

*R.M. Pyles Boys Camp
2014 Pylet*

*“In nature, light creates the color.
In the picture, color creates the light.”
- Hans Hofmann*

Welcome to the 2014 Pylet

By the time you receive this Pylet we will have come to the end of another year. The camp facilities are closed up and waiting for a nice cold winter with lots of snow. It is our hope that as you read through the Pylet the words and the pictures will bring back all the good memories of camp. All the things you got to do, the challenges you accomplished and the lessons you learned. Now is the time to take those accomplishments and lessons and put them to use in your life. Always give 100% and challenge yourself to take the next step.

It takes a lot of work to get the camp open in the spring, running throughout the summer and shut down in the fall. Thank you to all of the Work Party Volunteers! Your work and dedication to helping get the camp ready for the boys is invaluable. A special thank you to *Maverick, Gloria and Billy Bear*, we are the first ones to get into the camp in April and the last ones to leave in October. Thank you for your friendship and working with me year after year on getting the camp open for the summer through closing before the winter.



Shotgun

Dedicated to LaVerne "Tex" Chandler

We will not forget what You did. We will not forget what You said.

We will not forget how You made us feel!

This year's Pylet is dedicated to the memory of longtime Pyles Camp Family member LaVerne "Tex" Chandler. Tex got involved with Pyles Boys Camp in the early 70's when she read about the camp in a magazine and knew it was the type of place she wanted to help. Working as an Executive Secretary at Exxon in New York, Tex used her vacation time to cook for the camp for several summers. Tex was an important part of the Pyles Camp family giving generously in numerous ways for over forty years, including serving on the camp's Board of Directors.



This summer a special memorial was held at camp. Attended by her family, Staff, Alumni and Board everyone was able to share their stories and fond memories of this exceptional lady. Although Tex may not be with us anymore, her memory will live on forever in the history of Pyles Camp and in the hearts of everyone who had the pleasure of knowing Tex.



Message From Coach

Executive Director

By now your summer experience at Pyles Boys Camp is but a memory, but I sincerely hope that it was an experience filled with fun and good times, and provided you with the opportunity to acquire some life skills that will help you in your quest for success.

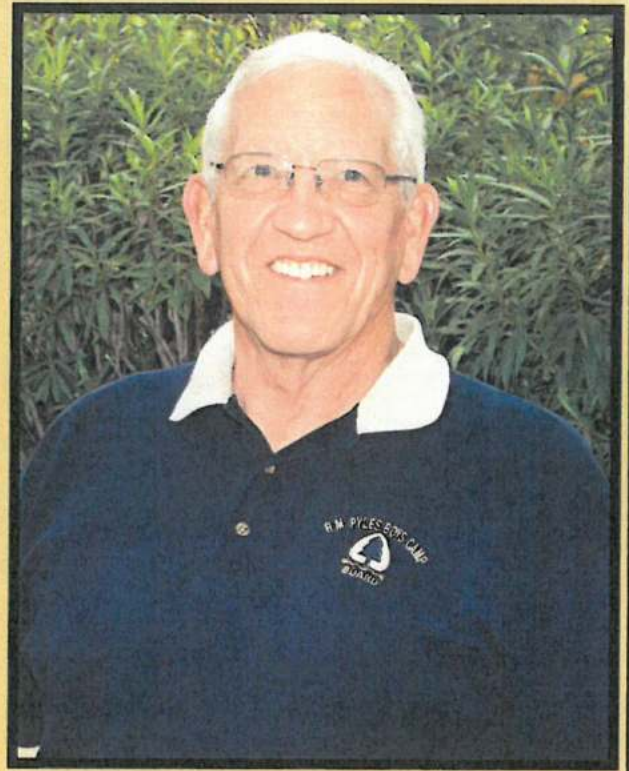
Life is very challenging and becoming successful is not guaranteed. It takes a lot of hard work, effort and a strong desire to make the most of your life. You need to believe in yourself because change is challenging, but it can help you reach your fullest potential. Challenges are a chance for you to grow and take ownership of your actions.

Pyles Boys Camp is a place of opportunity for growth and it can change lives. You were given an opportunity to attend camp to experience and enjoy the positive, encouraging atmosphere focused on providing you with some valuable tools that will last a lifetime.

Opportunities are powerful and can be the key to success if they are used properly, but remember opportunities are what you make of them, and how you use them to improve yourself. The famous inventor Thomas Edison said "Opportunity is missed by most people because it comes dressed in overalls and looks like work." Many people miss the opportunities to become successful because they are not willing to work at it.

Remember, you have to be committed to work hard to become successful, so if you are willing to put forth the effort and have a strong desire to make the most of your life you have the ability to choose your own path and overcome any obstacles along the way.

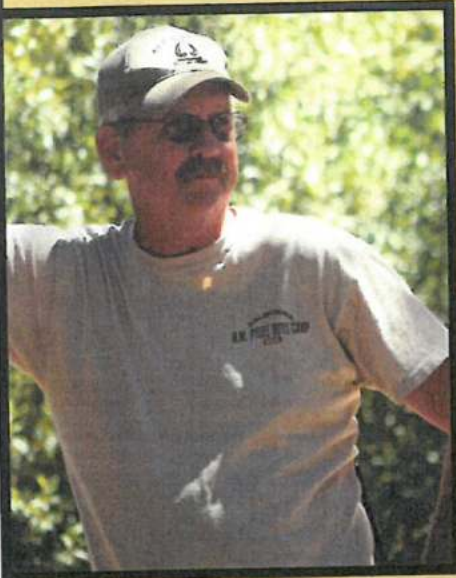
I hope you have a wonderful year and cherish your memories of camp. I wish you all the success in the world with your goals and encourage you to take advantage of any opportunity to attain them.



Stan "Coach" Moe

Message From Beaver

Camp Director



This summer Pyles Camp quietly celebrated a milestone; our 65th anniversary. I also celebrated a milestone of my own. Forty summers ago I walked across the bridge into camp for the first time as a camper. I can still remember how I felt that first time and how my two weeks at camp changed my life, giving me a whole new perspective on things. I learned a lot about myself. Many seeds were planted, some growing right away, others taking much longer.

I will quote "Mustang"; Pyles Camp didn't teach me everything, but it taught me how to handle anything."

As the Director of Pyles Camp for the last 15 years, it has been my goal, and I try to encourage and teach the staff to have the same goal, to make sure each and every camper who crosses that bridge into camp for the first time has the same sense of wonder I did forty years ago. I pray you were amazed and encouraged by your experience and whether you come back to camp or not, I hope you carry the positives of your experience with you for the rest of your life.

Go out and change the world in a positive way. Remember, changing the world starts with changing you. Each person you touch in a positive way has an exponential effect. Yes, you can change the world!

"Sometimes over things that I did, movies that didn't turn out very well - you go, 'Why did you do that?' But in the end, I can't regret them because I met amazing people. There was always something that was worth it." - Robin Williams

Message From Bamm Bamm

Program Director



"The world ain't all sunshine and rainbows. It's a very mean and nasty place, and I don't care how tough you are, it will beat you to your knees and keep you there permanently if you let it. You, me, or nobody is gonna hit as hard as life. But it ain't about how hard you hit, it's about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward. How much you can take and keep moving forward... ..Now if you know what you're worth, then go out and get what you're worth! But you gotta be willing to take the hits. And not pointing fingers saying you ain't where you wanna be because of him, or her, or anybody!" - Rocky Balboa

Message From Tank

Program Coordinator

Confidence, Curiosity, and Character.

The summer is over, and now this is the time to apply the things you have learned at camp down in the city. I would like to remind you of three skills which I know will serve you well anywhere in life whether that's in school, at home, or with the relationships you have with your friends and family. I like to call them the three C's. The first one is *confidence*. This summer at camp you have had an opportunity to try new things and be successful, that can be incredibly empowering. Think about what it felt like to stand on top of a mountain and have that fresh mountain breeze blow on your face and know that it was you who believed in yourself no matter how difficult it got. You have also learned about *curiosity*. You had a chance to explore, learn, and to be encouraged to express your own creativity in an environment where it was ok to be yourself. And the last one is *character*. This is where you learned about respect, caring for others, working as a team in solving problems, and helping one another. So remember to apply the three C's; Confidence, Curiosity, and Character.



Keep Moving Forward

My camper year backpacking was hard for me. I fell down, passed out, and wanted to quit on myself. Sound familiar to any of you? It wasn't easy. I learned so much about myself there. Just like in life, you'll be faced with challenges. Sometimes it will feel like life is just beating you down over and over again. But it is up to you to decide, what is next. You can either A) let it put you down, keep you there or B) you can get back up and keep moving forward.

It does not take any effort to quit but it takes all you have to get back up and keep moving forward and that gentleman will make you a winner in anything you want to do in life. **Keep Moving Forward.**

- Bamm Bamm

First Session

Bakersfield & Kern County



Moose's Athletics

Blaine Brocamonte, Cristian Casimiro, Kristian Cordero, Logan Fullmore, Reyari Jackson, Arthur Madrid, Adrian Urzua,



Roadrunner's Revolutionaries

Joshua Jackson, Juan Manriquez, Enrique Enciso, Jesse Valentine, Joseph Bizzini, Robert Kapugi, Maxie McDaniel, Chance Potter



Leon's Wolverines

Zachery Barrie, Cesar Castro, Fernando Farias-Garcia, Jon Huggins, Russlind Nelson, Gabriel Ramirez, Michael Songer, Rivaldo Valenzuela



Gazzoo's Zoo

Adrian Barron, Brycen Mayes, Cameron Moses, Ange Najera, Dylan O'Hara, Luis Ramos, Joseph Van Dever

Names in Bold = Honor Campers



Yolo's #Hashtags

Zackery Alfter, Ray Bell, Jose Cedillo, **Matthew Chiqini**, **Ruben Holguin**, Ramon Morales, Colin Murray

Zinger's Grizzlies

Ricardo Baldovinos, Angel Butterick, Joseph Marriquez, Angel Mendoza, Evan Moses, Gerald Castaneda, James Johnson



Dodge's Underdogs

Alex Capili, Patrick Kelly, Noah Kirtley, Rodrigo Rosas, **Zane Scott**, Tyler Smith, **Christopher Tate**



Donkey-Kong's Bodybuilders

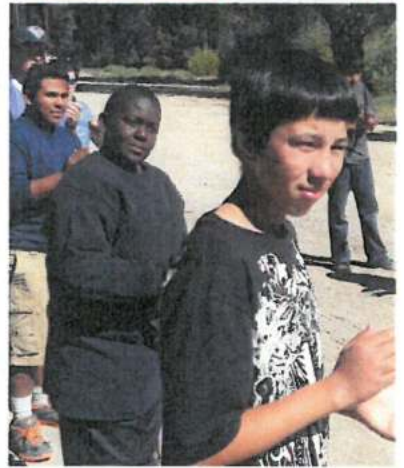
Eleazar Ambriz, Marcos Avila-Correa, Jose Cardoso, Manuel Diaz, Kiree Dukes, Alexander Espinoza, **Yuma Macias**, Yiannis Vlehakis

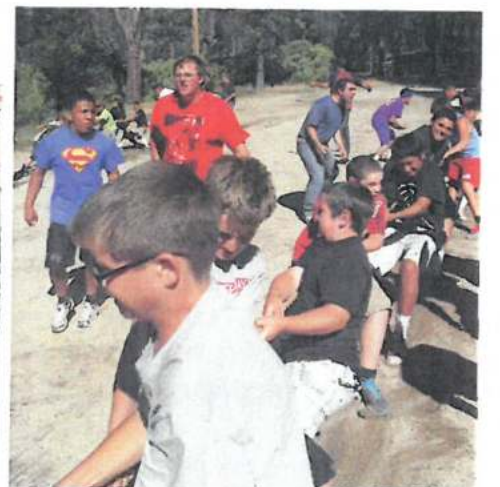


Jaybird's Cowboys

Jose Baldenegro, Reyari Jackson, Erik Ochoa, Gavin Sawyer, Broch Strahan, Noah Wilson, Tyler Wilson

Summer Experiences





Second Session

Kern County, Santa Maria & Santa Clarita



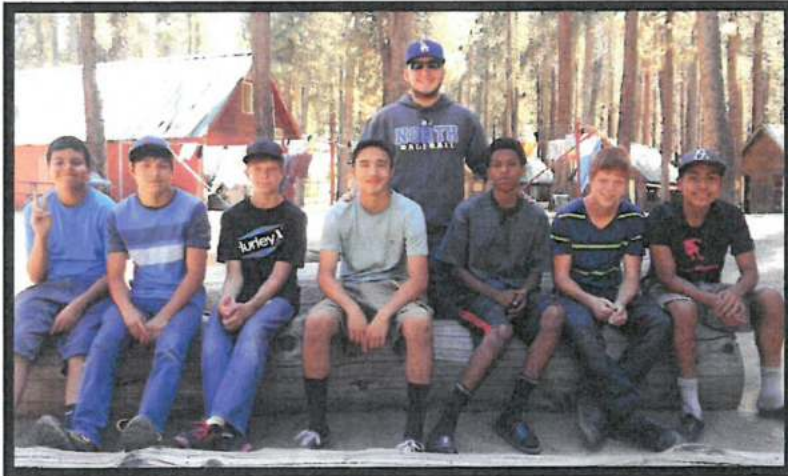
Donkey-Kong's Jokers

Alejandro Leyva, Yoatzin "Uriel" Lopez, Gabriel Smutz, Sonnie Valencia, **Lorenzo Vukobradovich**, Joe Ward



Chopper's Wolverines

Margarito Avila, Diego Cruz, Eddie Gomez, Logan David Louk, Andres Nambo, Jeremiah Paulsness, Alan Torres



Thunder's Storm

Jonah Hurnblad, Eric Jimenez, Nathan Kakanui, Moses Mendoza, Patrick Piearcy, **Jessie Sanchez**, Levi Songer, Navor Zavala

Nightcrawler's Cobras

Bailey Branam, Dominic DeLaMora, Geovany Marroquin, Isaac Meraz, Alfredo Sanchez, Raymond Sanchez, Eric Stern

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Flex's Purple Tigers

Emilio Cisterna, Alexis Nuno, Victor Pacheco, Armando Tamayo, Marcos Trevino, Eulysses Urrea, Erick Vargas



Frodo's Gladiators

Elijah Carbajal, Anthony Cole, Julien Estrada, Seth Hollis, Jaime Moreno, Jesus "Manny" Renteria, Jonathan Visoso



Tazz's Daredevils

Joseph Cardona, Devyn Damaso, Jesse Ledesma, Isaac Luque, Aidan McHale, Anthony Nuno, Edwin Sedano-Gomez



Samson's All Stars

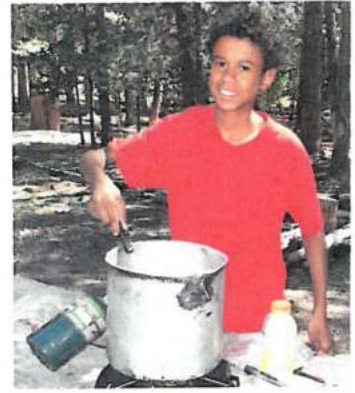
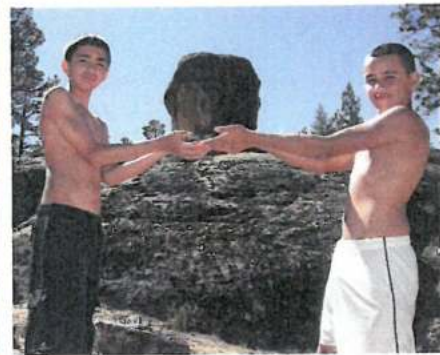
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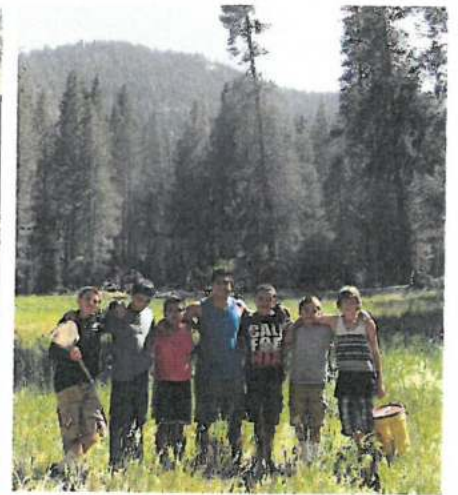


Roadrunner's Wildcats

Hector Alejandro, Alex Garcia, Jordan Kananui, Andrew Lopez, Kyle Oberg, Paul Sgroi

Summer Reflections





Third Session

Los Angeles & Orange County Areas



Frodo's Warriors

Jesus Bernal, **Jeffrey Campos**, Chris Cordova,
Kevin Guevara, Jonathan Rodriguez, Zayne Salcido,
Abraham Torres

Plato's Shadow

Francisco Caraballo, **Antonio Contreras**, Isidro
Cruz, Shawn Jackson, Edgar Jauregui, Jeremy Oss,
David Rodriguez



Jaybird's Enders

Jesse Cisneros, Luis Godinez, Frank Hernandez, **Max
Overmyer**, Jose Reyes, Cristian Rios, Justin Trujegu

Samson's Wolfpack

Israel Arroyo, Justin Botello, **K'ly Carey**,
Cameron Duate, Gabriel Jennings, Jerson Menjibar,
Anthony Tapia

**Names in Bold =
Honor Campers**





Achillis' And Gods

Andy Garcia, Ernest Garcia, Manuel Gonzalez, Edwin Hernandez, Chance Polly, Erik Vergara

Flex's Majestics

Isatiuro Dela Cruz-Hernandez, Derek Linares, Brian Lugardo, Anthony Perez, Bryan Perez, Emmanuel Trujillo, Andres Vieyra



Barnabus' Green Spartans

Zachariah Brooks, Aidan Graciano, Jonathan Hernandez, John Preyblo, Geradro Ramirez, Everardo Salcido, Sean Vega



Dodge's Golden Wolves

Salvador Calderon, Gerson Gonzalez, David Mullen, Isaiah Rodriguez, Nicholas Rodriguez, Sean Vazquez

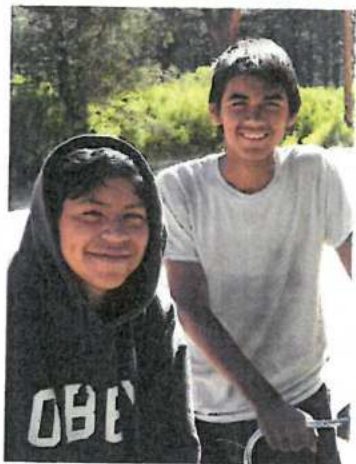


Chopper's Wolfpack

Nathan Aguilar, Koaltin Cornelius, Alex Garcia, Manuel Juarez, Jarod Owen, Raymon Salazar, Sam Vazquez



Summer Memories





Fourth Session

LA Harbor & Long Beach



Barnabus' Bobcats

Brian Duran, **Chandler Hou**, Michael Licea, Ronoldo Rodriguez, Cheyenne Sanchez, Oscar Sanchez, Imanisaed Wheeler, Toribio Zarate

Achillis' And Us
Christopher Carrillo, Edgar Castillo, Francisco Jimenez, Jose Jimenez, **Khilyn Neal**, Gabriel Tomasino, Zhakee Vines, Marcelo Zarate



Dodge's Wolf Pack

Abel Aranda, Eddie Estrada, Juan Luna, Esteban Molina, **Alex Perez**, Mario Perez, John Schimpff, Elisha Usher, Isaiah Williams



Galeforce's Wildfires
Jacob Brennan-Tyler, **Jonathan Chan**, **Terrence Gilmore**, Dain Houts, Alexander Nima, Adam Shoemaker, Jordyn Weaver, Joey Zaragoza

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Zinger's Grizzly Clowns

Aldo Acevedo, Alex Bravo, Ryan Chavez, Ryan Hightower, Gonzalo Miranda, Antonio Solorio, Trent Williams, William Zeledon

Leon's Lucky Charms

Kenny Arias, Kevin Arias, Angel Chavez, Amador Gallardo, Rafael Garcia, Alante Peterson, Gabriel Razo, Esau Santiago



Plato's Titans

Rashad Davis, Hector Duran, Timothy Griepsma, Dennis Hubbard, Chance Kratzberg, Kerrington Mills, Elijah Paige, Bennie Randle



Samson's Ace Kings

Domnick Chavez, Diego Cortes, Martin Eley, Armando Garcia, Mark Gonzalez, Sequoyah Hawk, Edward James, Ken Ny, Katin Virs

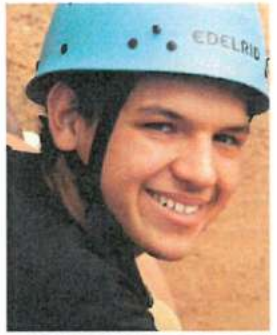


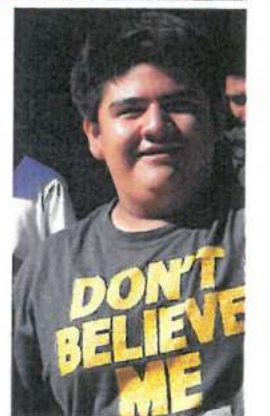
Vault's Vipers

Rowdy Barron, Isaac DeLeon, Robert Delgado, Phillip Garcia, Luke Grodin, Eric Larios, Bryan Ruiz, Alexander Solorio



Summer Fun





Fifth Session

Ventura County



Achillis' Dragons

Merrick Athens, Jacob Baldonado, Michael Cardenas, Jacob Hidalgo, Rafael Navarro

Chopper's Ronins
Eliseo Aguilera, Joseph Brown, Michael Gallardo, Juan Magana, Angel Martinez, Yaaka-ge-hi Rabago-Davison, James Schneider



Dodge's Super Dudes

Anthony Dannucci, David Duncan, Kristofer Knauss Gabriel McCool, Robert Schardt, **Victor Tellez**, Alle Walton, Bryan Williams

Eragon's Trailblazers
James Aguilar, Bradlee Hanson, Adam Lough-Laurence, Justin Perich, Matthew Sloan, Matthew Taylor, Daniel Vargas

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Flash's Immortal Flashers

Vincent Castro, Steven DeLaFuente, Joel Flores, Leonel Lopez, **Theo Mack**, Omar Santamaria, Adrian Tellez, Matthew Wynes

Flex's Titians

Joseph Alba, Sam Caton, Gino Cruz, Sonee Frazier, **Brandon Jimenez**, Anthony Ortega, Arthur Wallace



Gale Force's Raging Fires

Skyleur Beaulieu, Dylan Garza, Harrison Jenkins, Ricky Koontz, Tristian Lee, Manuel Rodriguez, Chance Sandoval

Vault's Lightning

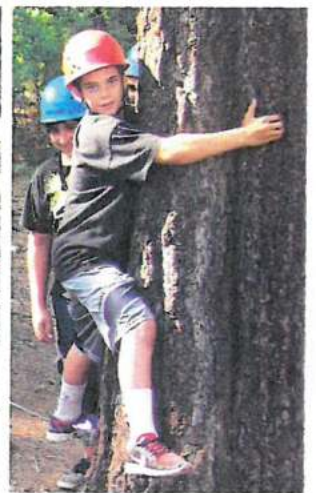
Jose Alatorre, Emilio Bejar, Saul Lara, **Cade Magallanes**, Tyler Matthews, Nathan Porras, Ryan Romero, Marcus Wynes



Zinger's Rough Riders

Hiram Alcocer, Ezekiel Campos, David Carrillo, Hugo Castellon, Kyle Mills, Troy Odette, Joshua Sheridan

Summer Scenes





Lion Meadows

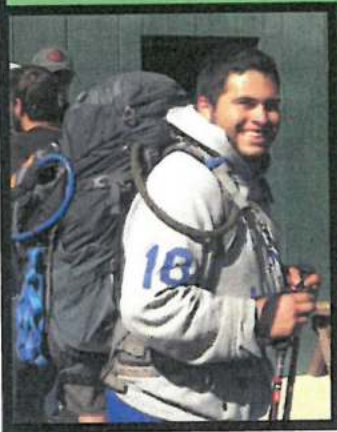
Congratulations to all of this year's Lioneers!

This summer was a summer of growth. Each day we woke to a new start, a fresh canvas to make ourselves better than before; and before we went to rest that evening we would reflect upon the day, congratulate ourselves on our achievements, but also acknowledge our shortcomings. By doing this it allowed us all to focus on what we did well and we needed to improve on. If we do this every day we will become Men of character without realizing it.

At Lion Meadow, I hope we each learned that with hard work, dedication, and perseverance, anything can be accomplished. It is my hope that each of you have gone home, applied these values and have started to improve your lives. As we go through school, let us remember that things may get tough, even seem unattainable, but they can always be overcome; while we are at home with our families let us remember that many times we must communicate with them so that they can better understand us; and most importantly remember that there are always people willing to help you. As a member of the Pyles Camp Family, know that there are many resources amongst the family and you only need ask for assistance.

As we return to our lives back at home, reflect upon memories made at Lion Meadow, the memories of looking at the stars, the memories forged together by you and your fellow Lioneers. These memories will live forever inside each of you, and one day many years from now you may reflect and remember your times in an extraordinary place. You may not remember everyone's name but you will remember the emotions you felt. The triumph of completing a 12-mile hike on your first day, the feeling of camaraderie as you helped each other along the way, and the feeling of brotherhood as you sat around the campfire. Reflect and reminisce on these memories.

*Until we meet again,
Jorge "Panda" Mendoza*



"Believe in yourself! Have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers you cannot be successful or happy."

-Norman Vincent Peale

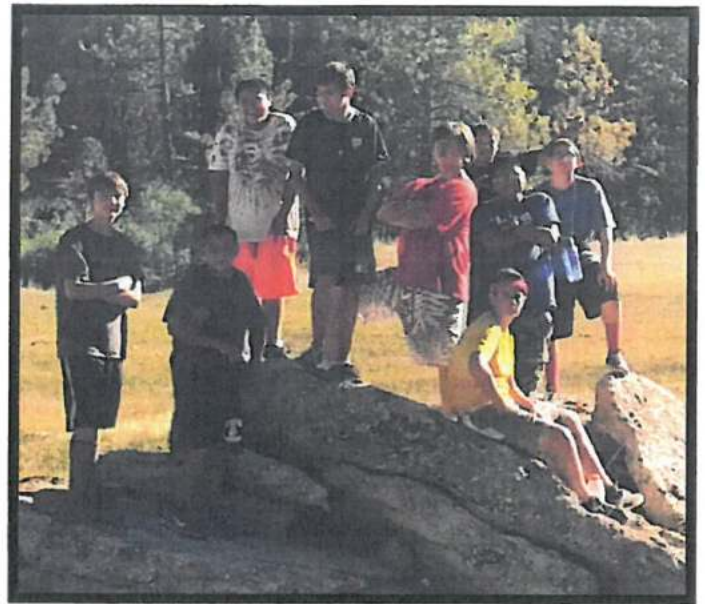




1st Session

Panda, Tuna & Ghost

Ralph Anderson, Matthew Capili, Christian Castro-Osorno, James Clark, Kurtlin Cornelius, Nick Diaz, Bradley Kessler, Alexis Ochoa, Michael Stegeman



2nd Session

Panda, Moose & Knarly

Pablo Baray, Micah Brough, Joseph Castillo, Humberto Espinoza, Noah Gershoni, Raymond Hoffman, Cesar Pacheco, Vincent Ward



4th Session

Panda, Tank, Frodo, Ghost, Rhino & Torch

Anthony Aguilar, Andres Barraza, Roman Barraza, Andrew Boucher, Leonardo Castro, Roberto Castro, Alberto Damian-Sanchez, Joshua Devorce, Cristian Fierros, Ethan Ghenov, Lucas Johnson, Tyler Miwa, Gabriel Molina, Julian Molina, Randy Offutt, David Rivas, Evan Rivas, Omar Rodriguez, Jonathan Stewart-Wain



3rd Session

Panda, Hulk, Gale Force & Grimm

Christian Cabral, David Duran, Matthew Garza, Brian Hernandez, Steven Hernandez, Martin Maldonado, Ulisses Orozco, Warren Pagsugiron, Jonathan Ramos, Dominick Vasquez, Timothy Westbrook, James Williams



5th Session

Panda, Plato & Lefty

Carl Cummings, Carlos Enriquez, Bryan Gonzalez, Andres Guerrero, Viliantike Ioane, Tyler Lambert, Juan Perez, Juan Perez, Carlos Ruelas, Zachary Seeley, Blake White

3rd Session Voyagers

The Voyager program is not only the last stepping stone to become a worker at R.M. Pyles Boys Camp, it's also about discovering who you are and what you want to do in your life. In your camper year as well as your Pioneer year, you were challenged to do things which you never thought you'd be able to do, you were able to see things you never imagined you'd get to see, and you were able to experience things that you've never thought you'd get a chance to experience. The Voyager program gives you the opportunity to do new things, experience new things, and challenge yourself to do more than you ever thought possible.

This past summer, Taz and I were lucky enough to have an awesome group of boys, that by the end of the session showed us how hard they are capable of working, as well as the men that they are capable of becoming later in life. This group got the chance to see some things that they have never seen before, and for myself, I got the chance to see and experience some things for the first time. I couldn't have been happier by the end of the session to say these boys showed us the young men that they really are. I'm excited to see them come back and begin working for R.M. Pyles Boys Camp, and to get the chance to see what the future has in store for these young men. Thank you all for an amazing session, full of memories that will last a lifetime.

-Charles "Thunder" Poh



Thunder & Tazz

Marcus Catron, Jimmy Garcia, Gage Ingram, Isaiah Jara, Ahatzin Mendoza, Danny Pelayo, Cesar Ramos, Christopher Rojas, Devin Vasquez, Kevin Velazquez

5th Session Voyagers

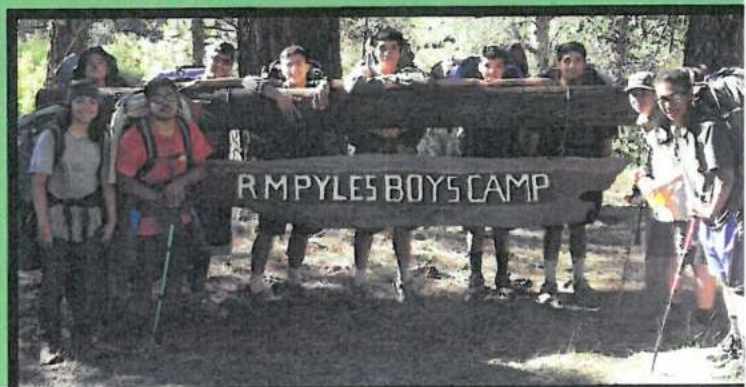
The Voyager program is a difficult experience but a privilege to endure as a young man. During these two weeks these young boys have the chance to see and learn from the amazing environment around them and the other young men in their group. As the session passed these Voyagers eventually began to develop strong bonds with each other as a group. Individually these boys have also shown much personal development. The Voyager program tests the boys and pushes both the counselor and camper alike while they endure their rigorous backpacking and camping trip. The experience allows the boys to pay attention to what is really important in life and enables them to open up their minds in ways on which they can use the lessons they learned at camp and apply them in their daily lives back home. The voyager program was designed for the campers who were recommended back two years in a row, proving their commitment and dedication to changing their lives and becoming leaders. The Voyager program's most memorable experience is watching the Voyageers develop and transform themselves in becoming true men and leaders who will make a difference in our community.

Sincerely,

Tazz

Tazz & Samson

Cristian Camargo, Dylan deSanno, Joseph Espitia,
Jaycob Flores, Jeffrey Loreda, Francisco Nava,
Christian Pedraza, Cruz Rea



4th Session Voyagers

The Voyagers program is an essential part of the Pyles Camp experience. The handful of youth that participated in this experience reaped its benefits and came out as stronger individuals physically, mentally, and emotionally.

This year as the Voyagers program director I have seen this take place first hand. Along with my co-counselor we facilitated this transition guiding and implementing life-long lessons to promote growth and increased preparedness for what life has to bring. I am very pleased with the progress of each our Voyager youth. The level of hard work and devotion to one another made the experience something they can take with them forever. They were able to experience many obstacles and hardships ranging from challenging hikes, battling the elements, group/self-motivation, and nature appreciation. To achieve this, the group engaged in many self-reflection activities/discussions and leadership opportunities (leader of the day). In conjunction to supporting one another, they had the opportunity to do their part in maintaining the beautiful forest. Our Voyager group put in many hours in projects such as trail clean-up and brush trimming which resulted in a sense of pride and ownership for the beautiful countryside they were allowed to hike.

Overall, I am proud of this year's Voyager group and feel that they have grown in many ways. After observing their hard work, devotion to one another and the Voyager experience, I feel that they have earned a place in the Pyles family and hope that we see them in many future summers to come.

- Gallo



Gallo & Tazz

Pedro Celis, Thomas De La Torre, James De Luis, Drake Gascon, Konner Kienzle, Elias King, Jose Lara, Jason Ochoa, Abraham Reyes



Pyles Leadership Training

Developing Leaders

“If it is important to you, you will find a way. If not, you’ll find an excuse”

The Pyles Leadership Training program is the final step in a long line of steps before becoming a counselor at camp. Participating in this program is an earned privilege, it is not a right or a guarantee as you advance through the staff ranks. Every year a small group of men is hand-picked based on their past performances, work ethic, attitude, enthusiasm, and desire to become a RM Pyles Boys camp counselor. The training is designed to test and develop wilderness skills, leadership ability, crisis management, safety, and good old fashion fun. Above all else, the PLT program is established to ensure we are giving the best set of skills to each participant, and to further develop them into a mentally stronger and capable young leader.

The training is not easy, nothing worth earning is. Every day is spent in group discussions, observing other counselors, lectures, role-playing, critical thinking activities and being placed in a stressed environment. Everyday a different participant was given the responsibility of being the group counselor for a day. And lastly, is outcamp where an entirely different training occurs, consisting of risk management, leadership, first aid, team-building, wilderness survival, leave no trace, and numerous other counseling skill sets.

This year’s PLT Training was lead by *Hondo, Gizmo and Jester*. We would like to give a special thank you to each of them for taking two weeks out of their personal schedules to teach this important and valuable class.



Gizmo, Hondo & Jester

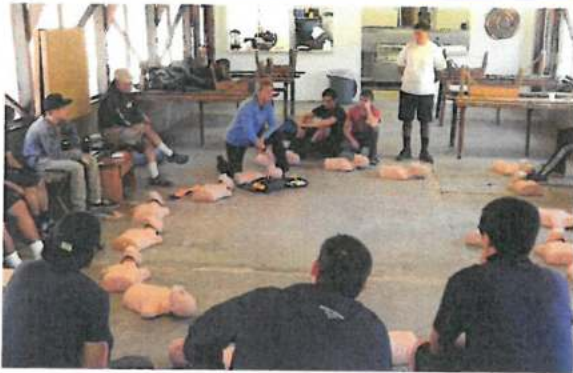
Congratulations to Vault, Achillis, Barnabas, Echo, G-Force, Squirrel, Ghost, Eragon, and Plato for successful completion of the PLT course.



Pre-Camp Training

This year's Pre-Camp Training was a great success. At the start of each summer we hold a five day pre-camp training session the week before the first group of boys arrives at camp. The training session provides a time for the staff to learn new skills, refresh skills they already have, go over policies and paperwork. But, most importantly it provides an opportunity for the staff to get back together and get excited for the coming summer.

During this summer's training session there were a lot great things going on, from CPR and Backcountry Emergency Care to Ropes Course and Archery training. What made it special was the help we got from those that came up to the camp to help teach our staff. Renee Mack, a Cate School Faculty Member, and her family came up to teach CPR. Bugeye came up from New Mexico to teach the 24 hour Backcountry Emergency Care class. Spuds came in from Las Vegas and with the assistance from Billy Bear spent 27 hours teaching Ropes Course skills. Finally, Havoc drove up from of Los Angeles for the day to lead an Archery Instructor class. We would like to give a special thank you to each of you for helping make the training session a success.



Winter Program

When the summer is over my job as the Program Director really begins. My Job is to keep in touch with all of you guys and organize various trips, events and reunions that bring us back together to talk about the things we learned at camp. Rekindle the friendships from the summer, to have fun and to learn some new stuff. Those of you who attended the reunions know that getting together with Pyles Friends make for a great time. But the winter program does not stop there: Sporting events, field trips, to places all over Southern California. But you have to earn it; take the lessons you learned up at camp and apply them to your everyday life! They aren't just lessons for the mountains, but tools you can use throughout your life. Keep in contact with us, and whenever you get a letter, especially if it's regarding an event we are inviting you to, respond – even if you cannot make it. The more you stay involved, the more the spirit of Pyles Camp stays with you.

Besides the winter events, the camp is here to help with whatever you need. We hope you are doing well in school and in your home lives, but if you are having problems please call us. We'll do what we can to help you out. We can be reached at the office (661) 294-1394.

Hopefully all of you aspire to move to the next step of you Pyles Camp experience whether it be Lioneer, Voyager, Worker, or eventually that coveted status of Pyles Camp Counselor. To do so takes dedication and commitment to work hard towards your goals. You have it in you!

Keep in touch and an eye on that mailbox!

~Bamm-Bamm



A Learning Experience

This past summer, I was fortunate enough to experience many things for the first time while spending my time with R.M. Pyles Boys Camp. Whether it be having 1st pick which I had the opportunity to take a camper group further than any camper group has been in a few years, being the Voyager Director which gave me the opportunity to see things I have never seen before, or AD which gave me the opportunity to experience a whole new side of camp and what it has to offer as well as grow much more as a person.

Out of all the positions I held this past summer, being the AD had the most impact on me as a person. I am able to use everything that I have learned from my time being AD in my life outside of camp, and I will be able to use the things I have learned as AD for the rest of my life. From various situations I had to handle, to being able to see how much camp means to all of the kids that have the opportunity to experience it all, being the AD not only gave me a new outlook on camp but it gave me a whole new outlook on how to handle different situations in my life. What had the most impact on me while I was the AD would have to be seeing how much the camp means to the kids who are fortunate enough to be a part of our family as well as everyone involved with camp already.

Before I was given the opportunity of being the AD I was focused on my group and my group only, but being the AD helped me see camp as a whole and what it truly means to not only the campers but everyone involved with camp whether it be counselors, specialists, workers, or even the senior staff and management. Being the AD has helped me appreciate everything that camp and the people involved with camp have to offer, but much more than that it has given me a new appreciation for everyone and everything that I have in my life. Thank you all for an amazing opportunity, and I look forward to being able to experience it all again.

- Charles "Thunder" Poh



The Call of Duty

We would like to take the time to honor Woodstock for his life saving actions. During the last day of 5th session Woodstock responded to a request for assistance to a victim that suffered from life threatening third degree burns that covered over roughly 40% of the victim's body. Woodstock arrived on the scene and began to care for the victim and monitored the victim's vital signs all while in close proximity to a rapidly spreading wild land fire. Eventually the patient was turned over to a medevac crew for transportation to a burn center. Woodstock's exemplary handling of a medical emergency situation attests to his professional knowledge and willingness to accept responsibility and care for someone even if it meant putting himself in danger. This is a true testament to the character of our staff. **Great job Woodstock!**

Special Thanks to Auntie

All of us were thankful for Auntie this summer. At the end of 1st session, Stewie had a serious family emergency which would prevent he and Meg from returning to camp for at least one session. As you are all aware, meals are a very important part of Pyles Camp. We had to act fast to ensure we would have a cook for our 2nd session. Finding a good cook can be difficult under the best of circumstances.

Beaver's cousin, Amber, had expressed a desire to cook for camp if the opportunity ever arose. He called her and within 24 hours she had dropped everything, putting her work and life on hold to fly from her home to Bakersfield where we picked her up and drove her to camp. She arrived late Wednesday night, woke up 3 hours later, and cooked a great breakfast for over 100 campers and staff, and did a great job of keeping us well fed with healthy meals all of 2nd session.

She chose the camp name of "Auntie", and that is what she became to many of you this summer. On behalf of all of us, thank you Auntie for your willingness to put your life and work on hold this summer at a moment's notice to come to our need. With her extensive resume she was more than qualified to cook for us. What wasn't easy was overcoming a new kitchen, new staff and campers ("customers"), and a whole new living environment from her home. In spite of a few bumps in the road, Auntie did a great job of fitting into the Pyles Camp Family and keeping us all well fed during 2nd session. She stuck around for 3rd session, working as the Nature Specialist.



Special Recognition for Pyles Camp

The Bakersfield Pyles Boys Camp BBQ has been a part of the camp history for over 60 years, but this year's BBQ was a little more special because the camp received some special recognition from the Legislative and Community leaders from the State, Kern County and The City of Bakersfield commending R. M. Pyles Boys Camp on the celebration of its 65th anniversary and the valuable and vital role it has played in improving the quality of life for boys in the local community. 34th District Assemblywoman Shannon Grove presented a resolution from the California State Assembly and Bakersfield Mayor Harvey Hall presented a Proclamation declaring May 10, 2014 as Pyles Boy Camp day in Bakersfield. In addition to the proclamations the camp received special recognition letters from Congressman Kevin McCarthy, Congressman David Valadao and the Kern County Board of Supervisors.



Assemblywoman Visit

This summer we were pleased to host California's 34th District Assemblywoman Shannon Grove of Kern County to camp. She spent time at camp enjoying the campfire, observing the programs and visiting with some of the campers. She was impressed with the commitment to provide an opportunity for the campers to experience a special and fun chance to change the direction of the lives.

A special thanks to staff member Nathan "Zinger" Banks for helping make both events happen.

Special Guests

This summer we were honored with some special guests who came to camp to talk about Law Enforcement and careers in Law Enforcement.

During 4th session, Deputy Chris McEnulty ("Mcfly"), came to camp on his day off to visit with us. He told his story of growing up with Pyles Camp as the Camp Directors son, then his own life changing experiences from attending camp as a camper and working his way each summer up through the ranks from worker to counselor, then into leadership as the assistant director and several summers as the Lion Meadow Director. Mcfly explained how he benefited from the camp scholarship program eventually obtaining a Master's Degree from Edinburgh University in Scotland.

To finish off, he told of fulfilling a life's dream of a career in Law Enforcement by joining the Kern County Sheriff's Department, successfully completing their rigorous six month academy, and graduating to become a sworn deputy for the department.

Mcfly spent time answering some great questions from both campers and staff during his talk after lunch. He then spent the rest of the day walking around camp, taking the time to get to know many campers and encourage them to pursue their dreams in life.

Fifth session we had another great visit from Law Enforcement. A friend of Beaver's from his days as a California Highway Patrol Officer, Officer Andrea Brown, with much difficulty due to their demanding work load, was able to bring her "office" to camp. Andrea is the Helicopter Flight Officer/Paramedic on board the C.H.P.'s "H-40". Her supervisor, and pilot, Sergeant Jeff Andriese, landed their helicopter at camp and joined us as we finished lunch.

Jeff and Andrea spent an hour and a half explaining to campers and staff about an exciting career with the C.H.P., expelling the myth that all C.H.P. officers do is work accidents and write tickets. They explained how diverse the opportunities were, from working in a patrol car or motorcycle to some very specialized and exciting jobs like Dignitary Protection Services, Mounted Patrol (horseback), Canine, to flying in a very specially equipped helicopter as a pilot or paramedic, just to name a few.

After their talk at the campfire area, they took everyone up to the helicopter and talked to everyone about their helicopter and specialized job of flying for the C.H.P. and all the activities involved, from law enforcement like assisting with pursuits to rescues. They explained how they have been involved in rescues ranging from automobile collisions to mountain rescues in the Sierra Nevada's of California's central region.

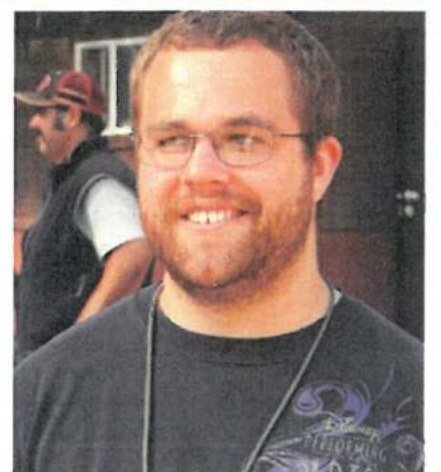
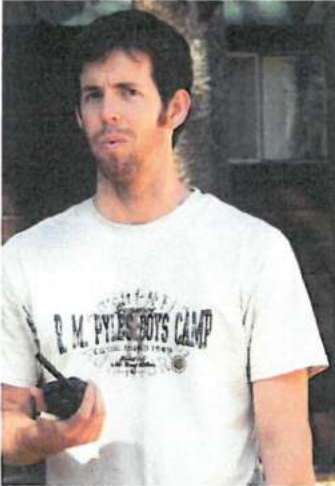
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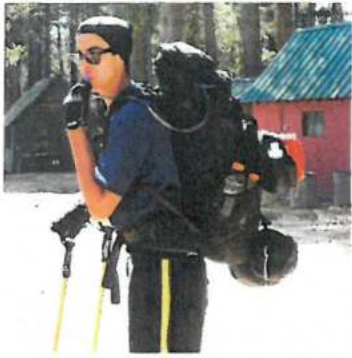
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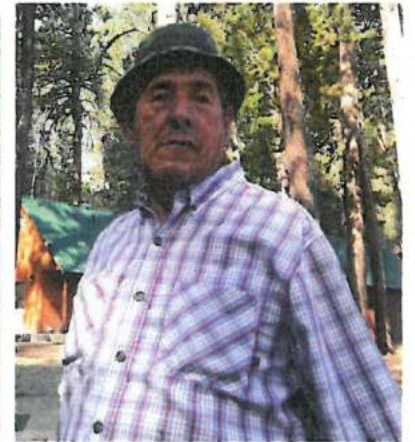
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Auntie	Amber Silva	Hulk	Roberto Campos
Barnabas	Oscar Velasco	Jaybird	Jerome Capili
Billy Bear	Jose Romo	Jester	Mike Garcia
Black Tooth	Carlos Hernandez	King	Elias King
Cardinal	Daniel Martinez	Knarly	Josh Thomason
Chopper	Jeremy O'Brien	Kuriboh	Gavino Pelayo
Cloud	Richard McEnulty	Kusuku	Jason Sandoval
Cosmo	Ryan McAdams	Lefty	Anthony Martinez
Daredevil	Jeremiah Hall	Leon	Leonardo Vazquez
Dodge	Dylan Haskell	Leonidas	Eric Sila-Santoyo
Donkey Kong	Abel Campos	Mad Hatter	Joseph Ramirez
Echo	Francisco Saldana	Matrix	Julio Chavez
Eragon	Bryan Sanchez	Meg	Judy Parks
Flex	Kevin Juarez	Moose	CJ Bente
Frodo	Harrison Miller	Nightcrawler	Nick Sanchez-Wong
Gale Force	Mohammed Mansour	Nimbus	Kalvin Ramos
Gazzoo	Vincent Herrera	Panda	Jorge Mendoza
Ghost	Daniel Hall	Peaches	Brandi McAdams
Gimli	Aaron Norton	Pistol	Steven Schoonover
Gizmo	Ruben Sanchez	Plato	Angel Houts
Grandpa John	John Suniga	Psyche	Kenny Saleh
Grimm	Daniel Castro	Rabbit	Mark Velasquez
Gus Gus	Gabriel Munoz	Rambo	Isaac Araujo
Hamster	Abraham Reyes	Red	Paul Sturmer



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