

PYLET 2025



**"THE MAN WHO SAYS HE CAN, and
THE man WHO SAYS HE CAN NOT...
ARE BOTH CORRECT" - CONFUCIUS**

DEDICATION

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

This edition of The Pylet is dedicated to the countless volunteers who have carried Pyles Boys Camp on their shoulders, backs, and in their hearts throughout our history.

From the first summer to today, volunteers have been the unseen hands that blazed trails, cooked meals, hauled gear, led hikes, patched blisters, washed dishes, fixed leaky roofs, sang songs around campfires, and gave their time and spirit to lift up boys who needed it most.

Your service has never been small. Every act, from driving a van to drying a dish, has been part of shaping a legacy where thousands of young men have discovered courage, resilience, and brotherhood in these mountains.

We recognize you, the alumni who return year after year, the parents who pitch in, the friends of camp who show up without fanfare, and the dreamers who believed in the mission long before it was proven. You are the roots of this camp. You are the reason it still stands strong.

On behalf of every camper who ever felt seen, valued, and challenged because someone like you gave their time: Thank you.

This yearbook is not just a record of a season. It is a testament to your legacy.

To all the volunteers of Pyles Boys Camp, past and present, we cannot say it enough.

Thank you.



Message from the OFFICE STAFF

Pyles Boys Camp has never been just a camp. It has always been a home. For many of us on staff, our journey began right where you are now: As wide-eyed campers stepping into the unknown. It was here that we discovered not only who we were, but who we could become. It was here we found a brotherhood, a family, and a place where we truly belonged. My hope is that you, too, feel that same sense of belonging. When you walk into camp, you are walking into your second home. Welcome Home.

For 76 years, Pyles Boys Camp has been daring young men to rise to their full potential. This place doesn't just build character; it calls it out of you. Every challenge you face here, every friendship you form, every lesson you learn is not just about surviving a summer in the mountains. It is about planting seeds of courage, strength, and resilience that will shape the man you are becoming and ripple out to touch the lives of countless others long after you leave camp.

As you continue your journey, never forget that you are part of something greater than yourself. You are part of a living legacy, a chain of resilience, growth, and service that stretches back through generations and forward into the future. The steps you take here, the choices you make, and the spirit you carry will echo far beyond these trails.

The Pylet you hold is more than a keepsake. It is a spark. A reminder that what you have achieved here is only the beginning, and that the fire lit within you at Pyles can fuel every goal, every dream, and every challenge you face in life. Carry it with pride. Carry it with purpose. Carry it knowing that you have the power to create change, to lead, and to inspire.

Here's to new adventures and the journey of a lifetime. Welcome to the Pyles family, and welcome to the next chapter of your story.

In the Pyles Camp Spirit,

Bamm-Bamm, Peaches, Gadget, and Sky



1ST SESSION



1st Pick Grizzly & Loon's Apex Predators

Cameron Sasser
Chayton Tecumseh
Damian Alvarez
Julian Partida
Kory Alvarado

Matias Monlina-Rayon
Nicholas Gonzalez
Peyton Zuppinger
Preston Espinoza-Dunn



2nd Pick Mouse & Webs' Bandits

Alexis Martinez
Ezekiel Hernandez
Joel Green
Joey Orejel
Jorge Flores

Nehemiah Reynoso
Raymond Hernandez
Rob Juarez
Uriel Jiménez



3rd Pick Inso & Fasty's Young Nice Campers

Caleb Hernandez Salazar
Damian Arias
Dayton Samaniego
Deandre Gregoire
Jaime Zavala

Jayson Castillo
Kaden DeMaria
Morgan Rundell
Tyler Hiller



4th Pick Stiletto & Secoya's Cobras

Blake Mimm
Bradley Nasif
Issac Barajas
Kai Apellido
Matthew Gamboa

Maximiliano Martinez
Nahualli Martinez
Roberto Martinez
Silvestre Macedo



5th Pick Dupe & Orion's Troops

Ayden Carrillo
Brandon Cervantes
Braxton Spann
Coel Scott
Ethan Garcia-Espinoza

Joaquin Partida
Jordan Rios
Michael Kelley



6th Pick Kenobi & Cronos' Badgers

Anthony Cortez
Branden Perez
Brennon Likins
Finn Aldrich
Jacob Mitchell

Jayden Castillo
Joshua Solano
Xavier Reyes



7th Pick Rocket & South's Reckless Raccoon

Alejandro Soberanes
 Alessander Cantoral
 Andrew Quintana
 Cristian Duran
 Diego Garcia Stark

Edward Vargas
 Jackson Henderson
Kevin Solis Cruz
 Toro Lane



8th Pick Hercules & Freeze's FAM

Abraham Moriwaki Salazar
 Adrian Botello
 Darwin Flores-Ortiz
 Eliseo Guzman
 Enrique Meza

Gadiel Gutierrez Sierra
 Gahel Roman
 Hayden Stockton



9th Pick Pancake & Go-Kart's Chocolate Chips

Benny Trujillo
 Eric Smith
 Ismael Soriano
 Jael Gonzalez Ibarra

Julian Arias
 Memo Duenez
Nicolás Gutiérrez-Ortiz



Support Team

Draco
 Skipjack
 Hurley
 Diamond Dog

Zed
 Metal
 Mortado
 Colossus

Bananas
 Electro
 Chivo



Specialists

Billy Bear
 Korra
 Zen
 Mama Bear

Sonner
 Havoc
 Juice
 Loki

Goonie
 Stitches
 Derby
 Jockey

Who is this guy in all the photos? Thomas Valles from Disney's McFarland, USA

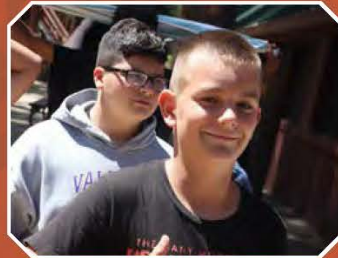
If you've noticed a familiar face in our camp photos, that is Thomas Valles from Disney's McFarland, USA. His journey of grit and perseverance brought energy and inspiration to camp, reminding us what it means to lead with humility. Big thanks to Jocky and Chain for making his visit possible. Their efforts to bring him here made a lasting impact not just on the boys, but on the spirit of camp itself.



Summer



Memories



2nd Session



1st Pick Dupe & Secoya's B4L

Ace Soria
Drake Greer
Emmanuel Sanchez
Francisco Hernandez Jr.

Jacob Hernandez
Sam Sanchez
Xavier Coronado



2nd Pick Stiletto & Fasty's Gummy Bears

Angel Flores
Angel Robles
Caleb Luna
Cruz Butera

Guillermo Fuentes
Joshua Forsyth Fedele
Julian Luevano
Saketa Gregor



3rd Pick Ole & Webs' Sticks

Adrian Montalvo
Alberto Aispuro
Dominic Castillo
Everardo Ortiz

Jonathan Villanueva
Marco Tellez
Nathaniel Garcia
William Tienda



4th Pick Bookworm & Orion's Los Reyes

Evan Charles
Jacob Tuche
Joseph Alvarez
Keegan Ashmore

Michael Castellanos
Neko Romero Galindo
Robert Torielli



5th Pick Rocket & Loon's Sock Manufacturing

Alijah Kaufman
Andrew Salas
Arturo Alfaro
Dylan Bernal Zabala

Jayden Brooks
Jose Rojas Reyes
Parker Faber
Xavier Ochoa



6th Pick Kenobi & South's 7 Leaf Clovers

Abel Gonzalez
Arturo Miramontes
Carlos Raya

Liam Sanchez-Budnik
Mentor Huebner



7th Pick's Pancake & Cronos' Sequoia Boys

Daniel Ramirez
Daniel Rebiejo
Dillon Kerley
Jose Loza

Justin Barrison
Sergio Rivera
Trace De La Cruz



8th Pick's Tiburon & Loki's Pythons

Aaron Robles
Alex Ramirez
Cole Harman

Ethan Johnson-Stevenson
Ever Olivas Obeso
Gustavo Herrera Zambrano



Support Team

Draco
Skipjack
Big Al
Hurley

Diamond Dog
Jaguar
Zed
Go-Kart

Bananas
Electro
Chivo



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Billy Bear
Korra
Jaguar
Zen
Mama Bear

Sonner
Havoc
Juice
Cookie Monster
O'Reilly

Fleur
Goonie
Stitches
Jockey



*In Loving
Memory*

**JACOB
JESUS
HERNANDEZ**

SEPTEMBER 6, 2010
SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

3RD SESSION



1st Pick Blinder & South's Sasquatch Steppers

Aj Ramos
Damian Budreaux
 Daniel Hernandez
 Daven Porter
 David Calderon

Joe Martinez
Justin Kolb
Noah Marr
 Wesley Wilkerson



2nd Pick Stiletto & Fasty's Low Tapers

Aiden Rodriguez
 Arturo Cortez
 Darren Porter
Elijah Roa

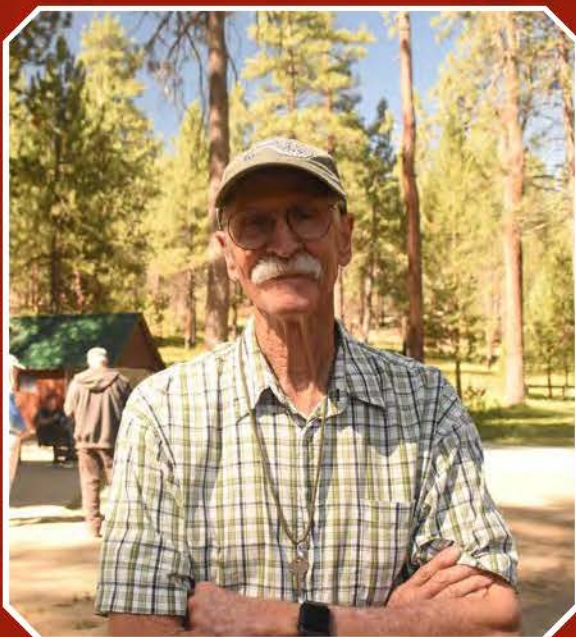
Greidyn Gonzalez
 Joseph Carranza
 Josue Lopez
 Xavier Fuentes



3rd Pick Mouse & Loki's Ravens

Adam Ramos
 Angel Garcia
 Bradley McCarthy
 Drake Ramboyong

Jason Vinson
 Jaydenn Ortiz
 Julian Ramos
 Manny Espinal



Welcome Back! The Man, The Myth, The Seymour!

After some time away, it is a real gift to welcome Seymour back into the fold. His knowledge of the natural world and his ability to share that wonder with campers is second to none. Having him return brings not only expertise but also a sense of humor and tradition that strengthens the entire program.



4th Pick Inso & Loon's Chat

Ayden Ramos
Chris Ruiz
Eli Hernandez
Jamyre Murry

Michael Romanelli
Taydem Baker
Truxton Staib
Yadiel Gonzalez



5th Pick Rocket & Cookie Monster's Giggles

Basilio Haro
Jacob Figueroa
Kobe Burton
Landon Miller

Nick May
Renard Flores
River Jenkins
William Livesey



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Korra
Zen
Mama Bear

Sonner
Havoc
Goonie
Stitches

Jockey
Ocho
Seymour



Thank you, International Staff – Learning Culture, Modeling Pyles Spirit

Our international staff deserve special recognition for the way they have embraced American culture while living out the true Pyles Spirit. From navigating new traditions to modeling resilience and camaraderie, they showed our campers what it means to adapt with positivity and pride. Each of you immersed yourself in the brotherhood of Pyles, added your own mark to the program, and gave us the greatest gift of all. Yourself.

Best of luck in all your future endeavors, South, Fasty, Loki, Cronos, and Picaro.

LION MEADOWS

Lioneer Program

Are you up for the challenge? Your camper year served as a foundation, which led you toward your future goals. The independence at Lion Meadows requires you to handle more duties because of your increased freedom. The views become more spectacular while you experience deeper moments and achieve genuine personal development.

Since 1977 the Lioneer Program has challenged campers to move past their comfort zones and discover their actual potential. The hiking trails extend further, while you need to carry heavier loads during your journey. Yes, the work is harder. But the Lioneers who graduate from Lion Meadows become leaders who possess independence, responsibility, and resilience. Your team and you will gain better views and stronger bonds while you develop pride from your accomplishments of their experience.



Lion Meadows presents an opportunity to experience the most memorable time of your life. The Lioneer Program is a proud camp tradition, running strong for 47 years, and every summer, new Lioneers take their place in Lion Meadows history.

Director: Simba



1st Session Lioneer A

Counselor: Cookie Monster & Ole

Daniel Barriga-Ortiz
Gabriel Rodriguez
Cervantes
Gage Harms
Jair Escobedo

Joel Angulo-Borboa
Mauricio Zamora
Odin Ingram Romeo
Hernandez Scott
Tello-Flores



1st Session Lioneer B

Counselor: Tiburon & Picaro

Angel Arambula
Anthony Jauregui
Ivan Chaney
Jayden Hodgins
Johnny Zacarias

Julian Becerra
Konner Carrasco
Lamar Williams
Maximus Salas
Milo Hodgins



2nd Session Lioneers

Counselor: Eragon & Picaro

Adrian Cabrales
Adrian Jimenez
Alejandro Ojeda-Zamora
Blake Cross
Branson Damron
Jaydence Booth
Jeremiah Furlow

Marsel Yakovlev
Mateo Rubio
Moises Adams
Patrick Hibbard
Raymond Melgoza-
Holloway

3rd Session Lioneers

Counselor: Tiburon & Picaro

Aidan Sosa
Jayden Cabrera
Atreyu May
D'angelo Chavez
Erick Lee
Fermin Hernandez
Juan Silvano

Kuetzaplin MacGregor
Marvin Arellano
Noah Smith
Shayne Delgado
Temoc Martinez
Tony Calderon



VOYAGERS

Voyager Program

The Voyager Program is designed for boys who have completed their first and second summers at camp and are ready for the next big step. Voyagers are challenged to rise into leadership roles, not just by setting an example, but by learning how to guide and inspire their peers. For many, this year marks the beginning of a lifelong connection to camp and a deeper understanding of what it means to serve, to lead, and to leave a Pyles Camp legacy.



2nd Session Voyagers

Counselors: Grizzly & Inso

Bentley Baze
Daniel Ceja
Diego Martinez
Eder Rojas Luis
Edward Duran

Isaac Duran
Keaton Kerley
Ryder White
Santiago Aguilera
Tyson Kerley



3rd Session Voyagers

Counselors: Pancake & Cronos

Damian Aguilar
Felipe Alaniz
Harlan Copeland
James Watson II

Keaton Kerley
Luis Ruiz
Sebastian Maldonado
Tyson Kerley



TRAILBLAZERS

Trailblazer Program

The Trailblazers step into a pivotal stage of the Pyles journey. One focused on service, growth, and the transition from simply attending camp to shaping camp. Each Trailblazer commits to enhancing life skills while giving back to the community that has helped guide them. This year represents more than just another summer; it is a chance to step into responsibility, take ownership, and begin leading by example.

Being a Trailblazer is more than just rolling up your sleeves. The program balances service with skill-building opportunities that prepare campers for the future. Through workshops, games, and guided discussions, Trailblazers develop essential tools such as communication, financial literacy, organizational skills, coping strategies, and educational and career readiness. These lessons are woven into the camp experience, ensuring that growth happens both in the cabin and beyond the campfire.

The Trailblazers Program is a stepping-stone to greater leadership. It gives each participant the chance to discover what they are capable of, to serve others while strengthening themselves, and to take the first real steps toward becoming the role models and leaders of tomorrow at Pyles and beyond.



1st Session Trailblazers

Counselors: Barnabas & Jaguar

Evik Garcia
Joseph Flores
Joshua Castillo
Leonardo Sanchez

Mauricio Gandara
Nolen McAdams
Ricardo Zepeda
Sebastian Gutierrez-Ortiz



2nd Session Trailblazers

Counselors: Barnabus

Benjamin Gerber
Franco Garcia Perea
Johan Luevano Rodriguez

Kevin Martinez
Nolen McAdams

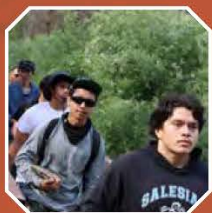


3rd Session Trailblazers

Counselors: Jaguar

Jesus Herrera
Brandon Anderson-Brown
Franco Garcia Perea

Gabriel Terrazas
Isaac Arellano
Ricky Celis



PYLES LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The Pyles Leadership Training or PLT Program is the final and most challenging step before joining the Pyles staff. Participants dedicate themselves fully to learning what it takes to be a counselor, carrying forward the traditions and standards that make camp unique. This summer is not just about training. It's about transformation. PLTs transition from campers into leaders, preparing to guide the next generation through the same trails, challenges, and victories that shaped their own journey.

At the heart of the program is the **Pyles Standard**, a comprehensive set of skills and values that define what it means to be a Pyles Camp Counselor. PLTs receive training in Leave No Trace principles, Outdoor Living Skills, Outcamp games, conflict resolution, cabin culture, and behavioral management. They dive into the philosophy of campfires, community, and mentorship, understanding that leadership at Pyles is as much about heart as it is about skill.

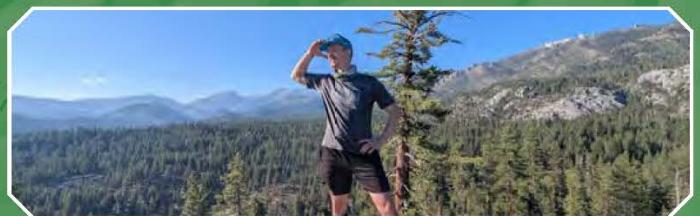
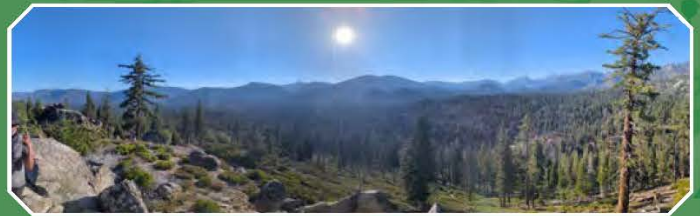
The PLT experience is more than a training ground; it is a rite of passage. It prepares young leaders to carry the flame of Pyles forward, ensuring that the camp's legacy of resilience, hard work, and brotherhood continues for generations to come.



PLT Counselors: Gizmo & Professor

Angel Mendoza
Brandon Anderson-Brown
Franco Garcia Perea

Isaac Arellano
Kevin Martinez
Mathew Banda



STAFF SPOTLIGHTS



Small But Mighty!

Korra's steady hand and fearless spirit at the ropes course have been a huge asset. She not only keeps campers safe but also pushes them to discover their own courage. Her consistency year after year shows that excellence isn't a one-time thing for her: it is a standard she brings every day to the ropes program.



Welcome, Pancake!

Pancake hit the ground running and quickly became a reliable presence on the team. The way he handled his "welcome aboard" moment was impressive: jumping in, learning fast, and contributing with energy and positivity. It's not easy to make a strong first impression in this environment, but Pancake did exactly that.



Way to Go, Sonner! Growing into the Photographer Role

Sonner has leaned into the photography role with grit and creativity, capturing the camp experience in ways that tell our story beyond words. He's grown more confident behind the lens each week, and his work doesn't just document camp, it celebrates it. The photos have already become part of our living memory, and Sonner deserves credit for making that happen.



WINTER OUTREACH

When the summer is over, the work of Pyles Boys Camp continues. In fact, that is when one of the most important parts of the program begins, our Winter Outreach. The goal is simple: to support you in carrying forward the positive changes you discovered at camp, while keeping the friendships, lessons, and spirit of Pyles alive all year long.



Our job is to stay in touch with you and organize reunions, field trips, and events that bring us back together. These gatherings are not just about fun (though there's plenty of that); they're about reconnecting with your Pyles brothers, rekindling friendships, and continuing to learn and grow. From sporting events to trips across Southern California, every activity is a chance to apply the lessons you learned in camp to your everyday life. Remember, those lessons aren't just for the mountains. They are tools for school, home, and every challenge you will face.

Staying connected matters. Whenever you get a letter, email, or call from us, especially about an upcoming event, make sure to respond, even if you can't attend. The more you stay involved, the more the spirit of Pyles stays with you. And know this: our connection to you doesn't stop at events. We are always here to support you and your family. If you are struggling at school, at home, or just need advice, reach out. We'll do what we can to help. You can always reach us at the Pyles office (661) 294-1394.

Finally, never forget that your Pyles journey doesn't end here. Many of you will take the next steps as Lions, Voyagers, Trailblazers, and PLT, if you keep pushing yourself, that coveted role of Pyles Counselor. It takes dedication and commitment, but you already have what it takes.



So, keep in touch, keep working hard, and keep an eye on that mailbox. The Pyles spirit is always with you.

Happy Hiking,
Gadget and Bamm-Bamm



STAFF SPOTLIGHTS



Message from Flint 2025 Assistant Director

Gentlemen, I hope these words find you well, and these memories bring you back to your time at Pyles Camp. As you remember your camper year, the smiles, the adventures, the challenges, the sound of the wind flowing through the trees, please also remember the lessons and metaphors we

talked about during our campfires and activities, and know that you can persevere in whatever challenges you may be up against. I am comforted knowing the positive impact camp experience has had on my life and that you too have the opportunity to do things differently, for yourself, your family, and friends. Thank you for your hard work and your willingness to learn and for implementing those lessons back in the city. School is in full swing, and Camp is around the corner. I look forward to hearing about your efforts during your next challenge in the Pyles journey of becoming better men. It was an honor to have served you and I wish you well.

Blessings,
Jose "Flint" Ojeda



Facilities Excellence

Maverick and Gloria, affectionately known as "Goonie," are the unsung heroes who tirelessly maintain our facilities. Their dedication and hustle are the bedrock of camp life, ensuring everything runs smoothly. From essential repairs, to flights to Lion Meadows and countless hours clearing roads, their unwavering efforts keep the camp not only operational but flourishing.



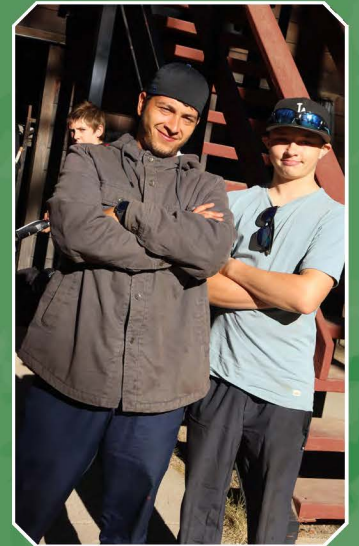
Tireless Commitment

Simba has truly set the standard at Lion Meadows this season, showing consistency, leadership, and heart. His attention to detail and ability to step up for both campers and staff have made that space thrive. It's clear that he takes pride in making Lion Meadows a place where excellence isn't just expected—it's lived out every single day.

Summer



MEMORIES



2025 SUMMER STAFF

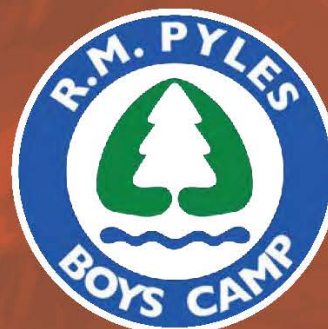
Thank You for Your Dedication!

The dedicated summer staff at Pyles Boys Camp are the heart and soul of our program. With passion, energy, and an unwavering commitment, they pour themselves into every moment of the camp experience. More than leaders, they are mentors and role models, guiding our boys through challenges, celebrating their victories, and fostering a spirit of brotherhood and growth.

Through their hard work and selfless service, every boy feels seen, supported, and inspired to reach higher than they thought possible. The impact of their dedication lasts far beyond the summer, leaving a legacy in the lives of the young men they serve. We are proud and deeply grateful for the heart, resilience, and devotion they bring to Pyles each and every day.

"Bamm-Bamm"	Dale Decker Jr.
"Bananas"	Anna McAdams
"Barnabas"	Oscar Velasco
"Big Al"	Allen Shelby
"Billy Bear"	Jose Romo
"Blaster"	Victor Salas
"Blinder"	Jayson Haskell
"Bookworm"	David Morales
"Bravo"	Roman Gutierrez
"Butterfingers"	Angel Mendoza
"Chivo"	Nathaniel Ramirez
"Colossus"	Joshua Calderon
"Commando"	Eduardo Salas
"Cookie Monster"	Devin Vasquez
"Cronos"	David Castro
"Crossover"	Fernando Ochoa
"Derby"	David Dayan
"Diamond Dog"	Kevin Roa
"Dodge"	Dylan Haskell
"Draco"	Julio Alvarez
"Dupe"	Dupree Young
"Electro"	Miguel Pinedo
"Eragon"	Bryan Sanchez

"Fasty"	Marcos Marte
"Fleur"	Kristen Harris
"Flint"	Jose Ojeda
"Freeze"	Joseph Arrieta
"Gadget"	Monica Mendoza
"Gizmo"	Ruben Sanchez
"Go-Kart"	Thomas Zaragoza
"Goonie"	Gloria Uny
"Grizzly"	Cesar Ramos
"Havoc"	Jose Becerra
"Hercules"	Hector Jimenez, Jr.
"Hermano"	Kim Robinson
"Hurley"	Jose Garcia
"Inso"	Christopher Orozco
"Jaguar"	Frank Zaragoza
"Jockey"	Lupe Solis
"Juice"	Logan Cotton
"Kenobi"	Oscar Menjivar
"Korra"	Kaelyn McAdams
"Loki"	Joe Ball
"Loon"	Kyle Coleman
"Mama Bear"	Melinda Alexander
"Maverick"	Jim Uny
"Metal"	Ethan Kendrick
"Mortado"	Cesar Sanchez
"Mouse"	Isaac Luque
"Ocho"	Mercedes Medina
"Ole"	Andrue Alonzo
"O'Riley"	Ty Harris
"Orion"	Carlos Angulo-Borboa
"Pancake"	Jorge Roa
"Peaches"	Brandie McAdams
"Picaro"	Rafael Vigo Mesa
"Poh"	Alexandre Lopez
"Professor"	Andrew Newcombe
"Rocket"	Pedro Celis
"Secoya"	John Lopez
"Seymour"	Phillip Brown
"Simba"	Jess Cobos
"Skipjack"	Griffin Johnston
"Sky"	Jessica Walter
"Sonner"	Roman Gutierrez
"South"	Julian Roa Rache
"Stiletto"	Frankie Cueva
"Stitches"	Anita Solis
"Tiburón"	Joshua Guardado
"Webs"	Alexis Vargas-Rodriguez
"Zed"	Nathaniel Lopez
"Zen"	Christopher Kravatz



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