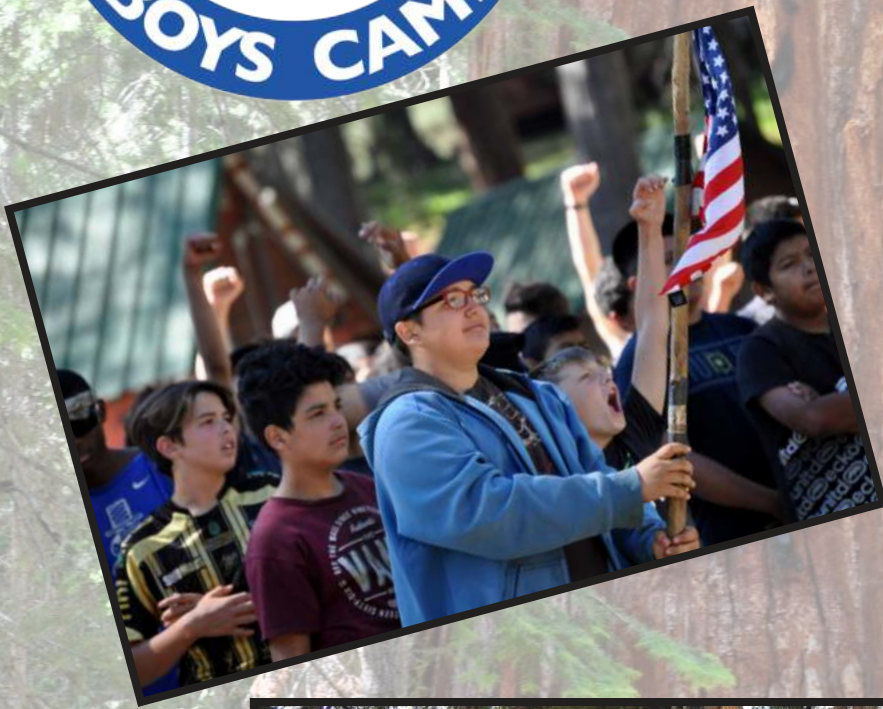




2018 Pylet



“You can’t start the next chapter of your life if you keep reading the last one.”

- Anonymous

Welcome to the 2018 Pylet

The leaves have fallen, the campfire is quiet, and all the activity areas have been closed down and stored away. The camp is blanketed in snow and another summer has come and gone. We are all back home now focused on school and or work and dealing with everyday life. Hopefully the memories from your time at camp are still on your mind.

When you arrived at camp this summer everything was ready for you. The power and water were on; food was in the refrigerators and freezers. Your cabins were set up and ready for you to move in. All the activity areas were set up and ready for you to have fun and learn new skills. What you did not see was the steel plates that secure the kitchen over the winter, all the mattresses and door covers stored away in the worker cabin, everything put away and stored from the winter. There is no water, no lights or power, and the ground was covered with pineneedles.

It takes a lot of work to get the camp ready for you to enjoy your time at camp. There are a lot of people that believe in Pyles Camp and believe in you. They give up their time to help get the camp ready so you can get the most out of the program. We put in the work to get everything ready for you. You challenged yourself to learn, grow, and have fun this summer. Now it's our hope that you take those lessons, skills, thought for the days, and other experiences and put them to use in your everyday life. Always challenge yourself to take the next step.



Shotgun

Message From Stripes

Executive Director

"Decide what to be, and go be it." -The Avett Brothers

Like so many of you reading this, summer 2018 was the first time I've spent time in the backcountry near Pyles Camp. Prior to this year I've heard so many stories of the challenge of hiking up Jerkey, and it certainly lived up to the hype during my first climb with a group of campers during session 1.

Watching you complete your outcamp trip showed me something very valuable; you have everything you need within to succeed in life. Yes, your counselor was there to encourage you. Yes, your cabin mates lent a hand along the way. At the end of the day, it was your own effort and determination that allowed you to complete your trip!

Now all that is left is for you to "Decide what to be, and go be it." For some of you, that might mean becoming a leader in your school. For others, it means getting into the college of your dreams. For others, it might mean becoming a successful family man who shares his time, talent, and treasure with those that he loves. Whatever your goals may be, it will be up to you to achieve them. By using the skills you learned at Pyles, I have no doubt that you will succeed in achieving your goals.

Just like your counselor and your cabin mates who were there to help, Pyles will continue to be there for you. Never hesitate to write or call the office if you need a dose of Pyles in your life. We are there to support your efforts and achievements and are excited to reconnect at one of our winter events.

Finally, please join me in thanking all of the hard-working staff, volunteers, selectors, donors, and friends who made camp possible this summer. Thank you for making it possible!

Thank you,
Adam "Stripes" Bell



This year's Pylet is dedicated to all the volunteers that help the camp each year.

Volunteer [vol-uh n-tee]

A person who performs a service with their time or talents for charitable, educational, or other worthwhile cause.

Throughout the years it has become even clearer that volunteers really are the backbone of R.M. Pyles Boys Camp. In 1949, when Mr. Pyles started the camp he called upon his friends in the oil industry to help make his dream a reality. Since then, volunteers have continued to lend a helping hand. Today, hundreds of volunteers continue the tradition of caring and giving because they believe in you, the camper. These volunteers are dedicated and fulfill many different roles throughout the year, much of which we couldn't afford all of the services they provide for free.

Work Party- Fright-train's Crew, Puma's Crew, The Kruger Crew, The Big Bear Crew, The Wreesmen's, The Hale's, The Moe's, Mike Yearick, Freddy Daniels, John Suniga, Sparky, and many of the pine needle relocation crews over the years. These are generational volunteers that have a big heart for the camp and what it does for each of you. They make repairs and improvement all over camp. It is an ongoing process to keep the camp in good shape.

Selectors- They were the first person that told you about the Pyles Camp Program. These dedicated people saw something in you, a point of light, in your neighborhood, your school, your home. Many of our selectors have been referring boys to camp for over 20 years. We are very thankful for them and all they do for the boys.

Pyles Alumni Committee Members- The support we have received from PACM has been overwhelming! From helping train the next generation of counselors and staff, to fundraising for winter outreach events, donating their time to teach you up at camp, referring for other volunteers, selection of campers and so much more. Just a few to name: Wolf, Derby, Smiley, Havoc, Jester, Jaguar, Gizmo, Cosmo, Kitty, Arrow, Hermano, Art-e, Blaster, Commando, Rook, Badger, and so many more.

Doctors- These few individuals loaned their talents to camp and provided Kern County, Ventura County and Los Angeles County Campers free physicals to come to camp. Thank you to Dr. Craig Gunderson, Dr. Earl Canson III, Dr. Corrolos Abdelshehide, Dr. Ralph Wilson, Dr. Ernie Pilado, Dr. Antonio Zamorano and lastly, our camp medical advisor, Dr. Richard Tafoya.

Fundraising Volunteers- Thank you to all the volunteers, golfers, and sponsors at our fundraising Golf Tournaments. Jim Roberts, Allen White, Stan Coach Moe, and the Members of the Kern County BBQ who raise money to fund the camp. Thank you to our Board of Directors for their time, talent, and treasure

Our passionate group of volunteers is doing it all to ensure that Mr. Pyles' dream continues for another 70 years. We salute all of the men & women who have made it possible for you, our staff and the other 23,000 boys to experience, what Dutch Kruger -- long time Work Party volunteer would say, "The Real Magic Mountain."

Thank you for everything.



Message From Bamm Bamm Camp Director

Keep Moving Forward

“Around here, however, we don’t look backwards for very long. We keep moving forward, opening up new doors and doing new things, because we’re curious...and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.” — Walt Disney

Looking at Walt Disney’s quote, of course I collect from the message that we must keep moving forward in order to find new opportunities, new ideas, etc. However, I can’t help but notice the first sentence of the quote, *“Around here, however, we don’t look backwards for very long.”* Without that first sentence, to me, the rest of the quote means nothing.

The key to life is to not focus on the past, to acknowledge it and continue with the knowledge of past experiences as a guide to help you find a more prosperous path. For if we forget what we have already endured how are we to keep from falling into the same traps that may have snared us in the past. Sometimes a glimpse into our past will give us new insight into life, or maybe a recent event has enlightened your mind to look back and understand a past incident more clearly.

Being your Camp Director was truly an honor. Look back on all that you have learned, your failures and your successes, keep moving forward. You have the Pyles Camp Spirit within you. Share it. Save the world with it. It’s okay, if you save only one person. It’s okay, if that one person is you.



Bamm-Bamm
Camp Director
Camper '95



Message From Ozomatli

Program Coordinator

This past summer you experienced what life was like away from the comfort of your home, school, and community. You faced the unknown with courage. You developed friendships with your cabin mates and staff, who at one point were complete strangers. You have demonstrated that despite the challenges each one of you may face at home, school, or in your community, you have the heart to keep taking one step at a time. So now it is your turn to utilize the skills you developed through Pyles Camp. It is your time to give back and help others. Be Pyles Camp at home, school, and your community.

Be Pyles Camp at home by helping out the people who you live with. For some of you, it may be your biological parents, for others it may be another family member, while for several of you it may be a foster parent. Whomever you live with, share your kindness with a smile and remember to say please and thank you. It takes a family to work together to complete the chores at home so that you may help create an environment in which you enjoy spending time. At the end of the day ask yourself, “how did I help at home today?”

Be Pyles Camp at school. Be that student who is welcoming and accepting of others. Get involved in programs at your school and if there aren't any, think of ways you may create one with the assistance of a teacher or counselor. Work with school staff and students to find solutions to issues that may be impacting students at your school. Have the courage to speak up for yourself, try new activities at school, help out that student who does not have any friends, and listen with your heart when someone is feeling down and sharing their struggle.

Be Pyles Camp in your community. You are part of the Pyles Camp community and your actions speak louder than your words. Stop and think before you act. What kind of friends do you spend time with after school? How do you spend your time? Get involved in programs that help improve your community. May this Pylet be a positive reminder that you are capable of accomplishing many goals in life.

Shalom,
Ozomatli



First Session

Bakersfield & Kern County



Apex's Heat

Stephen Basulto, Miguel Gomez, Briyaun Guyton, David Leon, Julian Santoyo, Jonathan-James 'JJ' Terrell



Daredevil's Mini Devils

Ramiro Avila, Nathan Espinoza, Eric Patty, Isaiah Payan, Daniel Pultz Jr., Miguel Sanchez



Gus-Gus's Grizzlies

*Anthony Anderson, Juan Cantu, Aaron Gomez, Jorge Gonzalez, Joshua Hardy, Sean Jackson, **Michael Naaman***



Libre's Spartans

*Cooper Alvarado, **Bryan Becerra, William Harshaw,** Imari Hopkins, Lamarian Kemp, Elijah Rosales*



1st Session Senior Counselors

Rambo, Commando, Sniper

Names in Bold = Honor Campers



Red's Climbers of the Wall

Braulio Heraclio, Alcaraz Trujillo, Paul Campas, Jacob Gama, *Gabriel Gutierrez*, Izan Holderby, *Austin Telesforo*



Rhino's Rhinos

Ricardo Alvarez, John Anderson, Logan Greene, Ricardo Lechuga, Jacob McMurray, Xavier Melgoza, Isaiah Villalobos



Stix's and Stones

Elias Flores, Donald Laver, Malikyh Roberts, *Eduardo Sanchez*, Esteban Sanchez, Tivaun Turner



Simba's Alphas

Russell Brown, Eduardo Garcia, Leonel Hernandez, Miguel Herrera, Iseah Melgoza, Rodrigo Rodriguez, Tion Turner



Torch's Flames

Angel Cruz, Seth Dovell, Joseph Granillo, Dominic Gray-Espinoza, Preston Kunzmann, Arturo Serrano Torres

1st Session Staff

Workers

Aztec
Dallas
Salamander
Bolt
Christmas
Raptor
Blackout
Foxtrot
Pilot
Winchester

Specialists

Bambi
Southpaw
Venom
Prongs
Haribo
Rolo
Chavo
Billy Bear
Peaches
Grizzly
Shark

Senior Staff

Dolphin
Cosmo
Meg
Stewie

Summer Experiences





Second Session

Kern County, Santa Maria & Santa Clarita



Daredevil's Walkers

Donzelli Divers, **Aidan Fox**, Efrain Juarez, Hector Sanchez, Isaac Silva, **Jesse Villegas**



Echo's Geckos

Andres Ceja, Tyler Conklin, Michael Garcia, Mekhi Killings, Juan Loza, Anthony Ortiz, **Vicente Pineda-Salgado**



Geo-Dude's T-Grizzlies

Angel Albarenga-Martinez, Tyler Casto, Tytus Conklin, Daven Estrada, Angel Felix, **Caden Hall**, Cardiair Mitchell



Kusuku's Trailblazers

Juan Arellano, **Camrin Burkhammer**, Dontevious 'Donte' Divers, Hunter McCormick, Vincent Montgomery III, **Jesse Ruiz**, Cesar Sazo



2nd Session Senior Counselors

Rambo, Sniper, Zinger

Names in Bold = Honor Campers



Libre's Survivalists

Ryan Bullard, *Jesus Cabrera*, Lance Dargusch, David Lagunas, Edwin Ocegüera, Francisco Puga, Antonio Sanchez



Red's Professional Teletubbies

Victor Altamirano Perez, George Burney, Luis Castaneda, *Jonathan Castillo*, *Joseph Christenson*, *Andrew Jarero*, Jose Loza



Simba's Boyz

Brayan Almanza, *Joshua Feldman*, Joseph Galindo, *Luis Lopez*, Jose Penaloza, Brandon Zazueta, Jesus Zazueta



Stix's Noddles

Alejandro Ayala, Darren Cortez, Pedro Hernandez, Jose Jimenez, Darion Mitchell, Messiah Santos, Trevin Tucker



Torch's Candles

Julian 'JJ' Alcantar, Julian Arenas, Gabriel Chaves Wittmann, Juan Gonzalez, Omar Gonzalez, Amadeo Rubalcaba, *Eduardo 'Lalo' Sanchez*

<i>2nd Session Staff</i>		
<u>Workers</u>	<u>Specialists</u>	<u>Senior Staff</u>
Blackout	Bambi	Jester
Delta	Gus Gus	Big Al
Sideshow	Aztec	Meg
Devilpup	Monsieur	Stewie
Salamander	Trunks	
Foxtrot	Scuba Steve	
Fizz	Lotus	
Winchester	Billy Bear	
Pilot	Peaches	
Cheetah	Grizzly	

Summer Reflections





Third Session

Los Angeles & Orange County Areas



Elvis's Athletic Warriors

Roman Arzate, Aaron Castillo, Miguel Chihuahua, **Ricardo Solis**, Matthew Trujeque, Wyatt Wagner



Gingy's Thrashers

Zachary Carreon, David Diaz, Azariah Dollar, Ryan Gomez, **Richard Lara Goodwin**, Adrian Ramos, **Daniel Solis**



Geo-Dude's Thunderdogs

Gustavo Celaya, Angel Martinez Perez, Edwin Mejia, Allan Reyes, **Juan Unzueta**, Fabian Urbina



Haribo's Thunder

Ismael Angel, Daniel Chihuahua, **Bryan Fan**, Anthony Flores, Joshua Gonzalez, **Arkece Jackson**, Ixtli Rodriguez



3rd Session Senior Counselors

Commando, **Dolphin**, **Simba**

*Names in Bold =
Honor Campers*



Navi's Rascals

Ryan Andrade, Vincent Carreon, Mario Garciduenas, Jesshua Hernandez, Nathaniel Hernandez, David Lara, **Alean Nava**



Rhino's Killer Rhinos

Kevin Barragan, David Estevan, Joel Gomez, Enrique Gonzalez, Nathan Madrigal, Devin Real, Leonardo Zarinana



Shark's Wolfpack

Abel Aguilar, Josue Banuelos, Brandon Barragan, **Jose Garcia, Diego Munoz,** Moises Olivares, Maximilian Valencia



Torch's Knights

Ramon Carlon, Dante Espinoza, Jairo Galvan, Jose Hernandez, Gabriel Landeros, **Michael Perez,** Daniel Valadez



Venom's Blackwoods

Thomas Bracken, Jose Cid, Pedro Dominguez Reyes, Bryan Mares, Xander Plodzien, **Jose Rodriguez,** Oscar Vega

<i>3rd Session Staff</i>		
<u>Workers</u>	<u>Specialists</u>	
Aztec	Gus-Gus	
Delta	Apex	
Mouse	Southpaw	<u>Senior Staff</u>
Fizz	Stix	Big Al
Dallas	Daredevil	Sniper
Christmas	Kirby	Meg
Pilot	Rolo	Stewie
Cheetah	Rocket	
Salamander	Billy Bear	
Winchester	Peaches	
	Grizzly	

Summer Memories





Every Step Forward is a Victory

Message from Jester

25 years ago I was granted the blessing of being selected as a camper to Pyles Camp. This summer I had the honor of being your AD, and what I remember most about both was all the fun that we had, the work we put in, and the challenges we completed. There are opportunities that will come out of nowhere, take advantage of them and have fun. Get up every day, work smart and be respectful. You'll create more opportunities for yourself. When those challenge arise, smile to yourself, because now you have the opportunity to show how great you can be. Remember, you've climbed mountains. Every step forward is a victory.



Message from Dolphin

I would like to start by saying thank you to all the staff for the support, respect, and love I received in camp this summer.

I had an amazing summer. I found the love of my life Rochelle Leffler - a woman full of love who carries a seed of helping others as well. This is the woman whom I am engaged to, and am going to marry.

When we come to the mountains we find peace and love. We must become like children and play in order to connect with nature. The love and light comes from the land on which we stand - Pyles Boys Camp. The wind cures our wounds of abandonment or loneliness. The trees give us hope and strength. The water from the creeks calms our thirst and cleans our spirit from the inside from negativity. The sun embraces us with his warm arms of light as we line up for flag ceremony in the mornings.

As the days go by we prepare to enter into the back country for five days, where each individual becomes a better person. The land and the sky is the greatest counselor for those five days in the back country.

We live in a world that exists only in the mind of God. It is only light. Open your heart fearlessly to the unknown and look with the eyes of a child into the eyes of each person who stands before you. It is all so simple. Life is great.

With Love,
"Dolphin"



Special Staff Recognitions

Thank you for all your hard work this summer!

Commando Ready?

Thank you for this past summer. You gave up your valuable time from your daily life in the city away from your loved ones and chickens to spend several sessions at camp. Commando was ready, even coming up with only 2 hours notice. We want to thank you and commend you for a job well done and your assistance with the Outreach program. Your down to earth easy going attitude and commitment has been a fantastic contribution by modeling to the younger staff. We look forward to having you as a leader for another summer. Commando Ready?



Welcome Home

We want to acknowledge and commend Cosmo and Peaches for their excellent performance this summer. For a couple of years, they were away from camp living in one Air Force Base or another. They took the time to travel all around the world from Qatar to work for camp this summer. Their enthusiasm and dedication to the Pyles Camp program, history, and staff was second to none. We hope to see you next summer.



Pyles Staff from Around the World

Every once and a while great ideas stem from random conversations. We were wondering if there was a way to get kids out of the city to see the international community. Budget restraints held those aspirations to just a dream. We then asked ourselves. "If we can't bring the boys to see the world, let's bring the world to the boys. Working with the J-1 Visa Program, we brought in three International Program Participants Prongs and Haribo from Her Majesty's Commonwealth of the United Kingdom and the Mango King from Columbia, Rolo! We want to thank them for setting the highest bar for next years crop of international staff. You quickly immersed to the brotherhood of Pyles Camp, added something to the Pyles Camp program, and you gave the greatest gift to Pyles Camp, yourself. Best of luck to all of your future endeavors.



Fourth Session

Ventura County



Chavo's Grizzlies

Ryan Hamsher, Matthew Jaramillo, Angel Laureano, Damian Lujan, Cody Ortiz, Junior Ortiz Flores, **Paul Oseguera**



Cookie Monster's Musketeers

Isaac Bliss, Jacob Crites, Daniel Flores, Angel Rivas, Gabriel Rodriguez, **Jesus Salgado**, Jack Sept, Joseph Sunken



Crash's Crashers

Unico Arroyo, Gavin Graves, Hector Hernandez, Zephyer Jones, Sergio Martinez, George Medina, Mykel Parson, Riley Woolen



Echo's Army

Rodolfo 'Rudy' Avina, Joseph Gallardo, Eduardo Gaspar-Rodriguez, Isaac Magana, Eugene Moreno, **Christopher Orozco**, Ramon Ramirez



4th Session Senior Counselors

Simba, Sniper, Commando

Names in Bold = Honor Campers



Elvis and the Presleys

Emanuel Delgado, Donovan Estrada, Sergio Hinojosa, Isaiah Lagunas, Ashton McCarthy, Iseia Nussman, Gabriel Ortiz, Christian Zamora



Koda's Warriors

Salvador Aguilar, Jackson Collins, **Andres Flores**, George Gonzalez, **Noe Mejia**, Christian Parson



Professor's Prodigies

Noah Alvarado, Enoch Aparicio, Anthony Cardona, James Flores, Jamaurion Gray, Bibiano Hernandez, Joel Ibarra, **Andrew Oregon**, **Thomas Zaragoza**



Rolo's Manguitos

Anthony Andrade, Dominic Castillo, Malik Darcus, **Ryan Hildebrecht**, Angel Ortiz, Kevin Quinones, Kyle Quinones, Anthony Valenzuela



Venom's Pacers

Vaughn Alston, Jacob Castaneda, Frankie Cueva, Michael Perez, Isaac Reyes Recendez, Gabriel Sanchez, Jacob Tellez, Eduardo Villa Ramirez

4th Session Staff

Workers

Aztec
Delta
Blackout
Patriot
Fizz
Cheetah
Sideshow
Winchester
Dallas
Pilot

Specialists

Bambi
Slayer
Kusuku
Trunks
Kirby
Charger
Scuba Steve
Billy Bear
Peaches
Grizzly

Senior Staff

Dolphin
Jaguar
Meg
Stewie

Summer Fun





Fifth Session

LA Harbor & Long Beach



Echo's Alphas

Fernando Diaz, Aaron Guettler, Kevin Holloway, **Andrew Ramirez**, Joel Razo



Haribo's Fire

Markus Evans, Junior Lopez, Erick Pinto, Alexander Rodriguez, **Andres Vera**



Koda's Cubs

Moises Botello, **Jesus Castro**, Jacob Doyle, Malaki Kent, Jordan Mays, **Brandon Morrison**



Matrix's Breakfast Club

Tyler Acosta, Adrian Cortez, **Julio Juarez**, **Sergio Lopez** Vejar, Brian Sneed, **Cameron Stevens**, Trevor Wu



5th Session Senior Counselors

Libre, **Sniper**, **Simba**

Names in Bold = Honor Campers



Navi's Darks

Jamell Brown, Joshua Cox, Michael Ponce, Angel Roman, *Christopher Sapiens*, Martin Yelland



Prong's Survivors

Edson Aguilera, Carsyn Castellon, Alec Marquez, Alex Rodriguez, Jerome Wilson



Rhino's I Don't Knows

Jayden Delacerda, Britomartis Kent, Thomas Lamb, Mark Lee, Jose Martinez, Hunter Staub, Roy Woods



Torch's Embers

Francisco Hernandez, Aydrion Hocking, *Damian Kermode*, Axel Sarabia, Emarion Simes, Ethan Solis, Samuel Vega



Rocket's Pros

Nicholas Aguilar, Cameron Love-Starks, Angel Maldonado, Yoauli Medina Brand, *Oscar Sandoval*, Raksmei Yan

5th Session Staff

Workers

Aztec
Fizz
Pilot
Skip Jack
Dallas
Salamander
Crossover
Cheetah
Delta

Specialists

Bambi
Slayer
Venom
Monsieur
Geo Dude
Rolo
Daredevil
Maui
Grizzly

Senior Staff

Dolphin
Big Al
Meg
Stewie

Summer Scenes





Lion Meadows

First of all, we hope you guys are enjoying an awesome time back at your homes with your families and are pushing through the second half of school. We know things might be getting a bit difficult around this time in school, but we want you guys to keep pushing through these small challenges. We know that around this time in the school year, it seems like schoolwork is just piling on top of us as well as things that are going on at home and sometimes, we feel like giving up, but we know you guys are strong enough to get through this. Just think back to the time when we were only halfway to Lion Meadows and it felt like we were never going to get there. With a bit of pushing and persistence, you guys conquered the trip although our legs felt like they weighed 100 pounds.

Aside from school though, we know that we sometimes run into our own problems and feel that we are just outsiders and don't belong. Well we want you guys to think back to the fun and good times we had back at Lion Meadows. For example, playing infected in the meadow (although SOMEONE, were not saying any names, decided to not follow directions and tried to climb a tree), or when we slept on the helipad and watched the meteor shower while listening to someone (again not saying any names) talk about Jeepers Creepers and how much they liked Shrek, or the awesome food that we had during our trip (although some of it was spicy but you guys know it was still good), or Ghost's legs while we rolled up his shorts (We had to say a name for that one), or even just back to the moment when we were sitting around the campfire and telling jokes and just enjoying each other's company while eating some s'mores. We want you guys to remember camp when things are getting tough and think to yourself, *if we can get through Jerky, Radio Rock, Bear Camp, and Jerky again, then we can do anything*, because we guarantee that you guys can do anything.

We can't express how proud we are of every single one of you for not only coming back and being part of the Lioneer program, but also for the great things that you guys are achieving down in the city. If you guys ever need the help of anyone of us, don't be afraid to reach out to us! All you have to do is get in touch with the camp office at (661) 294-1394, and we guarantee that they will get you into contact with any of us. Remember, we are proud of the young men you have become and how much you guys continue to grow. When that packet for Voyagers comes in, hopefully you'll fill it out and we see you back up, at the real Magic Mountain.

With lots of Love,
Chavo, Ghost, and Billy Bear





1st Session Lionees

Hulk, Cookie Monster, Professor, Devlpup

Seth Anderson, Daniel Baltazar, Carson Hayslett, Christopher Holguin, Tredarius Jones, Dustin Marshall, Nicholas Olsen, Andrew Ortega, Emilio Pelayo



2nd Session Lionees

Hulk, Cookie Monster, Apex, Dallas

Raul Alvarez, Saul Alvarez, Alotl Aparicio, Iciano Balcita, Jassiel Meraz, Alex Pablo Cruz, Ceferino Quiroz Gonzalez, Rafael Sanchez-Arana, Austin Williams



3rd Session Lionees

Hulk, Charger, Prongs, Blackout

Jessie Garcia, Joshua Guardado, Ivan Guzman, Isaac Lopez, Joseph Anthony Roybal, Caiden Salcido, Cristopher Sprague, Guy Woodard



4th Session Lionees

Hulk, Zinger, Prongs, Mouse

Xavier Aguiniga, Travis Brooks, Anthony Dominguez, Brent Goldie, Angel Meza Lopez, Diego Reyes, John Vargas II



5th Session Lionees

Billy Bear, Chavo, Ghost

Isaiah Benavente, Issac Flores, Mauro Perez, Adan Rangel Verdugo, Aaron Ruiz, Armando Sandoval

3rd Session Voyagers

This summer was my first summer at camp. I was part of the Pyles Leadership Training (PLT) during Session 2 and a Voyager Counselor during Session 3. During PLT I got to learn what it means to be a Pyles Counselor and the duties that follow this coveted position. Pyles showed that to be tough is to care and show compassion for others. Each camper needs to feel cared for and accepted for who they are in their present situation. Much of what Gizmo and Cosmo taught the PLT class this summer is closely related to what I learned in my first year of graduate school for School Psychology. The skills needed to be a Pyles Counselor are not only for camp, they are applicable to all areas in life. Having healthy relationships, being disciplined, working together, effective communication, caring for others, and putting your all into everything you do are a few of these skills. During outcamp these skills become even more important because there is no one to rely on but the persons next to you; this is the challenge and the reward. I truly became brothers with my PLT class through our struggles and triumphs during our training.

As Voyager Counselors during Session 3, Chavo and I had an awesome group of voyagers, many of whom had their Lioneer year cut short due to a wildfire the year before. We were faced with hardships and victories. We pushed each other, held each other up, and grew together. In 10 days the Voyagers of Session 3 trekked many miles, climbed thousands of vertical feet, navigated treacherous trails, provided trail maintenance, and still had time to catch several fish. One of the highlights of our trip was camping at Silver Lake which sits just above 10,000 feet of elevation. Here we were able to relax for a day, wash off in the water, catch fish, and enjoy the stars. Another highlight was Farewell Gap, where the border of Sequoia National Park and Sequoia National Forest is located and the farthest destination of our trip. We had a big meal, shared stories with each other, and experienced a great view.

To Chavo and Bucko's Voyagers: thank you from a deep place in my heart! Y'all made Session 3 the experience of a lifetime for me. Each of you I will never forget. We learned about each other on a deeper level than most ever do. Our conversations on the trail, in camp, and around the campfire will stay with me forever. I appreciate all that was shared during our time together and look forward to our next encounters. Wherever you go you always know Pyles is here for you.

To Campers and Lioneers, I challenge each of you to push yourselves as the Voyagers of Session 3 have: physically, mentally, and emotionally. Being a Voyager is a privilege, a challenge, and a reward. It takes all three to make the journey. Everyone is capable of making the journey, the question is will you accept the demands of what it is to be a Voyager?

This past summer has been an extraordinary experience for myself and I could not have dreamt a better time. As someone who had never a Pyles camper, let alone attended any summer camp, I was thoroughly impressed with the culture, passion, and transformation that takes place here. I want to thank all those who accepted and treated me as a brother. Never have I been so loved and close to as many folks as quickly as I did this summer at camp. Pyles is true brotherhood. I am glad to be a part of the family and look forward to next summer.

Thank you kindly,
Bucko

3rd Session Voyagers

Chavo & Bucko

Jose Hernandez, Ryan 'RJ' Higgins Van Noort,
Diego Medina-Islas, Edgar Sandoval, Yarid
Zaragoza



4th Session Voyagers

The Voyager program is not only a difficult experience for these boys, but also a privilege for these young men. It is not only a stepping stone towards being a worker at R.M. Pyles Boys Camp, it is also about discovering who they are and what they want in life. These select few boys experienced a lot during their 2 weeks. They showed a lot of personal growth and challenged themselves to do things they have never done before. Haribo and I were very pleased with the voyager group we had the pleasure of leading this summer. We were very pleased to have such an awesome group of boys. They came from so many different backgrounds and influenced each other in so many ways. They showed us what they're capable of as a worker, as well as what they're capable of in their future.

This past summer has been an eye-opening experience for these boys as well as for myself. We experienced and saw things that we have never seen before. The best part of this trip was watching these young boys develop and transform themselves into leaders.

Thank you guys for the amazing session filled with so many memories.

Sincerely,
Gus Gus

4th Session Voyagers *Gus Gus & Haribo*

Griffin Johnston, Michael Kermode, Tanner Maxwell, Nathan Miranda, Alexis Moreno, Fernando Ochoa, Bryan Valencia, Kevin Vasquez



Lioneer & Voyager Summer Adventures



Pyles Leadership Training

Developing Leaders

The Pyles Leadership Training (PLT) program is the next step for our young men working to be counselors. This year we were privileged to have a group of 14 strong individuals with a vast array of experiences. They each contributed by working together and sharing their knowledge about counseling strategies, activities, and cultural upbringing. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to complete the PLT program, but they were able to accomplish this task together as a strong team. We look forward to the magic these future counselors will bring to camp in the years to come. As instructors, we are very proud of all of them for successfully completing the PLT course and their commitment to the Pyles Camp program. As for our PLTs...good luck and be the counselors you know you can be!

Gizmo, Cosmo, and Dolphin



*Rolo, Gingy,
Charger, Rocket,
Dolphin, Shark,
Gizmo, Navi,
Cosmo
Haribo, Chavo,
Professor, Bucko,
Venom, Prongs,
Koda, Elvis*



Outreach Program

I would like to thank the full-time staff, board, selectors, and volunteers that make the outreach events a success. I am very thankful and appreciative to see the seasonal staff help facilitate activities, interact with all the program participants, and share their love for camp.

The outreach program gives us an opportunity to build upon the experience you shared with your fellow cabin mates, Lioneers, Voyagers, and staff this past summer. It allows us to change our routine, participate in activities, catch up on life, play, build the skills that were introduced at camp, and reconnect with each other so that we may be able to provide support.

Many of you have expressed a desire to return to Pyles Camp. By showing up to our reunions and field trips your presence demonstrated that Pyles Camp has planted a seed in your heart which you want to see grow. From now until next summer, what are your goals? What steps will you take to be ready to return as a Lioneer, Voyager, or worker? Do you desire to change habits that may be hurtful and replace them with healthy habits to help you grow?

We are here to listen, assist, and guide.
May peace be with you all,
Ozomatli



Staff Training

To be a top-notch staff member it takes hard work and dedication to the program. Each staff member takes time out of their busy winter schedule to participate in various training sessions. These training sessions include basic first aid, CPR with AED, Wilderness Emergency Care (Bug-Eye) outdoor living skills, and counseling skills.

At various times throughout the year the staff get together to upgrade their existing skills. These information packed sessions are intense and require each staff member to be involved in the learning process. The mission is to serve you the camper better and to make the best possible program anywhere. Perhaps you will be a staff member one day and join us for these exciting opportunities to grow.



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Summer of 2018





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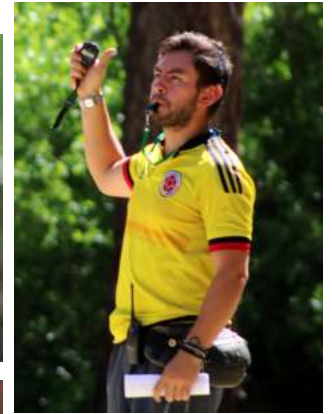
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Cosmo	Ryan McAdams
Crash	Jim Eaton
Crossover	Fernando Ochoa
Dallas	Ralph Anderson
Daredevil	Jeremiah Hall
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us are tiny matters
compared to what lies
within us.***

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

