

# PYLET 2000



*“Many Hands, Many Minds, One Goal”*

# Welcome to the Pylet

Welcome to R.M. Pyles Boys Camp's official yearbook "The Pylet". The Pylet is written for you as a reminder of your camp experience. We hope that as you read through the pages and look at all the pictures you will reflect back to the fun you had at camp and the lessons you learned. Remember to share your camp experience and the lessons you learned with your family and friends as you show them your Pylet for the summer of 2000!

We are sorry for the delay in getting this Pylet to you. Due to the kitchen construction and computer projects the Pylet was delayed about two months.

*Shotgun*



*John "Rifle" Bethell  
Pyles Camp  
Director  
1979 - 1982*

*... out of  
the kind-  
ness of his  
heart ...*





# Dedicated to Rifle

*“A good life cannot be put in a few words.”*

The legacy of Pyles Camp has been the quality of its leaders. Mr. Pyles was dedicated to having the highest quality program. These philosophies lead to the recruiting of people such as **John “Rifle” Bethell**.

Rifle, a teacher in Taft, began his Pyles career by selecting boys. Eventually Smokey, the Camp Director, asked him to be his assistant during the summer. Upon Smokey’s retirement in 1979, the Board of Directors hired Rifle as the full time Camp Director, a position he held until 1982. Smokey was high in praise for his replacement and remembered fondly the close association Rifle held with the Board and all the boys that went through camp. Nana remembers Rifle as a dear friend and one of the best Camp Directors she’s worked with.

Rifle was best known for his big heart and desire to help boys. He would never close the door on anyone and believed that everyone was worth saving. Peanut remembered Rifle for his deep faith, wisdom, patience, kind and caring nature, and his humor.

Beaver shared the following story:

*During the summer of 1976 my mother was in the hospital and my father came to the house to watch my younger brothers and sisters. Because of past experiences with my father this was not a good situation for me at all. Rifle found out about it and took me to live at his house for two weeks until I was scheduled to work at camp. While I was at his house he counseled me and helped me make it through a tough period in my life. Rifle did this out of the kindness of his heart and never asked anything in return.*

*I also remember Rifle playing the trumpet. He played “Taps” a couple of times from across the creek at campfire. I still remember lying down to sleep in the Marine Corps boot camp and in my mind hearing him play “Taps”, and the sweet memories of Pyles Camp.*

We will always remember his humor and Donald Duck impersonations at the campfire. He was quick to smile and slow to anger. Rifle made a positive impact in the lives of all that were fortunate enough to meet him.

Sadly, Rifle succumbed to the ravages of cancer this summer; he will be missed by all of us. May God bless his family and friends in our time of loss.

*Thanks to Smokey, Beaver and Peanut for contributing to this article.*

# Something to think about

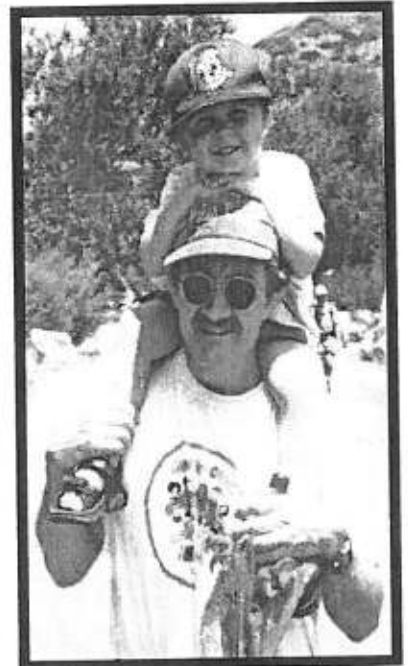
## Rocky - Change

Change in an organization has its own special challenges. But, change in a person is equally challenging. And change is what we ask each of you to consider while at Camp. Just as we as an institution have 50 years of habits and patterns behind us, you have 12-14 years of habits and thought processes behind you.

During your stay at Camp we try to teach you to see your life with "new eyes" and to check the patterns you have developed. We want you to ask questions of yourself. Questions like: What changes are really necessary for me to grow? Which habits and behaviors do I keep because they are an essential part of me? Which do I drop because they are destructive and unhealthy? We then challenge you to begin to make those changes while at camp and ask you to continue with those changes at home.

Change is hard, the future is cloudy and the past is often a known comfortable path. I know it is all too easy to slip back to those old comfortable ways. However, without change there is no growth; and true growth is almost always uncomfortable. To move ahead it takes determination and effort.

At Pyles Camp we want to encourage you to keep the faith and continue on with any change that will help you reach your fullest potential. Because, becoming all you were meant to be is what Pyles Camp is all about! **Rocky, Executive Director- Camper 1969**



## Shotgun - Which road will you choose?

*One day Alice came to a fork in the road and saw a Cheshire cat in a tree. "Which road do I take?" she asked. His response was a question: "Where do you want to go?" "I don't know," Alice answered. "Then" said the cat. "it doesn't matter."*

*Lewis Carroll - Alice in Wonderland*

We all must have direction in our lives in the way of goals. Throughout your life you are going to come upon many forks in the road. Your goals are going to help point you in the right direction. Without goals you will come upon these forks and not know which to take and you'll end up just wandering through life.

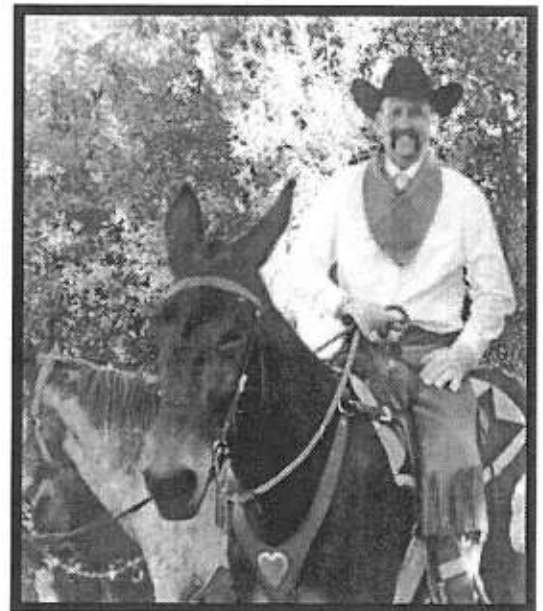
## *Beaver - Dont let the chain of love end with you.*

Time has passed by so fast, summer is gone and winter is here. It was a real joy to have each and every one of you at camp this summer. We shared many good times and shed a few tears together.

While you were at camp we talked to you about making changes in your own life to make you a better person, a better citizen. I have heard people say, "you can't change the world." I say you can. You may not change the whole world but you can change the one around you. Whether that change is positive or negative is in your hands.

Remember what we taught you, don't be a victim. Stand up and take the tools that we have given you and make your life a success. The "Kool" story taught you that no matter how negative a situation may seem to others, you can turn it around and make it into something positive.

The chance to go to Pyles Boys Camp was a gift to you. My only request is that you use that gift to better your lives and the lives of the people around you. What will your legacy be, what will people remember about you when you are gone? **Beaver – Camp Director – ( Camper 1974)**



No two roads are the same. Each road that you come to is going to lead you in a different direction. Many times the road less traveled is going to be more rewarding in the end, although it will probably be more challenging. Think about school, if your goal is to just graduate, the road is not that difficult; show up for class and study just enough to pass the tests. But, if your goal is to graduate and go onto college the road is more challenging; striving for the best grades you can get, spending extra time doing homework and studying. This extra effort pays off in the end, as your rewards will be greater.

*Two roads diverged in the woods, and I took the one less traveled and it has made all the difference...*

*- Robert Frost*





# Mule Days 2000

This year we celebrated our fifth year of very successful competition at Mule Days in Bishop California during Memorial weekend. "Mule Days" is the largest mule event/competition in the world. Professional and amateurs alike come from all over the United States and elsewhere to participate. It is considered the premiere event for mule enthusiasts. The events of Mule days include competitions in mule packing, riding, and fun events like musical tires and a panty race.

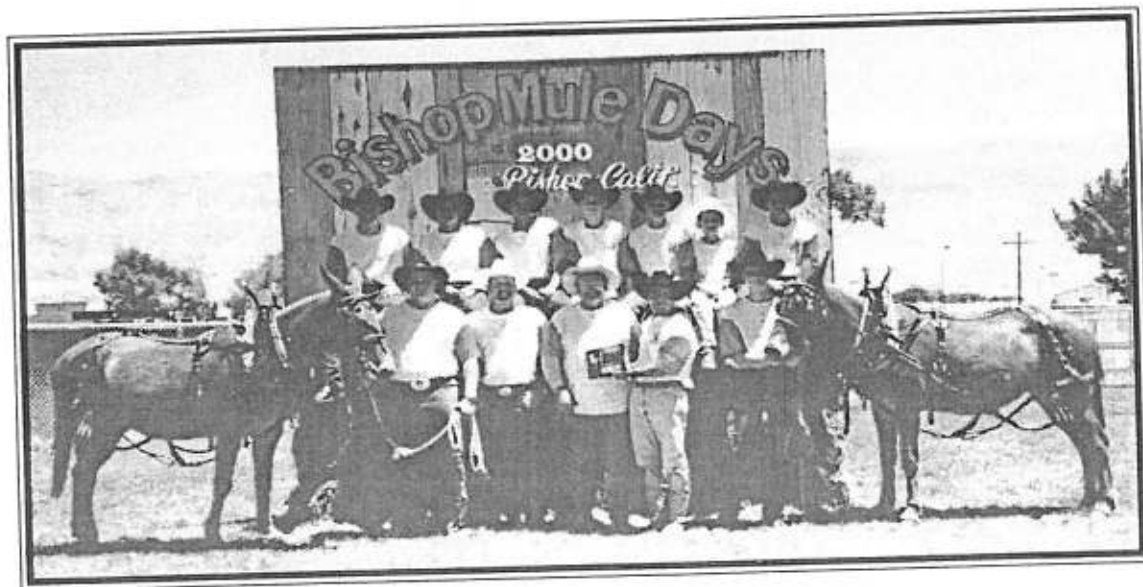
Presenting the positive image of Pyles Camp were team members: Muffler, Waterboy, Woodrow, Blazer, McFly, Cloud, and Fader, led by Reid Hopkins, Beaver, Dodger and Bodean.

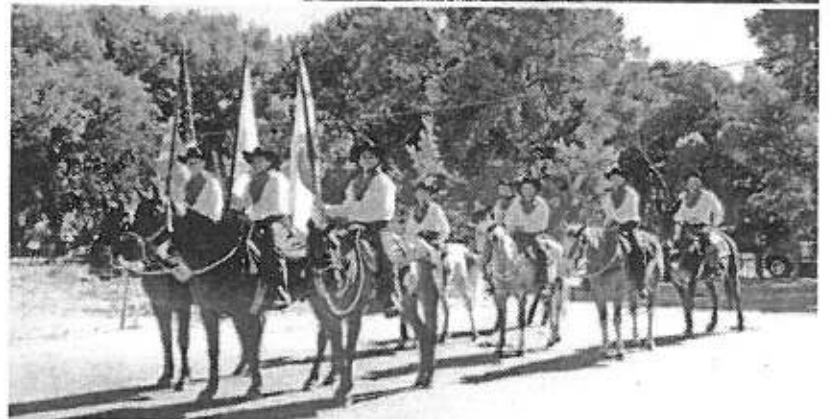
The seven-member team started meeting in February at Reid's mule ranch located in Kernville, California. They trained for eight weekends leading up to the big event. Classes consisted of mule packing, equine care, horsemanship, first aid and CPR, along with helicopter rescue safety, leadership, and many other fun and exciting events. On top was the chance to get to know and work with each other, developing a stronger respect and brotherhood among the participating staff members.

They took home eighteen ribbons ranging from first to fifth place as well as one first place trophy for the parade mule string and a judge's special recognition award for our parade horsemen. We are very proud of their accomplishments. In just three short months of training they were able to compete against world-class mule people and place well.

We thank all of the donors and volunteers who made Mule Days a great success both this year and in years past. Money is raised through separate contributions apart from the funds raised to run Pyles Camp. The donors have a special love for Pyles Camp, mules and the fun of the Mule Days competition. Our thanks and heartfelt appreciation goes out to all those who contributed to our team.

**A special thanks goes to Reid Hopkins and his tireless effort and devotion to making this event possible for us at Pyles Camp.**





## *Thank You Dr. Pipkin & all the Staff at Panama Equine*

As you all know our horses and mules are a big part of Pyles Camp. You learned to ride a horse and went on a trail ride through beautiful Giant Sequoias. We also use the horses and mules to transport supplies, equipment and work parties to Lion Meadows. And then there is the big "Mule Days" event in which we compete.

Dr. Pipkin and her staff have been very generous to Pyles Camp for many years. They provide medical care and love to our horses and mules; they also support our Mule Days teams. Without their contributions we would not have the top quality horse program that we enjoy. Thank you for all your help and support of Pyles Camp.



# Many Hands, Many Minds, One Goal

*What does it take to run camp? Who gets the camp ready for us before the summer?*

Pyles Camp is supported and driven by countless individuals and volunteers each do their part to make it possible for all of us to enjoy camp. Pyles Camp contributors support us in many different ways. Some contribute financially, while others donate their time. Each year you receive generous discounts from stores in the Kern River Valley and Bakersfield. Your select volunteers their time to send you to camp.

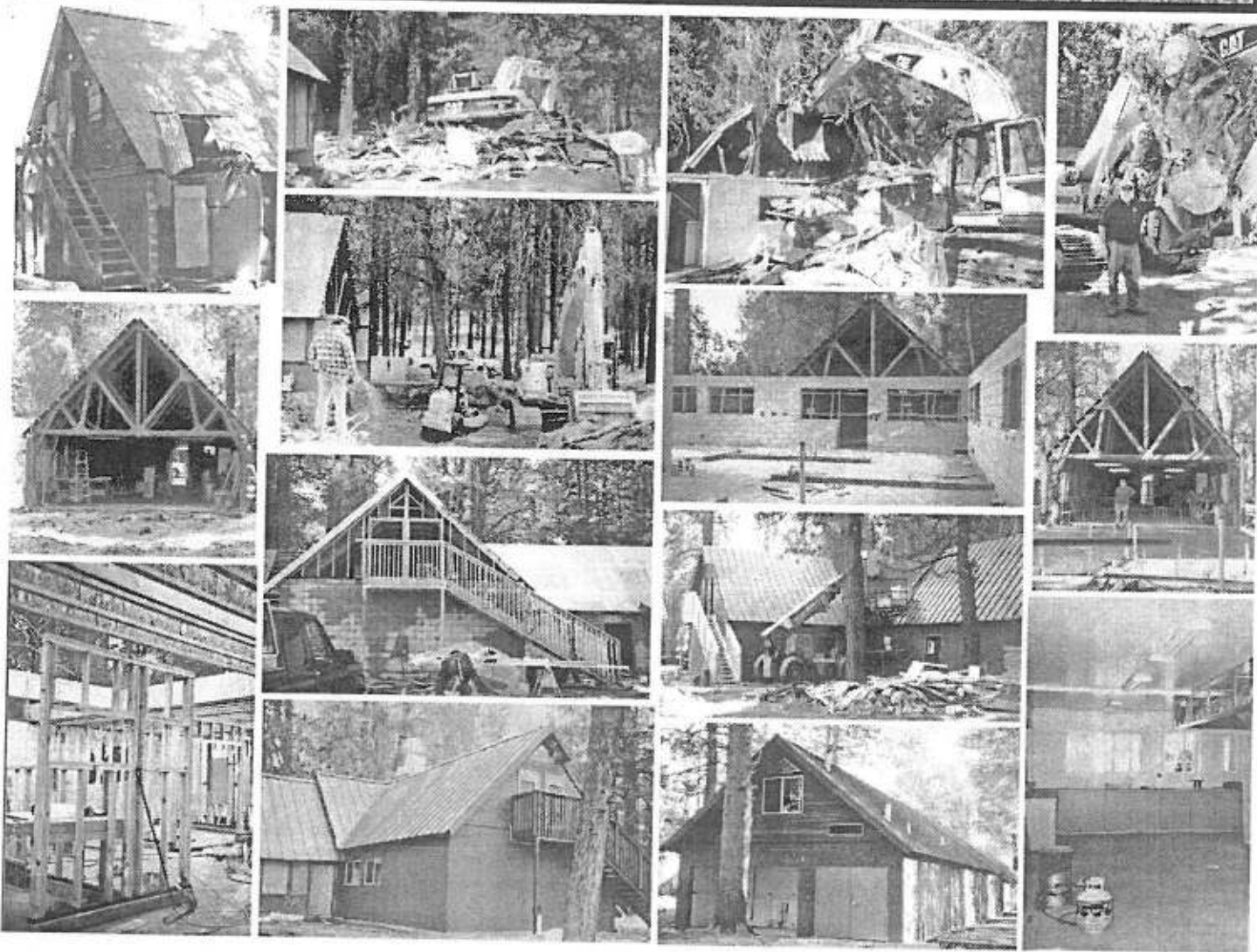
We could fill books with all the names of those who have and continue to provide support for Pyles Camp. To name a few who are supporting you at Pyles Camp: **Edna Walker** and her years of organizing the Ventura Camper Reunion, **Dave Brown** and **Greg Fowler** for the countless hours of backhoe work, **Reid Hopkins** for his support of the Lion Meadows Program and organizing, fund raising and training of our Mule Days Team, **Richard Ellis** for taking on the challenge of networking the office, **Willie "Freight Train" Patterson** for extensive help with the work parties, **John Suniga** for our welding and chainsaw needs and **Sue Durham** for all the hours spent repairing broken zippers and torn sleeping bags during the winter.

*On behalf of all the campers and staff who have benefited from your kindness and generosity, we say Thank You!*





# *Kitchen gets a new look*



The camp kitchen undergoes a major remodel! On Thursday August 31, 2000, after the last group began their journey home, a small group of staff and volunteers along with **Board Member Bob Morton**, his crew and a few very large tractors began dismantling the old kitchen. By early Sunday afternoon all the crews and all the tractors were gone and the old kitchen was completely removed. All that remained at the end of the mess hall was compacted dirt ready to begin rebuilding the new kitchen.

Our new kitchen will be up and running in the spring of 2001. We have made it a little larger than the old one by enclosing the open space between the old walk-ins and pantry. By doing this we have created needed work space! For all those who have worked in the kitchen in the past you know just how small the kitchen got during meal times. Some aspects of the kitchen will remain the same, but it will also include many nice additions.

Over the months of construction it has been an awesome site to see it all coming together. We are looking at this kitchen to take the camp through at least another 50 years.

# Summer Fun





# Special Recognition

## Kim "Hermano" Robinson

Kim "Hermano" Robinson is well known through Pyles Camp history as the Guru of the Lion Meadows program. This year Hermano took a break from Lion Meadows to be a Nature Specialist. Hermano used his many talents to rejuvenate our existing nature program. The campers and staff warmly welcomed Hermano's enthusiasm, energy, and awesome sense of humor.

Hermano spent the days he did not have any groups at the nature center backpacking much needed supplies of Nana's cookies out to hungry campers and staff in the backcountry. He also mentored many of the PLT's and enabled them to provide the best nature program possible.



Hermano is a very busy high school teacher in Salinas and we appreciate the time that his wife allows him to spend with us. (We look forward to Hermano's marathon six sessions in 2001?) Thank you Hermano!

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## Karen "Art-e" Akamine

The Krafts program at Pyles Camp has received a major boost by Karen "Art-e" Akamine! Working a few sessions during the summer of 1999, Art-e worked an outstanding, marathon six sessions this past summer as the Krafts Specialist. She introduced new activities like plaster face masks and painted horseshoes while reinforcing the traditional Krafts program and camp values.



Art-e not only worked in the Krafts area, but could be seen working hard anywhere and everywhere around camp whenever help was needed. Her nightly performance of "Baby Shark" at the campfire was a joy for the campers and staff. Art-e provided an excellent example of the type of staff member that Pyles Camp desires: hardworking, responsible, a great attitude, and a genuine love for the boys and the camp. Good job Art-e!





# First Session



**Wolf's "No Limit Soldiers"** – Charles Sparks, **Wolf**, Jonathan Myers, Zylar Anderson, Shawn Holt, Amadeus Ayonayon, Roberto Alvarez, Mark Belvis. Not Pictured – Alberto Jaramillo, Steven Finigan.



**Sidewinder's "Sequoias"** – Top: **Sidewinder**, Shane Barton, Kyle Smith, Alex Camarena, Jorbie Jackson, Buckets; Bottom: Michael Demaree, Cris Payne, Daniel Torres, Tim Booth, Brandon Berrigan.

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**Dolphin's "Dashing Dolphins"** – Top: George Legorreta, **Dolphin**, Curtis Day, Jose Jara, Buckets, Austin Browne; Bottom: Donald Stone, Steve Cantu, Danny Gilbraith, Tommy Devine.

**\*\*\* Special Note \*\*\***

*Our first session group pictures never made it back from the developer. I'd like to thank Sidewinder for providing these photos.*

*(The names are not in order.)*

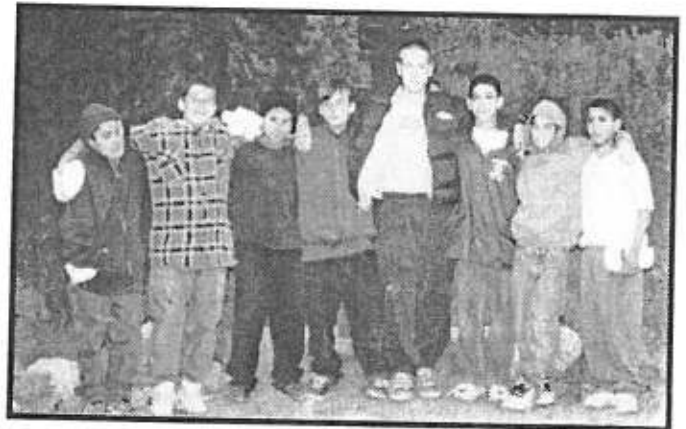


**Fader's "Crusaders"** – Joseph Maine, Jeffrey Clemente, **Fader**, Ricardo Zepeda, Torry Dickerson, Daniel Carter, Roberto Mancina, John Clinton, Russell Fronteras.

# Bakersfield



**Tiger's "Running Wolves"** –Chris Finley, Cecil Thorne, **Tiger**, Leonardo Espino, Kameron Smith, Aaron Ridley, Andy Hope, Adam Day, Brian Troxell.



**Mustang's "Fastbacks"** –Jeffrey Vigil, **Mustang**, Trevor Stanley, Rafael Madrigal, Anthony Torres, Ray Behill, Joshua Spier, Chris Zubia



**Cosmo's "Hot Boys"** –Zachary Reinke, Fred Cannon, **Cosmo**, Ernest Gonzalez, Rubin Espino, Luis Garcia, Scott Rundall, Eric Serna, DuShun Roberts.



**Duke's "Ruff Boys"** –Troy Hatley, **Duke**, Andreas Gomez, Ken Garcia, Alejandro Romero, Danny Haywood, Jose Rosas, Sean Ward.

## Honor Campers

*Chris Melton  
Aaron Ridley  
Steven Finigan  
Albert Jaramillo*

*Danny Gilbraith  
Daniel Torres  
Andres Gomez  
Torry Dickerson*

*Charles Sparks  
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# Second Session



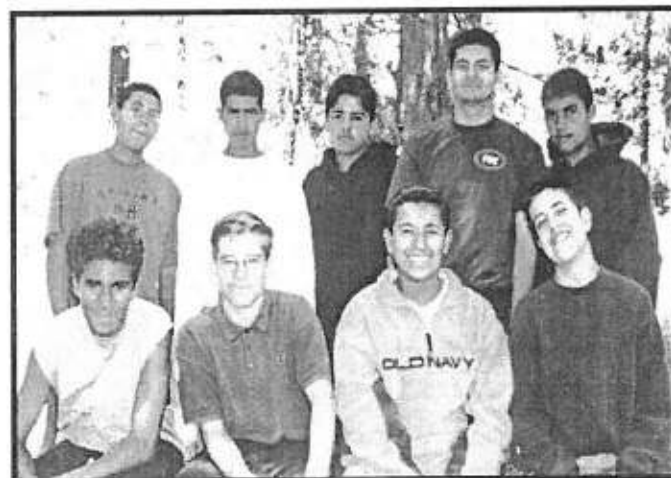
**Dolphin's Silver Hawks:** Top: Christian Ayala, Roberto Guardado, **Dolphin**, Rigo Lara, Kendall Worthy; Bottom: Rafael Rocha, Rogelio Mendoza, Javier Medina, Victor Villegas.



**Cosmo's Wolverines:** Top: Fabian Pereida, Xavier Avila, **Cosmo**, Ruphes Jenkins, Chris Harold; Bottom: Jorge Chavez, Steven Hoffman, Robert Jacintho, Sean Whaley.



**Silent's Knight Owls:** Top: Efren V Rodriguez, Robert Ornelas, Frank Salinas, Leroy Hughes, Arturo Martinez; Bottom: **Silent**, Joey Miranda, Nicholas Ventolieri, Chris Garcia.



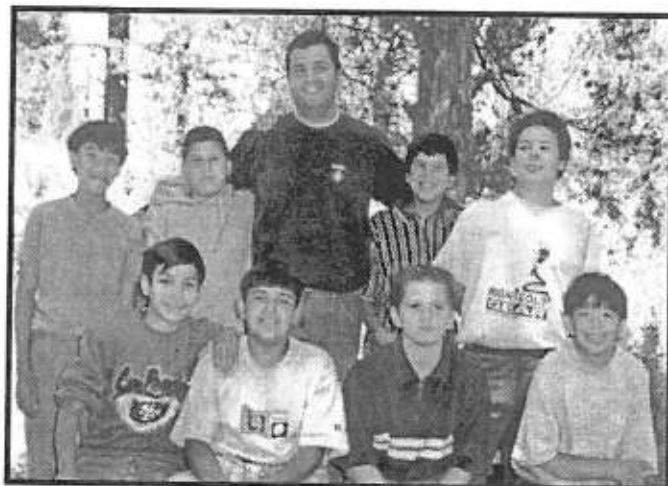
**Lobo's Hiking Vikings:** Top: Adrian Garza, Tarence Young, Joel Nunez, **Lobo**, Martin Galvin; Bottom: Marques Singleton, Lee Haywood, Anthony Hernandez, Tim Jensen.



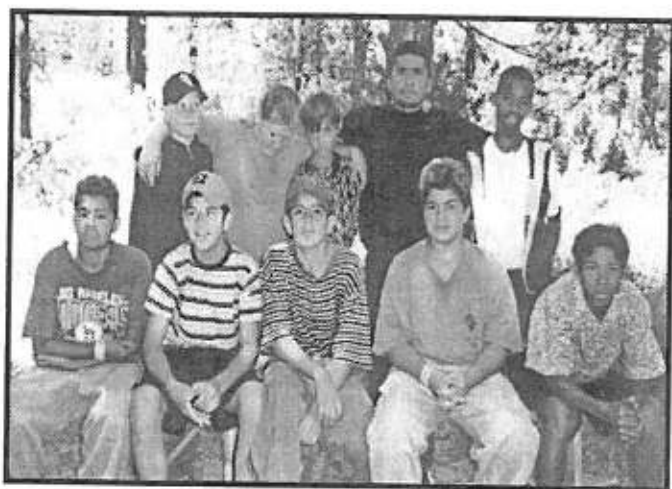
# Kern & Los Angeles County



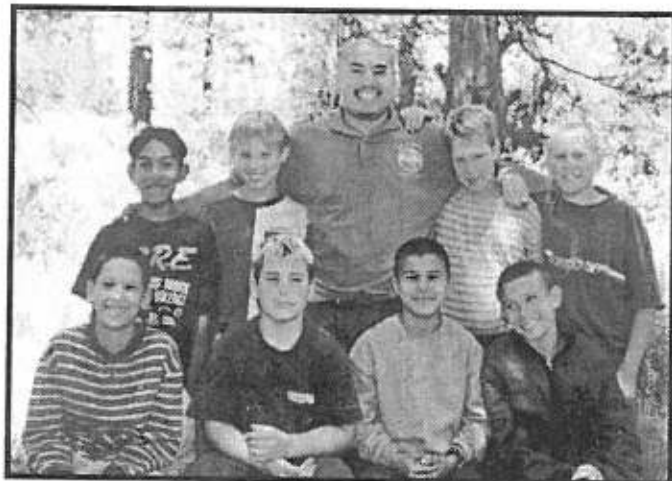
**Duke's Limp Bizkits:** Top: Abel Anaya, Duke, Kevin Gamel; Bottom: James Gaetz, Aaron Galvan, Richard Fortuno, Joshua Lara, Brandon Brink-Bolivar, Not Pictured Jacob Martin.



**Spoon's Wolfpack:** Top: Raymond Yu, Arthur Olmos, Spoon, Robert Neal, Brandon Zeestraten; Bottom: Victor Jimenez, Michael Capistran, Fredrick Myhre, Junior Olmos.



**Paisano's Hot Boys:** Top: Donny Dillingham, Marcus Unsell, Randie Richards, Paisano, Rebenirix McKeever; Bottom: Carlos Villapando, Ezequiel Soto, Brandon Hall, Clarke Miranda, Alonzo Payton.



**Wolf's Falcons:** Top: Chris Ferret, Jonathon Walzer, Wolf, Zack Estes, Rene Isbell; Bottom: Anthony Lozano, Jordan Perry, Joe Expinoza, Brandon Hollifield.

## Honor Campers

*Lee Haywood*

*Anthony Hernandez*

*Victor Jimenez*

*Rigo Lara*

*Christian Ayala*

*Richard Fortuno*

*Chris Garcia*

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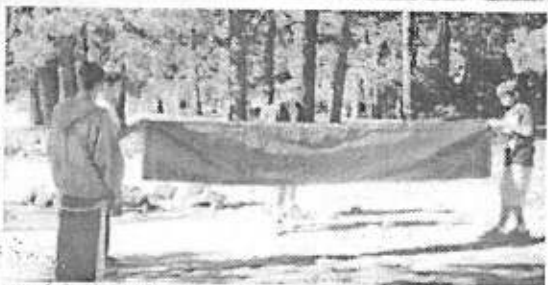
*Brandon Zeestraten*

# Reflections of





# *the Summer*





# Third Session



**Mcgyver's Echos** – Top: Jonathan Crump, Reinaldo Osorio, Manuel Alvarez, Anthony Mercado, Vincent Hilton, Abraham Serna, Joshua Rojas, Michael Tsai, **Mcgyver**.



**Mustang's New Age Outlaws** – Top: Joshua Chavez, Omari Howard, **Mustang**, Sean Morales, Paul May; Bottom: Ryan Armijo, Sergio Guerrero, Johnny Lugo, Bobby Arellanes, Walter Sernoi.



**Gizmo's Midgets** – Top: Jose Alvarado, Jesus Davila, **Gizmo**, Julian Valdez; Bottom: Christian Mata, Tony Clarke II, Luis Solis, David Garcia, Javier Hernandez.



**Paisano's Warriors** – Top: Abraham Arriaga, Marquis Bijole, **Paisano**, Mehemia Davidson, Tony Pena, Nicholas Doxey, Samuel Swift, Alvaro Corral, Angel Cortez, Andres Garibaz.



**Bullet's Blasting Bullets** – Top: Mark Guerrero, Rafael Peniazosa, **Bullet**, Damian De La Cruz; Bottom: Edward Mercado, Johnnie Rivera, Salvador Huezo, Joaquin Chavarria, Curtis Hopper II, Michael Lee.

# Los Angeles & Santa Maria



**Spoon's Radical 9** – Top: Junior Palacios, Dewey Chu, Luis Juanez, Joseph Orosco, **Spoon**, Richard Galvan; Bottom: Vicente Romero, Andrew Santistevan, Adam Villanueva, Jose Molina.



**Lobo's Gladiators** – Top: Milan Epps, Alan Tang, Mark Anthony Gonzalez, Brian Jackson, Adam Arriaga; Bottom: Scott Hilton, Jesus Alvarado, **Lobo**, Charles Burnett, Jason Blackmon.



**Ozo's Rough Riders** – Top: Marcos Orozco, Jesus Chavarria, **Ozo**, Rafael Montiez, William Nicassio, Manuel De La Cruz, Marcus Lyghts, Michael Zauala, Victor Val Verde, Carroll Koo.



**Fader's Wildcats** – Top: Robert Lopez, Adrian Moody, **Fader**, Brandon Thomas; Bottom: Alex Dumas, Bradley Larson, Carlos Cadillo, Homero Contreras, Mark Ayala, Jose Anda.

## Honor Campers

*Jesus Alvarado*

*Charles Burnett*

*Carlos Cedillo*

*Joaquin Chavarria*

*Joshua Chavez*

*Duy Chu*

*Alvaro Corral*

*Nehemiah Davidson*

*Milan Epps*

*Marq Gonzalez*

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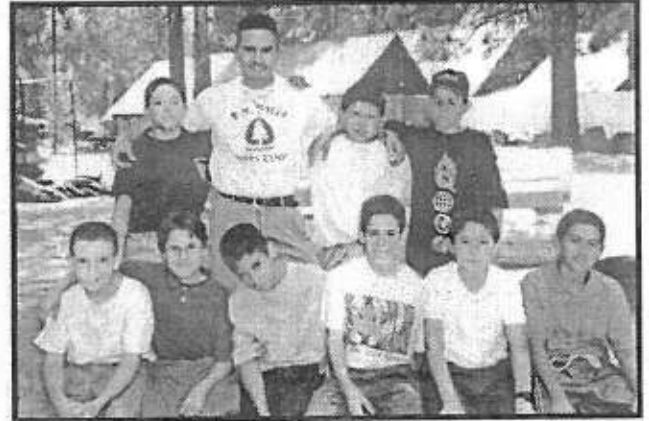
*William Nicassilo*

*Abraham Serna*

# Fourth Session



**Paisano's Los Paisanos** – Top: Brian Herron, Paisano, Lucio Molina; Bottom: Frank Vera, David Coppage, Richard Reyes, Sal Velgara, Ruben Sanchez.



**Dolphin's Pacific Blue Dolphins** – Top: Felipe Alvarado, Dolphin, Paul Ursua, Daniel Sheehan; Bottom: Josh Myers, Flavio Martinez, Angel Tarango, Andres Vasquez, Cruz Molina, Eduardo Rivero.



**Chainsaw's Hydrators** – Chainsaw, Angel Molina, William Vrtis, Walter Reed, Fidel Garcia; Bottom: Vincent Hernandez, John Morgan, Luis Yeren.



**Fader's Indians** – Top: Jose Martinez, Fader, Hernan Briseno, Carl Dickson, Justin Kinsler; Bottom: Miguel VeLarde, Josh Magallon, Alex Compian, Jose Reyes.



**Goblin's Hiking Warriors** – Top: Robert Dietzel, Goblin, Gabriel Molina, Angel Coronado; Bottom: Mark Unger, Keith Cook, Chris Brooks, Mathew Gomez, Tony Miranda



# Ventura County



**Jester's Nation of Domination** – Top: Jester, Sweetchuck, Daniel Gager, Carlos Vergara, Noe Martinez, Omar Carrasco; Bottom: Blake Stewart, Tony Flores Cody Hildebrand, Jorge Jimenez, Armando Cervantes.



**Cosmo's Troops** – Top: Jason Cole, Miguel Sandoval, **Cosmo**, Oscar Robles, Johny Mendoza; Bottom: Jesse Melendez, Fernando Linares, Bobby Powell, Randy Medina.



**Duke's Blazers** – Top: Geovany Ramirez, Albert Hernandez, **Duke**, George Flores; Bottom: Samir Rodriguez, Hector Avila, Jacob Sannicoles, David Bunheirao, Ryan Stevens.



**Bullet's Hollow Bullets** – Ramiro Reyes, Tony Hernandez, **Bullet**, Julio Rosales; Bottom: Mario Sainez, Alvarado Saldivar, Narciso Mora, Juan Martinez, Robert Campos.

## Honor Campers

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David Coppage  
Robert Dietzel  
Tony Hernandez*

*Cody Hildebrand  
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Angel Molina*

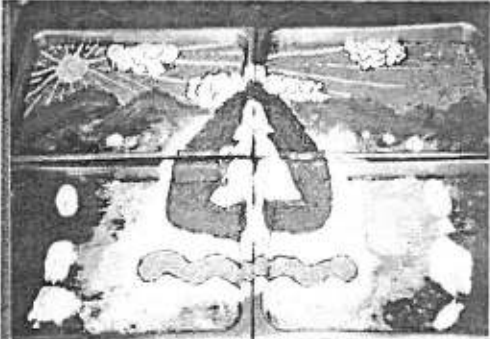
*Lucio Molina  
Ramiro Reyes  
Richard Reyes  
Franky Rivera*

*Alvaro Saldivar  
Ruben Sanchez  
Salvador Velgara  
William Vrtis*

# Summer



# Memories





# Fifth Session



**Primo's Rascals** – Top: Ryan Del Aquia, Primo, Mikey Chavez; Bottom: Johny Solorio, Luis Perez, Edgar Martinez, Andrew Valenzuela, Aaron Pilson.



**Fletch's Rattlesnakes** – Top: Fletch, Mario Nava, Keona Alofaituli, Jeff Buller; Bottom: John Rodriguez, Christian Horta, Humberto Rodriguez, Tony Cuevas, Jake Martin.



**Silk's Coyotes** – Top: Silk, Luis Mora, Mark Cline; Bottom: Roland Party, Jose Rivera, Michael Arias, Kyle Solis, Ramiro Garcia.

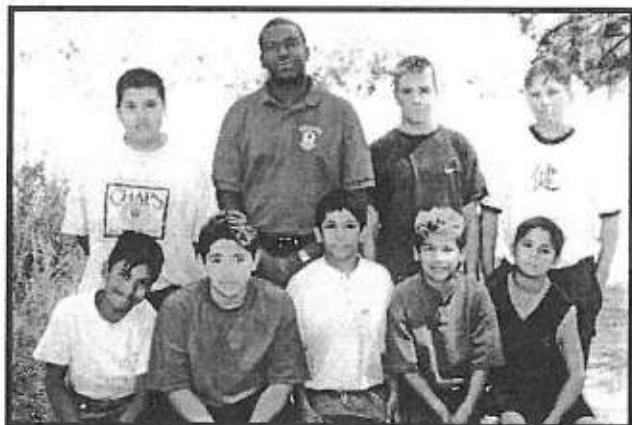


**Spoon's Unknowns** – Top: Josh Rempell, Spoon, Jason Holstein, Mike Cociffin, William Castillo; Bottom: John Cannon, Brandon Frausto, Chris Mariam, Adam Elmore.



**Bear's Gumi Bears** – Top: Ryan Vilavicencio, Kevin Bond, Omar Jimenez, Bear; Bottom: Albert Garcia, Steven Rivero, Marco Ortiz, Charles McQueen, Edgar Castillo.

# Santa Clarita & Orange County



**Shade's Bobcats** – Top: Franky Galleros, Shade, Joey Broadway, Daniel Casillas; Bottom: Oliver Penaloza, Alonso Ferrer, Renee Barrios, Oscar Chavez, Fernando Revera.



**Goblin's Mystical Warlords** – Top: Marco Ortiz, Goblin, Spencer Swarington, Tom Fuerte; Bottom: Chris Reynolds, Mark Nichols, Justin Gross, RJ Campbell, Steven Kendrier.



**Wayward's Mountain Lions** – Top: Sean Mashood, George Sagastume, Wayward, Joseph Euskee, Brian Nunez; Bottom: John Lindstrom, Michael Soza, Clarence Walton, Mario Zuniga, Tom Tarrant.



**Hoss' Rough Riders** – Top: Steven Sanchez, Jason Sewell, Hoss, Martin Carrasco, Armando Barrientos; Bottom: Matt Alvarez, Fabian Pitcher, Jonathan Gross, Oscar Mondragon.

## Honor Campers

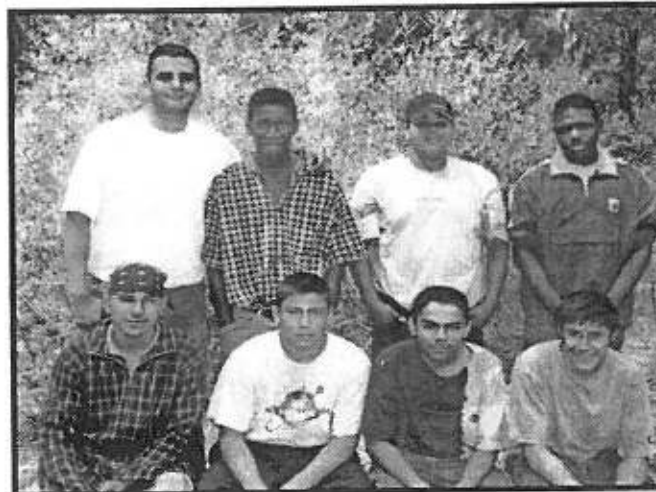
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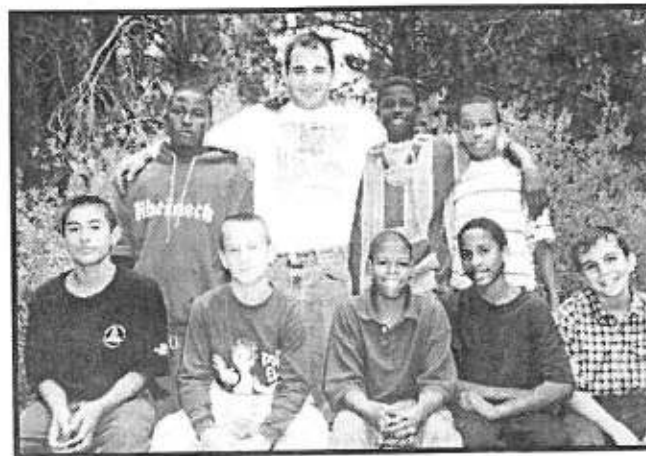
# Sixth Session

**Spoon's Chaos** – Top: Spoon, Terry Wallace, Raymon Arenas, Jason Hockley; Bottom: Luis Pineda, Cristian Castro, Sergio Velasquez, Jose Loza.



**Fader's Rattlers** – Top: Alfred Shallowhorn, Fader, Jojo Gains, Anthony Martinez; Bottom: Devin Polite, James Onwaegbuzi, Miguel Rios, Israel Avalos.

**Bear's Lethal Weapons** – Top: Antonio Fields, Bear, William Henderson, Ernest Jackson; Bottom: David Cabello, Chuck Roller, Gilbert Madison, Nicolas Ball, Kenith Cleveland.





# Huntington Beach & Long Beach



**Wayward's Ghetto Wolves** – Top: Deandre Wilson, Wayward, Derrick Fields, Theo May; Bottom: Carnell Ardoin, Danny Lopez, Chris Arenas, Aldo Aguila.



**Apache's Waling Spirits** – Top: Chris Morris, Apache, Donald Johnson, Jeremy Pascual; Bottom: Francisco Martinez, Adrian Suniga, Andre Usher, Max Darling, Jordan Townson.



**Nightwolf's Hot Boys** – Top: David Garcia, Martin Perez, Nightwolf, Mike Ramirez; Bottom: Danny Nieves, Daniel Lima, Tyrone Martin, Ruben Salazar, Andre Robinson.

## Honor Campers

*David Cabello*

*Christian Castro*

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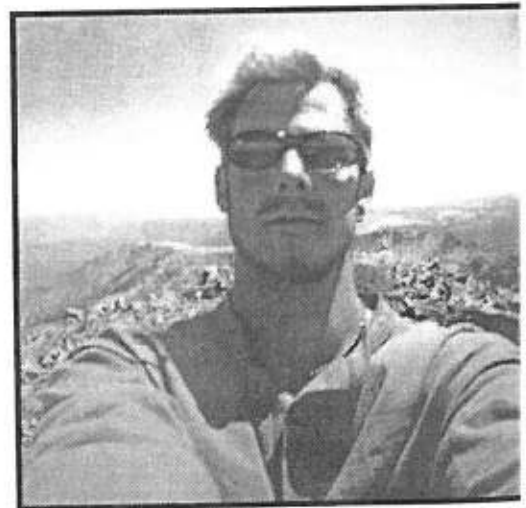
# Lion Meadows

Anybody who has been through the Pyles Boys Camp program knows how hard it is to come home and explain it all to their friends and loved ones. How can all that joy, love, learning, and experience be put into words? No matter how hard anyone tries, words can never replace the memories and experiences that are gained from the Pyles Camp Experience.

Ask anyone who has been through the program, and they will tell you that this is even more true for the Lion Meadows experience. The memories and experiences are completely different and only someone who has been through the program knows the true beauty of that spot in the middle of the Golden Trout Wilderness. As the next step in the Pyles Boys Camp leadership development program, the boys who take on Lion Meadows grow and mature through challenges and experiences they will never forget.

The year 2000 was an exceptional year for Lioneers. Second session Lioneers experienced the beauty of the Golden Trout Wilderness at Silver Lake, while also visiting Forester, Li Clair, and Franklin Lakes in the Sequoia National Park. They showed true heart as they rallied around a sick group member who would not give up during a difficult and freezing night-hike over Franklin Pass. Third session Lioneers proved they could go further than their desired Coy Lakes, all the way to Lioneer Lakes. They were amazed at the frogs, the fishing, and playing in the snow. Fourth session Lioneers hold the record as the group that traveled the furthest in summer, hiking all the way to the Big Five Lakes, in the shadow of Big Mount Kaweah. Fifth session Lioneers broke new ground by being the first group to explore Hockett Lakes, Summit Lake, and come back through Maggie Lakes. They should never forget the sight of the city lights from the view at Summit Lake where they truly came together as a group. Finally, while going as far in hiking, no group came further in growing together than sixth session Lioneers. Theirs was truly the toughest session, and despite all of their challenges, they were able to make the best of their session and have an unforgettable experience.

Everybody who has ever gone through the Lioneer experience carries those lessons and memories for the rest of their lives. With only fellow Lioneers, 2 or 3 counselors, and the beautiful Golden Trout Wilderness, these young men are forced to really examine their lives and develop friendships that will stay with them. For anyone who has gone through the first year program at Pyles and is looking for the next challenge, I encourage them to come back as a Lioneer, and experience new challenges, friendships, and memories.



*Topspin*

# Developing Leaders



## 2nd Session

Aaron Bravo  
Alex Vera  
David Brand  
Eric Perkins  
Jonathan Avila  
Jonathan Hartley  
Kyle Fife  
Marcos De la Garza  
Omar Vasquez  
Ramsey Darling  
Rick Blackmon  
Santos Mosqueda  
Titas Noble

## 3rd Session

Christopher Noble  
David Felix  
Jonathan Martinez  
Jonathan Trevizo  
Joshua Pryor  
Lee Mendez  
Mario Rodriguez  
Rene Reyes  
Robert Dancliff  
Roy Galindo  
Steven Manuel  
Steven Nunez  
Tommy Ayala

## 4th Session

Gaylon Cowan  
George Gonzalez  
Shane Nakamura  
Von Cowan  
Zack Marx

## 6th Session

Eric Barbosa  
Lomel Hamilton  
Luis Lopez  
Milton Gilder  
Victor Muro

## 5th Session

Alex Horowitz  
Dale Manzano  
Edward Batalla  
Israel Reyes  
Jeffrey Bravo  
Luis Gaxiola  
Manuel Martinez  
Orey Torres  
Peter Gunn  
Ray Espinoza





# Voyagers

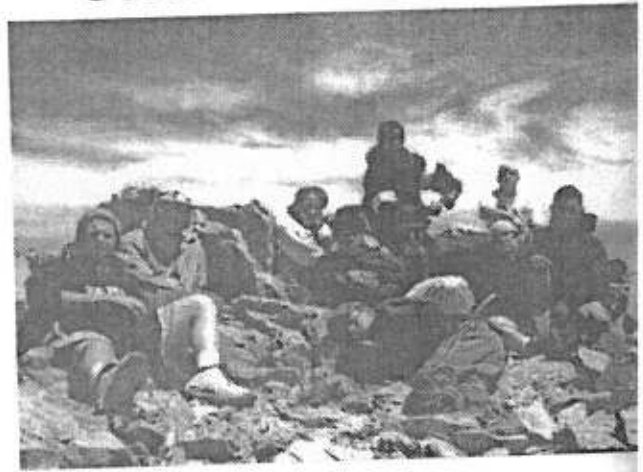
I was honored to share a wonder-filled adventure with my good friend Billy Bear and the Voyagers to be the first group to climb to the top of Mount Kaweah. I will always remember being atop this 13,800 foot mountain with these brave young men, looking down at the beautiful Sierra with thousands of migrating blue and orange Tortoise Shell butterflies. Joey Rivas was a leader that helped us all achieve our goals. Around warm embers from campfires at night we talked of ways to improve our lives and help others.

Thanks Guys for a wonderful summer! Live simply, Laugh often, Love deeply,

*Hermano!*



**The Voyagers in Sky Parlor Meadow with Mt Kaweah in the background**



**On top of Mt. Kaweah, 13,800 feet**



**Enjoying a good soak after days of hiking at the Kern Hot Springs**



**Jose Vargas & Bobby Brown climbing out of the Kern Canyon**



**Billy Bear & Joe on Mt. Kaweah**

# Pyles Leadership Training

The Counselors are the backbone of Pyles Boys Camp because without their desire, dedication and leadership your camp experience would not be as meaningful. These young men are entrusted with your safety and security for your entire camp experience; especially during your five-day out-camp in a rugged wilderness area.

The position of counselor is very challenging, and becoming one is not guaranteed. To prepare for this demanding role, your counselor has to complete and pass an extensive two-week Pyles Leadership Training (PLT) course. This course focuses on the importance of group responsibility, teamwork, supervision, decision-making and safety in an effort to develop their skills to be effective counselors.

The Pyles Leadership Training was provided by **Kern County Sheriff's Commander Stan "Coach" Moe** as lead instructor with assistance from **Executive Director Paul "Rocky" Leitzell** during the out-camp portion. Coach is a firm believer in the Pyles Camp Program, and demands a lot from the participants because the counselors are such a vital component of the program.

Congratulations to the following staff who participated in this years PLT course: **Bodean, McFly, Nightwolf, Goblin, Ozo, Gizmo, Buddha, Bear, Chainsaw and Fader.**



# Staff from the Summer of 2000



## 1<sup>st</sup> Session Staff

Gizmo, Blazer, Thinker, Mongoose, Waterboy, Muffler, Bodean, McFly, Blackfoot, Billy Bear, Buckets, Hermano, Art-e, Gladiator, Draco, Chisholm, Spoon, Ozo, Lobo, Tiger, Wolf, Sidewinder, Mustang, Duke, Cosmo, Fader, Dolphin, Sonic, Sweetchuck, Nana, Beaver, Shotgun

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Session Staff

Silver, Thinker, Morpheus, Waterboy, Vortex, Tarzan, Mongoose, Blazer, Muffler, Mystikal, Blackfoot, Mustang, Billy Bear, Shorty, Hermano, Art-E, Gladiator, Chisholm, Coach, Rocky, Tiger, Topspin, Dolphin, Silent, Lobo, Duke, Spoon, Cosmo, Paisano, Wolf, Sonic, Sweetchuck, Nana, Beaver, Shotgun



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Session Staff

Silver, Vortex, Malosi, Viper, Tarzan, Mr. Fields, Chainsaw, Morpheus, Derby, Wolf, Billy Bear, Cosmo, McFly, Bear, Art-E, Goblin, Sonic, Chisholm, Topspin, Tiger, Mustang, Lobo, McGyver, Spoon, Paisano, Bullet, Gizmo, Fader, Ozo, Duke, Dolphin, Sweetchuck, Nana, Beaver, Shotgun







## 4<sup>th</sup> Session Staff

Silver, Tarzan, Rusty, Burrito, DareDevil, Magic, Speedracer, Mystikal, Opie, Woodrow, Raven, Lazer, Bodean, Draco, Spoon, Art-E, Chisholm, Impact, Bear, Mustang, Lobo, Derby, Jester, Cosmo, Duke, Bullet, Fader, Paisano, Goblin, Chainsaw, Dolphin, Topspin, McGyver, Hermano, Billy Bear, Tiger, Wolf, Nana, Sweetchuck, Beaver, Shotgun

## 5<sup>th</sup> Session Staff

Tomahawk, Chief, Ace, Stretch, Mr. Fields, Thud, Highlander, Woodrow, Opie, Tarzan, McGyver, Lobo, Wizard, Bodean, Billy Bear, Cosmo, Buddha, Fader, Duke, Art-E, Draco, Chisholm, Spoon, Hoss, Silk, Wayward, Goblin, Fletch, Bear, Shade, Primo, Topspin, Tiger, Mustang, Dolphin, Nana, Sweetchuck, Beaver, Shotgun



## 6<sup>th</sup> Session Staff

Tomahawk, DareDevil, Shadow, Mr. Burns, Jolly Green Giant, Opie, Lurch, Wizard, Clutch, Fletch, Goblin, Reckless, Mr. Fields, Fader, Art-E, Chisholm, Wayward, Spoon, Silk, Apache, Bear, Nightwolf, Topspin, Billy Bear, Dolphin, Nana, Sweetchuck, Beaver, Shotgun

*“A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove... but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child.”*

# The Lesson

**Name the five wealthiest people in the world.**

**Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.**

**Name the last five winners of the Miss America contest.**

**Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer prize**

**Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor or actress.**

**Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.**

**How did you do?**

**The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers.**

**They are the best in their fields. But the applause fades and the awards are stored away.**

**Achievements are forgotten.**

**See how you do with this one:**

**List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.**

**Name three friends who have helped you through difficult times.**

**Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.**

**Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.**

**Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.**

**Name half a dozen heroes whose stories have inspired you.**

**Easier? The Lesson?**

**The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that care!**

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