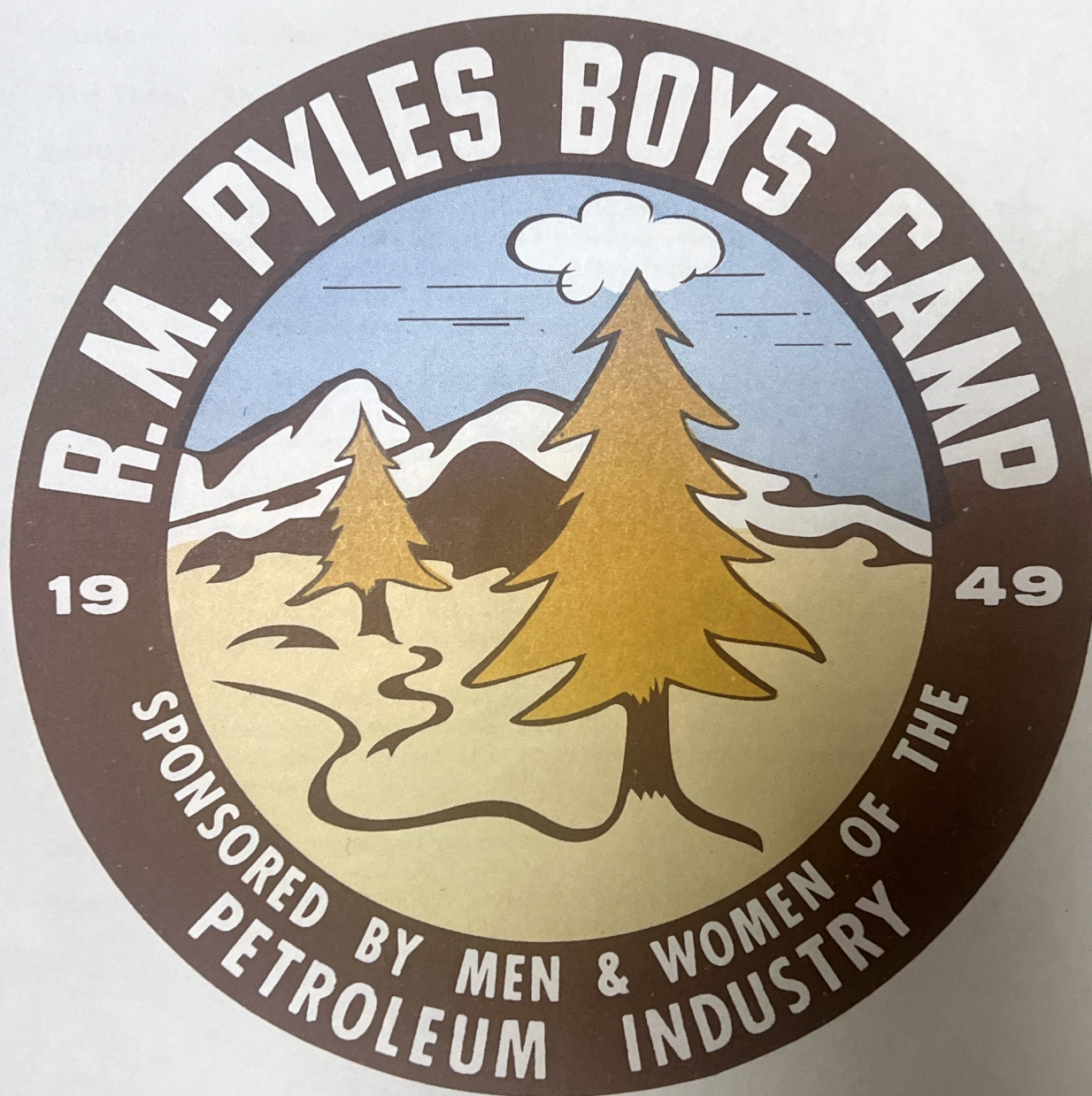


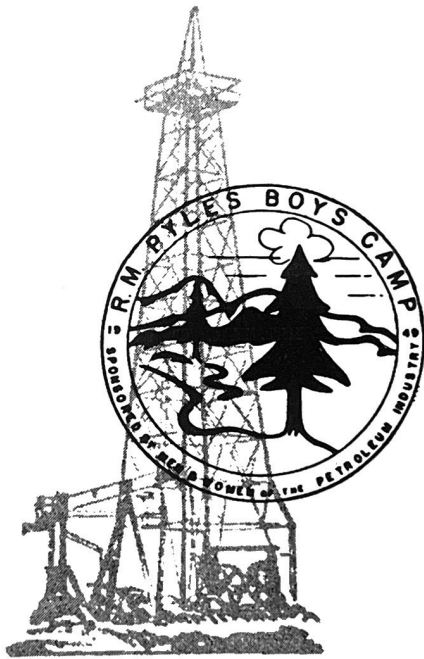


R.M. Pyles Boys Camp

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Beginning the Seventeenth Year



Sixteen Years of Boys

Question: "So, Pyles Camp, you are starting your 17th year, huh?"

Pyles Camp: "My charter says I was born in 1949, so I can't deny it."

Question: "What do you really think you have accomplished?"

Pyles Camp: "I think I have been the means of over 5000 boys experiencing something that was not only a first but a foremost event in their lives. I have proof that I changed hundreds of boys into a better frame of mind for combating life's problems. I have been the turning point for many boys, and that satisfies me that I accomplished something."

Question: "How do you figure you have been so lucky all these years? Many other camps and programs for kids, well conceived, just didn't make it. You seem to have prospered every year."

Pyles Camp: "My founders were good men, wise and generous, but first of all dedicated to seeing that I did make it. Then my plan must be the right one. I only want to help boys, and I'll never compromise my ideals."

Question: "Do you think you will ever need government support like so many other organizations have received?"

Pyles Camp: "Never!" The Oil Industry gave me my start and have supported me for these past 16 years. They have never, at any time, faltered in their support, and I have no fear of my future with this Industry and its people behind me."

Question: "Where do you go from here?"

Pyles Camp: "Into our 17th year. I think this one will be even better than any of the ones past. We are making progress in every area of our work, and we have many more important things to do."

Remember How It Was Last Summer



And Just Look At Woody's Pack Station Now!



Training Program '65

Again this year we will have a leadership training workshop for the 1965 camp workers. This workshop is designed to help the camp director decide what new boys will be placed in various camp jobs and serve as a training program for returning counselors and staff.

The first meeting of the group will be held in the winter office of the Boys Camp January 23 and 24. The entire group of ex-campers applying for various jobs will become acquainted with the new camp director and discussion groups will be formed to talk over the jobs of the Boys Camp. It is expected that 20 boys will attend this meeting on invitation of the camp office. These boys will cook their own food in the very nice winter office kitchen, sleep in the bunks there and generally form into a living group. A simulated campfire will be presented by the old counselors on Saturday night so that old campfire tricks will not be forgotten and some new ones will be introduced.

The second meeting of the Leaders training program will be held in March. This session will be devoted to classes of various subjects presented by experts in that subject. For instance, the head of the Orange County Red Cross will present a special training session to our counselors on camp first-aid.

The third session for our leaders for 1965 will take place during Easter Week in the Boys Camp and surrounding area. This session will be a training "in the woods" for those staff who are finally selected for the jobs of the summer months.

We are pleased that so many staff will be back with us this and some later article will list their names and something about each staff member.

We have recently learned that Contributors can designate their through A-I-D and United Crus



Rose Returns as Camp Cook

Rose Urbina, one of the best cooks --if not the best--has just completed a necessary two-year absence from the Pyles Camp and will return this coming summer. Rose has cooked for four summers in the Pyles Camp, 1959-62. Because of her very great ability as a cook and her equal ability to make friends with the campers, it was a real blow to lose her to the duties of supervisor of school kitchens in the Magnolia School District of Anaheim. Rose now has that position well under control and will be back with the Camp for a full ten-week span this summer.

We are most pleased to have her back with us, and I know every boy who eats her cooking will become a "Rose" fan!

Counselor Paints Office

Chuck Collins, counselor of 1964, is helping put himself through Whit-tier College this Spring semester by working part time as a painter. The painting is being done to the winter office of the Boys Camp. The office building has been in sad need of a new coat of paint and Chuck seems to be handling the job very well.

Anytime you come by 815 Knoxville and see a tall counselor up a short ladder, be sure and stop for a chat. Not too long though, for he must be finished by the Easter Holidays.

Geo. Salata Takes New Job

George Salata, camp director of 1964 and ex-camper of 1954, has accepted employment with his brothers in the construction business. The Pyles Camp's loss is the building business' gain, as the saying goes. George spent many years in the camp as a camper, later as a kitchen helper, then counselor. In 1963 George served as Ass't. Director under Skip Hinchman. When Skip was called to the service George took his place on the full-time camp staff as summer director (1964) and as follow-up man and assistant to Bob McAdams, Manager.

The camp wishes all the best of luck to George in his new ventures and prosperity and happiness in everything he attempts. I am sure the campers of 1964 all join the staff in wishing George Godspeed.

In Memoriam

One of our ourstanding campers of 1964, Jimmy Salter of Bakersfield, was fatally injured in an automobile accident this past December 3rd. Jimmy will be remembered by all those who attended the first session last summer for his fiery red hair and his great ability as a softball player.

Jimmy leaves many friends in the camp and the family was sent flowers and condolences on behalf of all the boys and men of the camp.

Jimmy could truly be termed a "Good Camper".

Mr. Pyles Well Again

Mr. R. M. Pyles, our founder, has successfully recuperated from a rather serious abdominal operation performed in October. His recuperation has been miraculous, and we are happy to know that he probably will visit the Camp this summer.



Skip Hinchman Returns

The Camp is very happy to have its own Skip Hinchman come back as Camp Director for 1965. Skip is truly a product of the Pyles Boys Camp, coming to it as a camper in 1954. Skip did well, not only that year but in later years when he came back as a dish-washer and then as counselor. Almost all of his "growing up" summers were spent working in the Pyles Boys Camp. Skip was asked to be Director of the Camp when he was 22 years old and he did an excellent job. The past 18 months Skip has been in the Army, stationed at Letterman Hospital in San Francisco. Skip will be released, we feel sure, this summer in time to come into the camp as full-time Director. At the conclusion of the summer he will work part-time with the Camp and will finish up his college credits. Skip will then become a year-round worker with Pyles Camp.

Skip will have another welcome home event this summer. He will be married in June, prior to his entry into the camp as Director. Betty, Skip's future bride, plans to work with youth also. Next fall she will be teaching in a Southern California school.

The Camp gladly welcomes Skip back to its fold and congratulates him on his forthcoming marriage.



A meeting of Campers and parents was held in the Ventura County Courthouse in November. The camp was honored to have Sheriff William Hill as its guest speaker. He presented a fine talk to the parents and campers who were selected by his department in 1964.



Lee Prinslow, manager of a Standard Service Station in Santa Barbara, is shown visiting one of the camper-parent gatherings in the Santa Barbara area with a camper, Ralph D'Oliveira. Lee is recalling with Ralph, some of his adventures when he first attended the Pyles Boys Camp in 1949, the first season of its existence. Lee has been a counselor in the camp, since first attending as a camper, and has given much time in volunteer service.

Winter

Visalia

Parent-Camper gatherings were held in Visalia for the Tulare County boys. This gathering was attended by 50 parents and campers. Parent-Camper gatherings were held in the winter office in Huntington Beach for the Orange County boys, attended by 90 parents and boys; and in the same location a gathering together was held for the Long Beach boys who were selected through the Bureau of Public Assistance. This group from Long Beach had the largest crowd of 110 for its meeting in the winter office of the Boys Camp.

Ventura

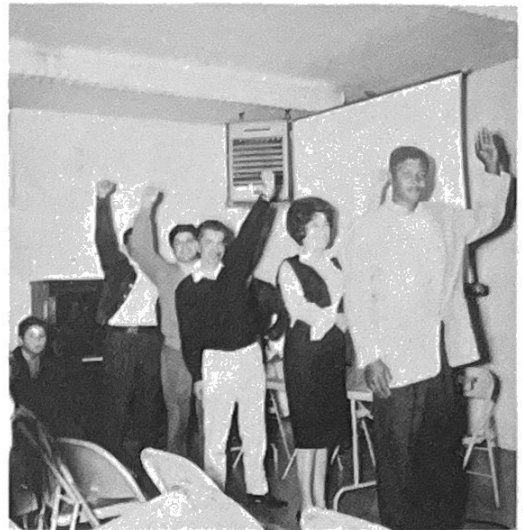
It is felt that these meetings were very valuable in doing something that had heretofore not been done. We were able to get a large percentage of the parents to come out and see pictures of the Camp, meet with our staff and join with us in the spirit of this program. We hope to have similar meetings next fall for the '65 campers and parents.

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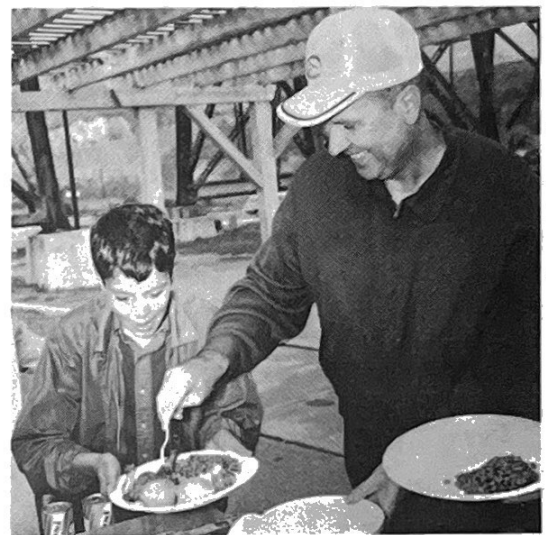


Activities

Parents of boys selected by the Ventura Police Dept. were hosted by the Camp at a camper-family gathering November 22, 1964.



Santa Ana



Mr. E. E. "Gene" Clark, board member and California Area Superintendent of Phillips Petroleum Company, recently hosted all of the boys who attended the Pyles Camp in 1964 from Santa Barbara. Mr. Clark set aside an entire day for the campers so that they could be flown to Phillips' off-shore drilling platform near Gaviota and also be treated to a chicken dinner. The day was blustery, but the experience of flying in a helicopter over 5 miles of water and seeing the massive platform was high adventure for twelve excited campers.

Long Beach

Santa Barbara boys who were selected to attend Camp in 1964 by the Sheriff's Office, and their parents, were guests of the camp at an informal meeting. This get-together was held in November in the Santa Barbara Courthouse, and films of the camp were shown and refreshments were served.

Santa Barbara

Camper - Oilman



Los Angeles oilmen showed their interest in the Pyles Camp this fall with a Los Angeles "Oilman-Boy" reunion. Under the direction of George Austin, Richfield Oil Company, the interested L. A. oilmen sponsored a reunion dinner at the Los Angeles Police Academy for the boys from that area who were chosen by the Police Department. There were 50 men and 35 boys attending this meeting, and it was generally thought to be a fine example of the type of reunion that we hope to hold in Los Angeles in the future.

LEONARD CHICO, shown receiving his award of a \$25 Savings Bond from Camp President, Warren Johnson. Also shown are other Pyles Campers and Mo Benson, Vice President of the Camp.

LOS ANGELES



Featured at this dinner was a presentation of "Post-Saturn Project" by Douglas Aircraft Company. Slide pictures of the future projects that Douglas will have and those now in the production stage were well presented by Mr. Phil Bono, shown holding missile, one of the nation's outstanding authorities on outer space exploration.



The Kern County Committee of the Pyles Boys Camp sponsored an "Oilman-Boy" luncheon in Bakersfield early in December. There were 211 boys and men attending this meeting which had all the ear-marks of a festive reunion. The oilmen invited to take a boy and pay for his luncheon were local men not heretofore members of the Pyles Camp Committee. The boys attending were campers selected from Kern County who attended 1964 Pyles Camp. Campers were transported from the far-reaches of the county by the Sheriff's selectors from those sections. Highlight of the program was the presentation of the first annual "Most Improved Camper" award made to Michael Utt of Bakersfield. Presentation of the award was made by Sheriff LeRoy Galyen.

This reunion has been proclaimed an annual event for the Kern County area, and we shall have another for the 1965 campers next December.

Letters from Campers

STEVE SAWYER, Wasco:

" . . . I will probably join the police force when I finish school. I hope I can go back to Pyles Boys Camp. Tell the gang hi for me. . . . I have two brothers in the Navy."

MARIO PACHECO, Los Angeles:

" . . . I am writing to tell you what I just couldn't bring out in words at our last campfire. My stay at camp was one I shall never forget. The staff is truly a great one."

ROBERT SECREST, Fillmore:

" . . . I shall never forget the fun I had up there. I told my mom about the fun and almost drove her wild. After I got home I got a call from most of my friends except Richard Grande. I called him and when his mother answered she said he was acting out skits. Tell the other boys to drop a line to the camp once in a while like I am doing."

BLANE MADRUGA, Goleta:

" . . . Could you find out Chuck's address and tell me. In case you don't know, Chuck is the counselor that had the Kingmen group."

RANDY JONES, Taft:

" . . . I don't think I have ever had such fun as I had at Camp Pyles. All of the great counselors we had was really something. The food was great. I am now a freshman at Taft Union High School and went out for football. I went fishing and caught a 21 lb. King Cod that was 36 inches long."

JOHN ATKINS, Long Beach:

" . . . Thanks for the bicycle the Pyles Camp gave me."

ERNIE GRANDOS, Garden Grove:

" . . . Just writing a few lines to say hello and wishing all to be in the best of health. As for me, I am fine."

TEOFILO VASQUEZ, Ventura:

" . . . I am writing because you said in your last Pylet that not many boys sent in letters. We want you to send us more news about what is going on in Huntington Beach. Some day I hope to go to Pyles Boys Camp with my mother and father."

JOHN LESTA, Pacoima:

" . . . We are lucky, we are going to get to go pheasant hunting this winter."

MIKE DOLAN, Tulare:

" . . . I really miss the Boys Camp. I have a new rabbit and her name is "Pinky". This will make our family total 13. Hope I can come to camp next year."

MIKE SIMS, Los Angeles:

" . . . I help out in the Red Cross with my time. If I work 25 hrs. for the Red Cross this year, I will get a certificate. When I graduate in June I will go to Jordan High School. I have homework every night and my subjects are very hard. But I will keep up because it is worth it to graduate."

DAVID ADAMS, Taft:

" . . . I want to thank you with all my heart for making it possible to go to Pyles Camp, I enjoyed it so much."

TO ALL CAMPERS: WRITE TO US. Other campers would like to hear from you!

A NEWS CLIPPING YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE MISSED!!

A reprint from Paul Harvey's News Column

American athletes at the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo brought new glory to Old Glory. So many times the Star Spangled Banner was played for a winner that some say they caught Russians humming it.

The uncommon excellence of our athletes convincingly labelled as a lie that false premise that "all men are equal." Our decidedly unequal athletes, black and white, eclipsed everybody from everywhere in the numbers of gold medals won.

But I want you to meet one lad who did not make the team.

I want you to hear from a loser, Cliff Cushman, of Grand Forks, N.D.

In 1960, in the Rome Olympics, Cliff placed second in the strenuous 400 meter hurdles. This year he was determined to give his country a first in that event.

He trained harder than ever. Nobody can know what that means unless he has scalded the lining of his lungs, seared his thigh muscles, endured the terrible physical agony of the last yards of the fast mile.

Maybe he tried too hard. At the Los Angeles trials, way out front of anybody else, he stumbled on a hurdle, fell, was disqualified.

To the Grand Forks newspaper, Cliff addressed an open letter to the youngsters of the town:

"Last Sunday you watched me hit the first hurdle, fall and lie on the track, an inglorious heap of skinned elbows, bruised hips, torn knees and hurt pride.

"In a split second, the years of training and pain and sweat and blisters--were for nothing.

"But," says Cushman, "please don't let my disappointment discourage you from trying. I can still face myself and you because in my heart I know I did my best.

"Don't feel sorry for me; save your pity for those who do less than their best.

"Each of you is in a tryout every day for another kind of 'olympic team.' Maybe it's the high school football team or the glee club. Maybe it's the honor roll. But whatever your goal, aim high!

"I've been running toward a star for 15 years: An Olympic gold medal. I haven't won it yet, but I can run faster because I aimed high.

"Romans 5: 3-5 has a very special meaning to me: 'We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us.'

"So, young fella, will you make the extra effort necessary to bring up your grade average? Will you stay 15 extra minutes after football practice and work on your blocking?

"You are taller and heavier and better coordinated and healthier than any previous generation.

"I dare you to have your hair cut. I dare you to clean up your language. I dare you to honor your father and your mother. I dare you to go to church. I dare you to aim high--to look up at the stars instead of down at the mud, and to pick yourself up when you fall down.

"There is still plenty of room at the top, but there's no room on the ladder to sit.

"Aim high. I dare you."