips has really taken off, going from one to two sessions a summer to four to five. The Lioneer Program has also been growing. We will be "double stacking" the Lion Meadows Program, meaning there will be two groups of Lioneers at the same time. One group heads to Lion Meadows while another group heads on their back packing trip, half way through the session the groups trade places.

One of the problems with the expansion of these two programs has been accommodating them while in main camp. The existing Lioneer cabin only sleeps sixteen people and the Voyagers have to sleep on the ground in the Kraft's area. To solve this problem construction has begun on a new Lioneer cabin. With funds that were raised through various grants and the support of **Bob Morton, Matt Owens** and their concrete and construction crew the new cabin will be completed by next summer. The new cabin will add thirty-two new sleeping spaces for the Lioneers and staff. The existing Lioneer cabin will become the Voyager cabin.

Thank you to everyone that has had a part in this project. It will be a great addition to Pyles Camp for many years to come.



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6th Session Staff

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“Climb Until Your Dreams Come True”



To quote our awesome camp director, Beaver, “Be careful what you ask for – you just might get it.” What started out as a demure passing comment to Beaver about wanting to climb Mount Whitney ended up being the dream that I was too afraid to dream of coming true, but Did. Dream BIG dreams. May your path be bright and full of light everywhere you go. May the desires of your heart come true. And never forget that you carry within you the legacy and spirit of Pyles Boys Camp.

Art-E

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