

Pylet *2001*



“Building a Better America”

Hello from Pyles Boys Camp

Welcome to our annual yearbook the "PYLET". Within the pages you'll see numerous pictures from the summer, photos of all the groups, messages from some of the staff and articles about things that have happened. Also, you'll find the addresses of the staff. It is our hope that the PYLET will keep the memories of your experience at camp alive and encourage you to always try your best.

During your stay at camp you were given many opportunities. You were given the opportunity to leave the city behind and enjoy the beauty of the mountains. You were given the opportunity to make new friends. You were also given the opportunity to learn valuable "tools" that will help you throughout your life. It is up to you to use these "tools". From the letters, e-mails and calls we have already received many of you are putting them to good use. We have heard about grades going from C's and D's to A's and B's. Like we told you at camp, your hard work and effort pays off.

I hope you enjoy reading the articles and looking at the pictures. Please make the time to keep in touch with the camp. You can write the staff at the addresses on the back of the PYLET. You are always welcome to write, call or e-mail us here at the office and visit us on the web at

Best Wishes,
Shotgun



Camp Gate December 7, 2001

Pyles Camp Philosophy Extends South of the Border



Pyles Camp alumni Cesar "**Batman**" Jimenez spent many years working at camp. Batman was a big asset to the camp and in the kitchen working with Nana. You could always count on him as a hard worker with a big smile. He was a good friend to the staff and most importantly an excellent role model for the campers. When his job was done, he could be found working with the boys and reinforcing the message of Pyles Camp.

Batman now lives in Tijuana Mexico where he has built his own home and is supporting his family. He has taken the Pyles Camp philosophy with him and is working with the kids in Tijuana by encouraging them to stay in school and starting a soccer team. The kids he is working with are very poor and could not afford a team jersey, so Pyles Camp donated camper shirts for them to wear.



Keep up the good work, Batman, we are proud of you!

Dedication

Each year we dedicate the Pylet to one or two individuals who, by their extra efforts, have helped make Pyles Boys Camp the wonderful place it is. This year we want to highlight two outstanding volunteers who have kept our facilities in tip-top shape.

Located almost 50 miles from the nearest town, Pyles Camp has to be totally self-sufficient in its water, power and utility needs. This means diesel generators, water wells, gas lines, and sewer systems. Further, we have over 20 buildings and 38 acres to care for.

Fortunately, long ago Pyles Camp attracted the attention of Bob Morton – owner of Bob Morton Construction Companies. A volunteer for over 30 years and a board member for over 20, Bob probably knows more about the camp infrastructure than any other person. Thanks to his dedication and generosity, we have had access to heavy equipment, supplies and talented men for special projects throughout much of the years. On the new kitchen construction alone Bob saved the camp tens of thousands of dollars by providing in-kind services. During the construction period Bob made monthly 200 mile round trips from his office to the camp to oversee the construction and personally approve the progress before any bills were paid – that's dedication!

Bob has been involved in literally every major project in both the Main Camp and Lion Meadows since the 1970's. Aside from providing in-kind services, Bob has readily provided his wisdom and experience as a resource for staff as we plan for the future and helps us wisely allocate our hard-won dollars for maximum effectiveness.

When Pyles Camp first began in 1949, the nearest road was 6 miles away and the phone system was a copper wire strung tree to tree. That tenuous connection to the outside world made communication an "iffy" proposition. But it did not seem to matter much and somehow the job of running the camp got done.

Today, consistent and reliable communication is an absolute necessity. The old copper phone line has long since been replaced with radios, radio phones, repeater systems and solar powered batteries. And while communication technology has made several quantum leaps in 52 years, maintaining a reliable communication system in a wilderness setting is still a daunting task.

Our many thanks to Steve Grove and Applied Technology for taking on this challenge. A board member since 1985, for over 25 years Steve has been the champion of our communication needs. No easy task this. There are no outside phone lines nor an outside power source. Further, Pyles Camp is tucked in a basin surrounded by high mountain peaks that preclude the use of cell phones or pagers.

To overcome these obstacles, Steve has had to rely on ingenuity, creativity and a crew of dedicated volunteers.

Thanks to the support from Applied Technology, Steve has done a yeoman's task updating and maintaining our equipment. Many times, when we had a communication emergency, Steve would leap to our aid.

Says George Gilliam, CEO of Applied Technology, "Steve has been instrumental to our business, he is honest, dedicated and extremely dependable. He protects his clients and co-workers. When a situation occurs, Steve rounds people up and gets things done. He has always had a big heart for Pyles Camp. It was through him we got involved."

Additionally, both Bob and Steve have served on the Kern County BBQ committee raising much needed funds to send deserving Kern County boys to our program. So, to Bob Morton and Steve Grove we give our deepest thanks!



Bob Morton



Steve & Leo Grove

Words of Inspiration

“Memories of our Past”

Your summer experience is but a memory. School is in full force and life’s daily temptations are all around you. Yet our life and how we choose to live it comes from the lessons we have learned from our past. It is these “memories of our past,” good or bad, and the lessons we learn from them that shape our future.

At Camp we talked a lot about taking your experiences and making them life-long lessons. Now is a great time to recall your summer and remind yourself, What did I learn from each experience at camp that will help me in my daily life today? Was it how to set goals and how to plan for success? Perhaps it was, “the harder I work the easier life will become?” Or maybe, it was, “I am who I hang out with”. Try to remember the “Thoughts for the day” or the talks you had with your counselor. How do they apply to situations you face today? What are your goals and how do you plan to achieve them?

As you ponder these questions, realize that this is what Pyles Camp is really all about. Helping you to reach the potential God has placed inside. It won’t come out by itself. It will take effort, perseverance and a desire to make the most of your life.

If you are having trouble or need a friendly reminder, please give us a call, visit our web site and attend our reunions. Dolphin is here with all the other staff to help in any way we can.

Rocky Leitzell - Executive Director (Camper 1969)



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“Life is but a Stage”



This world is a stage. There are many roles to choose from, but it is up to you to decide which role you will play. You can be a teacher, a doctor, a business owner or a super star athlete. Although you could choose to be a criminal, a drug addict, or a high school drop out. Which role do you want? *It's up to you!*

**Dolphin - Outreach Coordinator
(Camper 1982)**

Food for Thought

What are you doing with your “toolbox”?

Remember what you heard from us this summer. We gave you some tools to help you in your life. Did you put those tools in your toolbox and take them home with you? When you got home did you open that toolbox and start using your tools right away or are they still stored away?

Your experiences in life are the building materials for your “house.” What you do with those materials and how you fit them into the structure will determine the quality of your “house.” Don’t let time go by without taking every opportunity to build a better “house.” As you use the tools you have don’t forget to gather new tools along the way. If you demonstrate that you take care of the tools you have, other people will be more willing to lend or give you more tools.

How can you show people what Pyles Camp did for you? It can be shown in what you have done for your family, home, community, school, work, and other areas that you can impact. You don’t have to worry about trying to explain to people what Pyles Camp was all about, you could show them by improving yourself and your future.



Summer is over, camp is closed, and we are working on winter events and planning for next summer. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the reunions and other events. Remember to respond to our letters, check our web site for updates, and keep us updated on how you are doing. We have already received many letters and email from last summer’s campers and staff. Have you written yet?

If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith; if I am tempted, make me strong to resist; if I should miss the mark, give me courage to try again.

Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answer to my prayer.

Excerpt from “The Marine’s Prayer.”

My prayers and thoughts are always with you, we had a great summer and you were an important part of our experiences.

Beaver – Camp Director (Camper 1974)

Volunteers

Did you know that there are some very special people out there that make it possible for you to go to camp? Pyles Camp is blessed with hundreds of these special individuals, many of whom have never even seen the camp! They care enough about you that they are willing to give their time and/or money so that you can have the Pyles Camp experience.

There are those who donate money to purchase the food, backpacks, sleeping bags and other equipment that you used. There are vendors who are willing to give us supplies at a discount, at their cost or even for free because they believe in you and Pyles Camp.

There are the volunteers who donate their time, materials, tools and equipment at work parties so that camp is back in great shape after each winter. There are volunteers who pack food and supplies out to Lion Meadows and spend time working on projects including the building of cabins, bridges and fences. There are the individuals who volunteer their time at our fund raising BBQ's and at some of the reunions.

Even your selector, the person who selected you to go to camp, is a volunteer. It took a lot of work to get you and the other boys ready to go to camp. For many, selecting boys for camp is extra work above their normal workload. But without them you wouldn't have had the opportunity to go to camp. Out of the hundreds of contributors and volunteers your selector is one of the few that you can thank personally. So the next time you see your selector, be sure to say thanks for the work they do.

To all the individuals, companies and organizations that contribute to Pyles Boys Camp we say thank you! It is by your generosity that Pyles Camp has continued on its path for all these years!



“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world.”



Helicopter to Lion

Lion Meadows is a spectacular 120-acre piece of property the camp owns in the Golden Trout Wilderness and is home to our second year program. Located 12 miles north of the main camp and 10 miles from the nearest road, Lion Meadows provides a prime opportunity to learn and grow as an individual and a group.

As with any program there is a need for supplies and up keep of the facilities. Due to location, the challenge lies in getting everything we need out to Lion Meadows. We get supplies: by hiking it out on our backs, by numerous mule loads, and by helicopters. Helicopters? Yep, it's rare but it has happened as it did this last summer.

Former Pyles Camp camper, Steve "Ranger" Rubalcava is a Major in the Marine Corps Reserve and pilot of a CH53E Super Stallion helicopter. Ranger and his flight crew flew nearly 4 tons of supplies and building materials to replace the fence, rebuild a cabin smashed by a tree a few winters ago and other projects to Lion Meadows saving a lot of backs both human and mule.

Thanks to Ranger, his crew and one big helicopter we completed in one day what would have taken all summer to do!



Mule Days 2001

The Mule Days fans cheered and the contestants cringed as our Pyles Mule Days team arrived in Bishop, California for our sixth year of competition. In the tradition of Pyles Camp our team members made us proud by presenting a positive image of Pyles Camp to over 50,000 fans and contestants who spent the week in Bishop, California for the Bishop Mule Days Celebration.

Ask anyone who is in the know and they will tell you that anything a horse can do a mule can do better. Our team proved that they had what it takes to compete and win against some of the world's premiere mule packers. Our team took home over 20 ribbons, 4 first place trophies, and a sweepstakes trophy. They are to be especially congratulated on the sweepstakes trophy. It was awarded for our entry into the Mule Days parade. A sweepstakes trophy is awarded to the top overall entry in the parade and the competition was tough this year.

Thanks to Reid Hopkins for organizing the event and training our team. We also want to thank all of the volunteers who help make this event possible by raising and donating the necessary funds and helping our team with everything needed to compete in Bishop. We would like to extend a special thanks to Jack McGee for all of his fund raising efforts and help both during the competition and the months leading up to the event.

Congratulations on another outstanding year!

If you would like to read more about Mule Days you can visit their web site at www.muledays.org



Familiar Face fills New Role

Last summer a very familiar face for most of you was seasonal Assistant Director (“AD”) **Dolphin**. A steady hand and an inspiration to all, Dolphin’s energy and enthusiasm helped make every session better. We are very pleased to announce that after a thorough recruitment process **Juan “Dolphin” Jimenez** has been selected to be our new **Outreach Coordinator**.

This position is dedicated solely to coordinating all post-camp activities. This means all the reunions, field trips, home visits and weekend retreats will be directed by Dolphin’s steady hand. His goal is to maintain and strengthen the positive attitudinal and behavioral changes you made during your first and second year Lioneer experience.

No stranger to Pyles Camp, Dolphin was a camper in 1982. He was invited back as a Lioneer and worker in the subsequent years. Due to his exceptional leadership ability, Dolphin quickly became a group counselor and assumed other leadership positions within the camp. Moving on to the “real world” Dolphin worked in a variety of jobs, but always with an eye towards helping young men. Most recently he was the manager of a boxing gym that works with young boys. He said “boxing is just a tool to get them motivated about life”. He requires participants to maintain good grades and helped many with personal problems and needs – just the same sort of task he will be doing for Pyles Camp.

If you need help or are feeling like you just want to talk, give Dolphin a call. He can also help connect you to after school counseling to keep your grades up and tell you what you need to do to be sure you can come back as a Lioneer or a Voyager.

Welcome Dolphin!



***Dolphin with boxer
“Shibata” at a Vas
Vegas match***



A few photos from this winter

1st Session



Bear's "Buccaneers" – *Top:* Raymond Martinez, Bear, Juan Gonzalez; *Bottom:* Max Wolfenberger, Kelsey Meadows, Ryan White, Chris Clemo, Sergio Zepeda.



Count's "Draculas" – *Top:* Johnny Pope, Count, Oscar Chacon; *Bottom:* Justin Balduc, Santos Pena, Shane Chetham, John Holmes, Charles Vanworth.

“Challenge is the core and mainspring of all human activity. If there’s an ocean, we cross it. If there’s a disease, we cure it. If there’s a wrong, we right it. If there’s a record, we break it. And finally, if there’s a mountain, we climb it.”

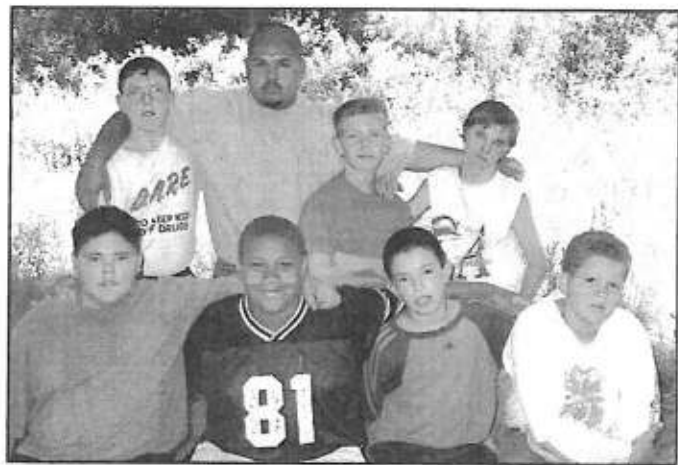


Bullet's "Silver Bullets" – *Top:* Christopher Gist, Reginald Webster, Bullet, Andrew Barrios; *Bottom:* Joel Sotelo, Luis Contreras, Jesse Sanchez, Travis Deeds.



Fader's "Gators" – *Top:* Fader, Jason Byrd; *Bottom:* Brian Batchelder, Garrett Steel, Anthony Jefferson, Isaal Serrano, Tyler Grady, Eduardo Hernandez.

Bakersfield



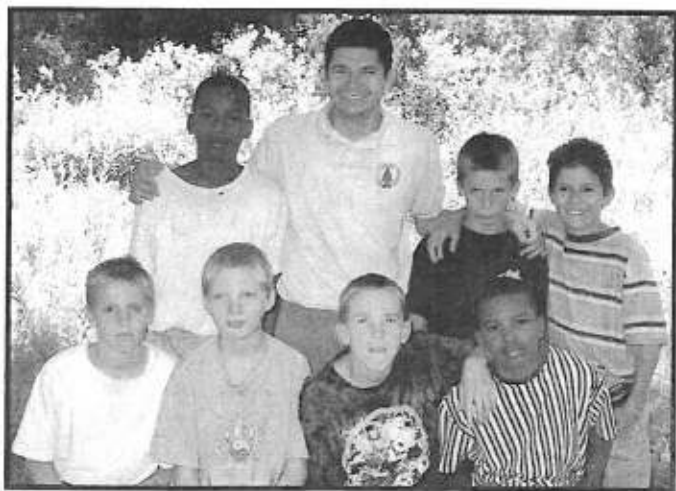
Groove's "Fighting Forces" – *Top:* T.J. Tucker, Groove, Joey Presley, Stanley Snow; *Bottom:* Chon Villalobos, Quinn Moore, Marvin Bonilla, Brandon Stirling.



Shorty's "Players" – *Top:* Shorty, Jacob Muro, Zach Blair; *Bottom:* Rolan Hayward, Phillip Colbert, J.C. Cox, Nick Hernandez, Michael Graham.

HONOR CAMPERS

Andrew Barros
Jeffrey Don Fannon
Juan Carlos Gonzalez
Oscar Chacon
Nick Hernandez
Joseph "Jerry" Presley

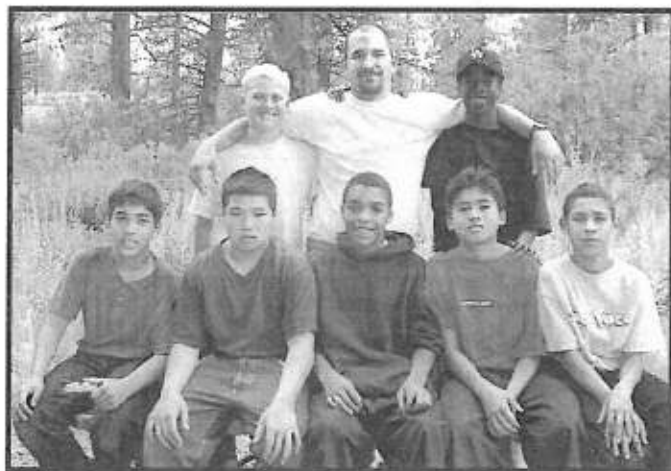


Lobo's "Mystics" – *Top:* Justin Williams, Lobo, David Cameron, Adrian Sotelo; *Bottom:* Jerry Boyer, Chris Peterson, Ryan Tripp, Dwayne Seward.



Sonic's "Riders" – *Top:* Jeffrey Fannon, Sonic, Adam Smith; *Bottom:* Anthony Ochoa, Juan C. Gonzalez, Jaz Gabriel, Leon Jackson, Moises Martinez.

2nd Session



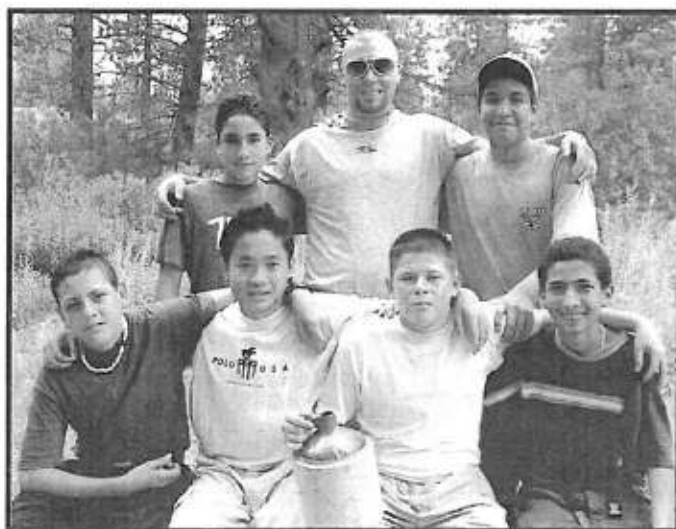
Bear's "Eclipse" – *Top:* Travis Holston, **Bear**, Luther Armstrong; *Bottom:* Andrew Bracrone, Sam Im, Darren Watson, Louis Mac, Luis Paz.



Dolphin's "Extremes" – *Top:* Terrence McCoy, Matt Martinez, **Dolphin**, Cesar Lopez, Alex Barrios; *Bottom:* Matthew King, Bryan Jimenez, Luis Sandez, Edgar Alvarez.

It Begins With Me.

"But where was I to start? The world is so vast. I shall start with the country I know best, my own. But my country is so very large. I had better start with my town. But my town, too, is large. I had better start with my street. No, my home. No, my family. Never mind. I shall start with myself."



Astro's "Trippers" – *Top:* Eric Esquivel, **Astro**, Chris Ochoa; *Bottom:* Octavio Monteon, Nam Chinh, Jacob Luna, Anthony Salas.



Chainsaw's "Chains" – *Top:* Jesse Oglesby, **Chainsaw**, Nick Argante; *Bottom:* Johnny Perez, Armando Lazaro, Emanuel Rodriguez, Ernesto Esparza, Stephen Lee.

Kern & L.A. County



Groove's "Wolf Pack" – *Top:* Sam Torrez, Jeff Reyes, Groove, Jose Paz; *Bottom:* Steven Carrillo, Ken Quan, Michael Reyes, Duwan McKeaver.



Shorty's "Raftors" – *Top:* Robbie Fuller, Shorty, Fernando Cortez; *Bottom:* Fidel Robles, Terrell Craig, Francisco Basaldrá, Andrew Martínez, Miguel Esparza.

HONOR
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Sergio Madrigal
Jose Martinez
Matthew King
Cesar Lopez
Johnson Mac
Travis W. Holston

Luis Antonio Paz
Armando Guzman
Jose Paz
Samuel Torres
Fernando Cortez



Fader's "Firestones" – *Top:* Julian Watson, Fader, Gerardo Ventura; *Bottom:* Sergio Madrigal, Norman Sandoval, Rashad Coffee, Juan Manuel Chambasis, Carlos Serrano, Jose Martinez.



Cosmo's "Extremely Dangerous Campers" – *Top:* Dustin Oropeza, Johnson Mac, Cosmo, Frank Benitez, Chris Arellano; *Bottom:* Tan Tran, Chris Kirtz, Douglas Phillips, Jesus Villareal.





3rd Session



Lobo's "Familia" – *Top:* Justin Franklin, Damon Tuttle, Lobo, Josue Menjivar; *Bottom:* Alex Jorge, Seth Pollack, Rayvonn Lee, Joe Costa.



Draco's "Dragons" – *Top:* Greg Gonzalez, Draco, Isaiah Leal; *Bottom:* Jayce Ortiz, Jesse Washington, Lawrence Rogel, Jose Sendejas.



McFly's "Titans" – *Top:* McFly; *Bottom:* Cameron Feliciano, Justin George, Javier Medina, Daniel Yanez, Jonathan Smith, Kris Prescott.



Chainsaw's "Aztecs" – *Top:* Luis Alvarado, Chainsaw, Julio Paz; *Bottom:* Matt Brewer, DaJuan Wilson, Audiel Ayala, Hector Herrera.



Ozo's "Warriors" – *Top:* Laith Kundi, Ozo, Dereck Velasquez; *Bottom:* Jonathan Rogel, Greg Miranda, Favian Reyes Miranda, Albert Buelna.

"In a world of followers, dare to be a leader."

Santa Maria & L.A. Co.



Goblin's "182s" – *Top:* Tore Tobias, **Goblin**, Logan Potillo; *Bottom:* Curtis Fisher, Ruben Soto, Juan Ibanez, Alonzo Lopez.



Apache's "Arrowheads" – *Top:* Matt Lunden, **Apache**, Jaime Bravo; *Bottom:* Tony Hardin, Chris Robinson, Jeremy Smith, Michael Leopold.

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Josue Menjivar
Damon Tuttle
James Permenter
Jake Jacobsen
Julio Paz

Damian Velazquez
Mark Costa
Logan Portillo
Juan Ibanez
Ruben Soto

Gregory Gonzalez
Laith Kurdi
Albert Buelna
Johnathan Smith
Tony Hardin



Fader's "Negotiators" – *Top:* Damian Velazquez, **Fader**, Mark Costa; *Bottom:* Ross Sprayberry, Xavier Armenta, Roberto Alcaraz, Brian Liberal, Francisco Espinoza.



Golden One's "Golden Clan" – *Top:* Kolton Walker, Erik Johnson, Nate Franklin, Jake Jacobson; *Bottom:* Isidro Catalan, Griff Fuller, **Golden One**, James Permenter, Chris Cota.

4th Session



Fader's "Raiders" – *Top:* Ernesto Oseguera, Fader; *Bottom:* Nestor Ramirez, Aaron Zepeda, Cuco Magana, Erik Robertson, Misael Peralta, Brad Johnson.



Gizmo's "Squatters" – *Top:* Robert Franco, Gizmo, Ryan Wright, Michael Arellano; *Bottom:* Robert Lawrence, Armando Rubio, Martin Reed, Jason Cassone.



Rocket Dog's "Devil Dogs" – *Top:* Aaron Giesing, Rocket Dog, Kenny Arambula; *Bottom:* Nick Cwayna, Alex Gonzalez, Javier Lopez, Jesse Cortez.



McFly's "Hairy Pigs" – *Top:* McFly; *Bottom:* Cameron Pringle, Jesus Sanchez, Marco Arroyo-Ring, Brandon Ramos, Daniel Baca, Jonathan Ortiz.



Sonic's "Booms" – *Top:* Paul Silva, Sonic, Eric Diaz; *Bottom:* Javier Luna, Victor Villalobos, Kyle Riebel, Mike Ewing, Matt Eberts.

"No matter how much work a man can do, no matter how engaging his personality may be, he will not advance far if he cannot work with others."

Ventura & L.A. Co.



Goblin's "Crouching Snipers" – *Top:* Nick Pasmant, Goblin, Eric Kendera; *Bottom:* Bryan Mullins, Marcos Maldonado, Jerrel Oneal, Shayne Wells, Dustin Dugger.



Groove's "Survivors" – *Top:* Mike Neuner, Groove, Thomas Cortez; *Bottom:* Nicholas Rye, Edgar Velasquez, Jay Perez, Raul Rodriguez.

"Focus on your goals."



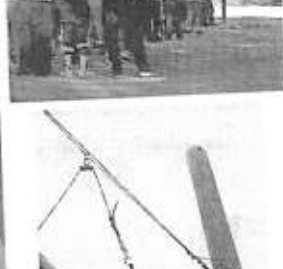
Q-Ball's "Eliminators" – *Top:* Jason McClure, Q-Ball, Daniel Magana; *Bottom:* Michael Trujillo, Aaron Ray Zepeda, Luis Brown, Esteban Oseguera.

HONOR CAMPERS

<i>Michael Ewing Jr.</i>	<i>Brandon Ramos</i>
<i>Ryan Wright</i>	<i>Michale Neuner</i>
<i>Jonathan Ortiz</i>	<i>Kenny Arambula</i>
<i>Cameron Pringle</i>	<i>Brad Johnson</i>



Ozo's "H2Os" – *Top:* Matt O'Kry, Ozo, Mitch Hansen; *Bottom:* David Estrada, Mike Challoner, Roby Neuner, Jason Fitzwater.





5th Session



Goblin's "Vicious Predators" – *Top: Goblin; Bottom: Andrew Williams, Aaron Cano, Sal Nizzo, Karl Packing, David Burgess, Marvin Gallegos.*



Nightwolf's "Gladiators" – *Top: Clinton Harris, Nelson Gonzalez; Bottom: Ronnie Jones, Arturo Zuniga, Tony Beltran, Thomas Wooten, Nightwolf.*

What is Success?

To laugh often. To win the respect of intelligent people. To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends. To appreciate beauty. To find the best in others. To leave the world a bit better. To know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have success.



Shorty's "Shadow Warriors" – *Top: Brian Sholes, Shorty, Peter Jaramillo; Bottom: Juan Carlos Diaz, Richard Ruiz, Daniel Imoesiri, Victor Kim.*



Loc's "Dark Knights" – *Top: Loc, Matthew Nielse; Bottom: Jeff Warf, Cody Parrish, Sean Chandler, Al Inurreta, Michael Montague.*

Orange & L.A. Co.



Bear's "Grizzlies" – Top: Emmanuel Galvez, Bear, Devin Williams; Bottom: Rudy Gonzalez, Dajuan Hunt, Evelio Luna, Rodney Harms, Brandon George.



Duke's "Titans" – Top: Duke; Bottom: Hugo Zaragoza, Johnathan Fields, David Imoesiri, Greg Ray, Dennis Boyle, Roy Ervin.

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Rigo Almazan
Brian Sholez
Ronnie Jones
Hugo Zaragoza
Roy Ervin
Karl Packing
Marvin Gallegos

"The journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step."



Buddha's "Evil Monkeys" – Top: Buddha; Bottom: Edgar Bustos, Vincent Trujillo, Aaron Jackson, Justin Nance, T.J. Hayes, Brandon Sanders.



Silent's "No Limit Soldiers" – Top: Alan Twing, Silent, Percy Cummings, Christopher Murphy; Bottom: Rigo Almazan, Michael Robles, Casey Holt, Junior Beltran.

Lion Meadows

As you are back now in your normal routine and doing your regular things in the city, I ask of you Lioneers not to forget the lessons and experiences that we taught you at Lion Meadows. We hope your time with us has started to change your life in the most positive way and also to influence those around you. For now is the time that our communities and our country need us to show our unity and willingness to get through these hard times. I know that you as a person are someone that we can trust to help those in need.

This year at Lion Meadows, a year of new and old things, was a year that I will never forget. It was a summer that had me wondering what was going to happen next. Some of the new things were for the first time ever in Pyles Camp history we had two Lioneer groups in one session. Although at times it was hard and difficult to plan meals and activities I felt that it was a successful and enjoyable time. We also started to use more of Lion Meadows and clean it up to make it look more beautiful than ever. We extended our fence line to enclose all of our land and also may have found a great location for the Voyager Program. This would make Lion Meadows a place that could benefit not only the Lioneers but also other programs in the Pyles family. We started to rake the upper half of Lion Meadows and burn all of the pine needles to prevent a fire destroying Lion Meadows. All this work would not have happened without all the support from the Pyles family and those who volunteer their time to help us out. A big appreciation goes out to the U.S. Marines and former staff member "Ranger" and his crew for flying supplies in on their helicopter.

I would also like to thank all of you Lioneers for coming and experiencing Lion Meadows and the beautiful wilderness you saw or the wildlife you may have experienced for the first time in your life. However my greatest thanks goes to my staff that made this year at Lion Meadows the best summer yet. For without you the program would not have happened. I would like to personally thank Mustang for being my back up when I was injured and Wizard, Apache and the rest of you that were up late at night helping me get through my sprained ankle. Thanks!

Tiger – Lion Meadows Director (Camper 1992)



1st Session: Kenneth Cleveland, Brandon Frausto, Chris Garcia, Danny Gilbraith, Andreas Gomez, Kris Melton, Arthur Olmos, Encarnacion Olmos, Jr., Frank Salinas, Jonathan Sudsbury, **Tiger, Mustang, Vortex**



2nd Session: Jesus Alvarado, Christian Ayala, Mark Ayala, Duy Chu, Ryan Dall' Acqua, Nehemiah Davidson, Mario Garcia, Anthony Hernandez, Vincent Hilton, Rebeneric McKeever, Alan Tang, Sergio Velasquez, **Tiger, Mustang, Bullet, McFly**

Developing Leaders



3rd Session: Charles Burnett, Jonathan Crump, Nicholas Doxey, Brandon Hall, Abraham Mendez, Jose Molina, Mike Ramirez, Carlos Villalpando, Sidewinder, Q-Ball, Tiger



4th Session: Andy Arellano, Kevin Bond, Hernan Briseno, David Coppage, Zack Estes, Fidel Garcia, Brian Herron, Cody Hildebrand, Brandon Hollyfield, Robert Jacintho, Jorge Jimenez, Omar Jimenez, Angel Molina, Ramon Montes, Christopher Morris, Edward Olmos, Jr., Jose Reyes, Juan Sanchez, Salvador Velgara, Clarence Walton, Jonathon Walzer, **Tiger, Wizard, Daredevil, Bear, Lobo**



5th Session: Christopher Arenas, Raymond Arenas, Tom Fuerte, David Garcia, Donald Johnson, Anthony Martinez, Edgar Martinez, Francisco Martinez, James Onwaegbuzia, Chris Reynolds, Chuck Roller, Mario Sainez, Kyle Solis, Spencer Swearingen, Dan Winningham, **Mustang, Apache, Golden One, Cosmo**



Voyagers 3rd Session 2001

To Mount Whitney and Back

This past summer was memorable for the third session Voyagers who trekked close to 140 miles to the top of the continental United States (**Mount Whitney**). The journey was one like no other that we have experienced before. We faced many physical as well as emotional obstacles. As we endured our personal struggles throughout the journey we learned how to support, encourage, share with and accept from one another. We will carry these valuable humanitarian lessons with us in our hearts. I would like to thank each member of the third session Voyagers for their positive impact on my life.

Wizard - Voyager Leader (Camper 1988)



Congratulations to Wizard, Rocketdog, Rusty, Malosi and Thinker on their successful adventure.

Voyagers 4th Session 2001

“The Promised Land”

This summer was very challenging for a group of Voyagers. Billy Bear, Dolphin and a group of young men planned a trip that will be remembered for the rest of their lives. The quest was to find 15 lakes hiding in a valley near Shotgun Pass, a place where very few people have ever been.

“Everyday our minds were on one thing, the Promised Land, always keeping our eyes focused on our goal. Every step we took we knew it was getting us closer to the lakes. All that mattered was to finish our journey and be proud of ourselves. It wasn’t easy but we made it.”

By the end of the two weeks they had accomplished their goal. The journey took a lot of hard work, determination and teamwork. If the voyagers can make it to the “Promised Land,” so can you.

Your “Promised Land” is your education, and making your dreams become real. Take a quest where nobody has ever been. In your neighborhood lots of people want to be someone in life, many would like to see the “Promised Land,” but not everybody is willing to take the challenge. Take a challenge of your own, make your dreams a reality, not just a dream.

Voyager Leaders: Billy Bear (Camper 1983) & Dolphin (Camper 1982)



Congratulations to Gaylon Cowan, Von Cowan, Ray Espinoza, Roy Galindo, Peter Gunn, Steven Manuel, Zack Marx, Rene Reyes and Jonathon Trevizo on a difficult but successful journey. Never forget what you learned!

2001



1st Session Staff

Art-e, Viper, Shadow, Draco, Astro, Muffler, Malosi, Mustang, Trooper, Rocketdog, Bear, Fader, Dolphin Thinker, Groove, Bullet, Count, Cosmo, Bodean, Morpheus, Lobo, Vortex, Spooky, Sweetchuck, Sonic, Byrd, Loc, Q-Ball, Stretch, Wolf, Billy Bear, Tiger, Shorty, Nana, Beaver, Shotgun

2nd Session Staff

Bullet, Count, Cosmo, Bodean, Mcfly, Coach, Lobo, Spooky, Sweetchuck, Little One, Thunderbird, Sonic, Byrd, Matrix, Wolf, Billy Bear, Tiger, Wizard, Shorty, Atr-e, Shadow, Homer, Chainsaw, Astro, Rusty, Silent, Malosi, Bam Bam, Mustang, Hoss, Windbreaker, Chief, Golden One, Bear, Fader, Thinker, Dolphin, Groove, Nana, Beaver, Shotgun



Pyles Leadership Training

The job of a camp counselor is not an easy one. While at camp, your counselor had many roles to fill; he was mom, dad, brother, friend and most importantly a leader. These dedicated young men are there to ensure your safety throughout your entire camp experience.

To prepare for this demanding role, your counselor has to complete and pass an extensive two-week Pyles Leadership Training (PLT) course. The 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.

Once again, our lead instructor was **Kern County Sheriff's Commander Stan "Coach" Moe**. Coach has

overseen this program for more than six years, during which time he has redesigned and rebuilt the program from the ground up. The PLT course is no "walk in the woods," due to the important role of a counselor; Coach demands a lot from each of the participants. This year Coach was assisted by **Juan "Dolphin" Jimenez**, who lent his many years of experience in counseling at Pyles Camp.



Participating in this year's PLT program: Q-Ball, Impact, Draco, Loc, Rocketdog, Mr. Fields, Vortex and Daredevil.

Summer Staff

3rd Session Staff

Art-e, Draco, Chino, Youngster, Tarzan, Chainsaw, Astro, Daredevil, Rusty, Malosi, Ozo, Mustang, Flip, Golden One, Rocketdog, Bear, Beast, Cadillac, Fader, Dolphin, Thinker, Sidewinder, Groove, Echo, Cosmo, Bodean, Mcfly, Morpheus, Lobo, Vortex, Sweetchuck, Little One, Thunderbird, Sonic, Loc, Q-Ball, Wolf, Apache, Billy Bear, Tiger, Goblin, Wizard, Shorty, Nana, Beaver, Shotgun



4th Session Staff

Groove, Blazer, Count, Echo, Cosmo, Bodean, McFly, Lobo, Vortex, Lurch, Spooky, Sweetchuck, Sonic, Matrix, Q-Ball, Wolf, Apache, Billy Bear, Gizmo, Tiger, Goblin, Wizard, Shorty, Thinker, Fader, Dolphin, Cadillac, Bear, Rocketdog, Invader, Jester, Sniper, Mustang, Ozo, Malosi, Rusty, Daredevil, Chainsaw, Water Boy, Waldo, Draco, Shadow, Art-e, Nana, Beaver, Shotgun

5th Session Staff

Shorty, Wizard, Goblin, Tiger, Flame, Billy Bear, Apache, Matrix, Loc, Sonic, Sweetchuck, Bodean, Cosmo, Buddha, Count, Blazer, Groove, Nightwolf, Thinker, Fader, Dolphin, Cadillac, Bear, Eclipse, Equis, Golden One, Mustang, Malosi, Silent, Rusty, Duke, Thud, Waldo, Draco, Shadow, Viper, Art-e, Nana, Beaver, Shotgun



Two Hands Are Better Than One

“As a kid I learned that my brother and I could walk forever on the railroad tracks and never fall off - if we just reached across the track and held each other’s hand.”

Steven Potter
Writer

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