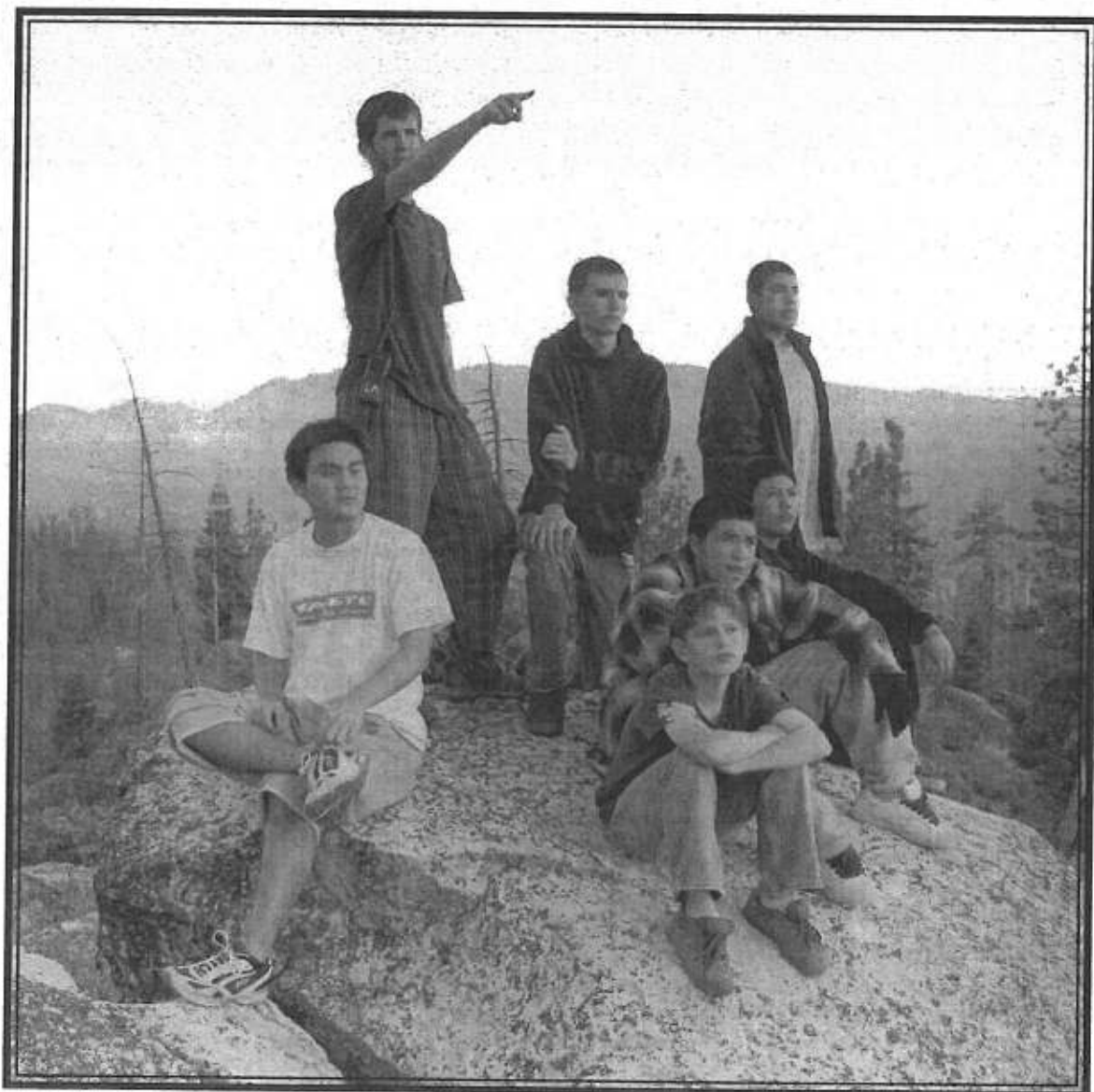


R.M. Pyles Boys Camp

*“The Pylet”
2008
Our
60th Summer*



Choose Your Destination for a Successful Future

Welcome to the 2008 Pylet

We hope that your time back home since your Pyles Camp experience this past summer has gone well. During your stay at camp you got to experience a lot of things that you may have never had the opportunity to do. Not only did you get to go on a backpacking trip, ride horses, climb the ropes course, go out to archery, nature, fitness and crafts, you also learned more about yourself. If you think about it, while you were having fun at camp, you were also learning things like setting goals, helping others, taking responsibility for your actions and being successful with your life. Using the tools that you learned at camp on a daily basis will make your life successful in the future. It is our hope that the Pylet helps to keep those memories alive.



Shotgun

Dedicated to the Memory of Bob “Smokey” McAdams

It is with profound sorrow that we mourn the passing of our founding manager Robert F. “Smokey” McAdams. Smokey passed away peacefully on the evening of October 4, 2008.

Smokey’s love of the outdoors and working with boys combined to bring about an extraordinary life’s work through R.M. Pyles Boys Camp – the “miracle of the Sierras.” Everyone touched by this miracle feels privileged to be a part of it. Smokey began breathing life into Mr. Pyles fledgling wilderness camp for boys in 1952 and the two worked hand in hand for the next seventeen years. In what he called the “ideal endeavor for me,” Smokey designed, implemented and spearheaded the camp while Mr. Pyles labored tirelessly to fund construct and promote. Smokey continued after Mr. Pyles death in 1969 and stewarded the camp for a total of twenty five years of pouring his life into that of others. “The camp was born the day Smokey went up there,” says Tex Chandler, Vice President of the Board or Directors and a life long friend

During that time, over 25,000 lives converged to experience something that “carries such an impact that it often becomes a major factor in shaping a new outlook on life,” as Smokey puts it himself. And this is true



not only of the campers, but the board members, donors, volunteers – everyone fortunate enough to be involved with the camp, few come away from the experience unchanged.

Smokey will be greatly missed, but his spirit will be with us always. What a blessing to have known and loved the man called Smokey!

*To read more about Smokey and his life
please visit our web site at
pylescamp.com*

Beaver's Message

"The challenge in life is not the path we look back upon; rather, we are challenged by the paths which lay ahead"



We hope you enjoyed your adventure at Pyles Camp this summer. We also hope you learned something that changes your life in a positive way.

One of the most difficult things you may have done at camp was backpacking during out camp. Sure, the physical part of carrying the pack and hiking was hard but, the most difficult part was making the decision to actually step out and hike down the chosen path.

You may have found yourself on the wrong path, not heading in the direction you intended to enable you to reach your goal. If so, what did you do? You obviously would not continue. You would retrace your steps until you were able to find the proper way.

Life is much the same. We have many paths to choose to reach the goals we set for ourselves. The hardest part is the choice of where and when to start.

Two significant people in my life passed away at the end of this summer. Their passing has made me pause and wonder. When I reach the end of my journey, and look back on the roads I traveled, what impact will I have left upon the people and places I have touched upon the way?

Set your goals and chose your paths wisely.

Beaver

Steve's Message

Camp Memories Are Forever

What happens to you at camp can stick with you for a life-time. All the things you learned about horseback riding, nature, arts and crafts and other activities might fade but the one thing that won't is what you learned about YOUR-SELF....your ability to overcome obstacles and learn from your mistakes...the knowledge that you can set goals and achieve them and that you have the ability to choose your own path.

Camp provides a powerful opportunity and I hope that you will take advantage of the lessons learned. Have a great year.

Steve



Sidewinder's Message

Another summer has passed and camp will soon be covered in snow. As the snow melts in the spring the mountains will come back to life. The new plants, the baby animals and the smallest seedling striving to become the largest tree in the forest. You need to keep growing and become what you dream of being. Don't let your dreams stay dreams, work hard at reaching them and make them a reality. Work hard, keep your goals in sight and you will reach them. Continue to set goals and work hard toward those goals. Everyday ask yourself "is what I am doing now helping me to achieve my goals or setting me back a step and slowing me from reaching them? You can make your goals a reality. Don't give up, keep working, it takes time.

For those of you attending camp for the first time this year, try to remember some of the counselors' "thoughts for the day". See if you are using the tools you have been given in your daily life to make your life and the lives of those around you better. You are now part of the Pyles Camp Family. If you need assistance with school, or just someone to talk to, the list of staff member's names and addresses are in the back, turn to it, and turn to us for help, we are here for you.

Sidewinder



Passing of the Spatula

Thank you Nana for all your years of dedication. Penni, welcome to Pyles Camp.



Penni & Nana

What good is a camp without a cook? We have all heard the stories about "camp food". That is until you have been to Pyles Camp. Mr. Pyles truly believed that people were more willing to listen and try new things if they were well fed. Thanks to Nana, we have eaten some of the best food many of us have ever had. Over the years Nana has prepared thousands of meals.

Nana was first introduced to the program 50 years ago by Eddie "Babalucci" Calderon. At that time camp had no road and limited electricity. Nana and all the supplies were packed in on horseback. Nana has seen the camp grow and go through many changes; watched thousands of campers develop into positive leaders and role models to new campers. Even her own kids grew up spending the summers at camp.

In July of this past summer due to an injury Nana was unable work. As with Pyles Camp's history it always seems that the right person shows up at the right time. Through a friend of a friend of a friend we received the name and number of someone that was interested in cooking at camp. Within a day or two Penni came to camp to meet us and see what we needed, by mid day she was moved into her cabin and in the kitchen working. She has many years of food service experience and knows how to cook (no heat and serve) which is rare these days and hard to find. Penni did an outstanding job the rest of the summer continuing the Pyles Camp tradition of serving great home cooked family style meals. She is looking forward to working with us again next summer.

We may be a rough-n-tough wilderness program but everyone at camp has a special soft spot in their heart for Nana and quickly making a space for Penni.

The Road not Taken



McFly in Scotland

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, and sorry I could not travel both and be one traveler long I stood and looked down one as far as I could to where it bent in the undergrowth.

Then took the other, as just as far, and having perhaps the better claim because it was grassy and wanted wear; though as for that, the passing there had worn them really about the same.

And both that morning equally lay, in leaves no step had trodden black. Oh, I marked the first for another day! Yet knowing how way leads on to way, I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh, somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I, I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.

- Robert Frost

These words by the poet Robert Frost can serve as both a warning and a challenge. Is this man, now at the end of his life, looking back at the decision he made to be different, to take the path less traveled and so become something amazing? Or did he choose to walk a path that lead him to disappointment and regret? Is he lying on his deathbed content with the choices he made in his life to break away from what everyone around him was doing, or is he sighing with regret that he did not choose to walk another path? These are questions you all, as members of the Pyles Camp family, have to consider. Will you be the man who looks back on the choices he makes, the paths that he has chosen to walk and smile, knowing that you have done something great with the life you have been given, or will you live with regret and wish you had done something greater? Now that you are part of our family, I want you to know that we will always be there to support you and that your counselors, the specialists, and all of the members of camp have given you the tools necessary to travel the path that will take you away from the negativity you might be experiencing now and elevate yourself to greatness. You now stand at a crossroads, gentlemen. Which road will you take? Live your life with no regrets. Thank you for this summer and congratulations on becoming part of our family. Remember: *no regrets*.

Nothing is Impossible!

Now armed with the tools that you learned at Pyles Camp such as initiative, determination, and a knowledge that you are not alone, I hope that you find yourself taking on challenges that you never thought possible. Remember you have the strength to set a goal and accomplish it. You are part of a new world where everything is possible; you only have to ask yourself how hard you are willing to work. Times will be difficult and challenges will always be there for you to deal with. But how hard are you willing to work? You can create your own odds. You can achieve your goals no matter how big or small. You can make your wildest dreams come true. You are in control of you own destiny. Just ask yourself how hard are you willing to work for it? The reality is you are never alone because you are now part of the Pyles Camp family, nothing is impossible.



Chainsaw

1st Session



Flame's Group

Marco Aranda, Elijah Castro, Jake Chernabaeff, Cody Copenhagen, Taylor Gamble, Jose Garza, Jr., Jerry Sosa



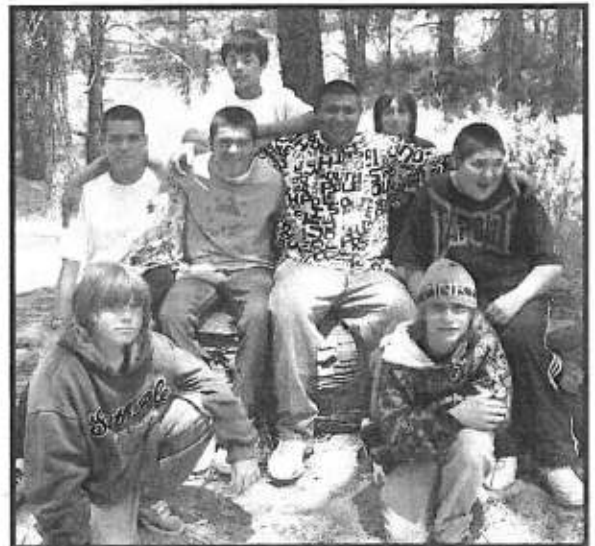
Spartan's Group

Shawn Bass, Isaac Espericueta, Addam Higgins, **Devyn Johnson**, Joshua Miller, **John Popek**, Kevin Schrody



Primo's Supremos

Zachary Dapron, Manuel Dela Cueva, Elber Fuentes, Mathew Martinez, Christopher Turhey, Casey Turpin, **Destin Waltenbaugh**



Juggernaut's Warriors

Jose Benner, Leonardo Cortez, Montana Hammond, Ruben Hurtado, Dylan Manni, **Brandon McElroy**, Jacob Peterson

Names in Bold and Italic = Honor Campers

Kern County



Goblin's Crazy Campers

Jose Altamirano, Todd Brown, Miguel Flores, Steven Gonzales, Carlos Gotts, Andrew Hernandez, Austin Sterling



Misterio's Mysteries

Nathan Banks, Michael De La Cueva, Albert Flores, Darius Manning, Richard Perez, Victor Perez, Miguel Zamora



Prince's Knights

Jesse Cordero, David Fuentes, Robert Hernandez, Colby Moe, Nelson Navarro, Brandon Placencio



Froggy's Tadpoles

Jerome Capili, Brandon Chavez, Patrick Hernandez, Alex Sanchez, Alex Sanchez, Keith Wilson, Marco Yanez



Woodstock's Ligers

Salvador Castillo, Matthew Claypool, Joshua Driscoll, Johnny Neal, Joseph Solis, Emanuel Vargas

Summer Memories



Thank You For A Great Summer



2nd Session



Flame's Advengers

Hector Alexander, Mario Flores, Edwardo Langarica, ***Anjel Martinez***, Gregory Mitchell-Young, Adam Murtimer, ***Orlando Perez***, ***Humberto Sanchez***



Froggy's Wolfpack

Erick Binning, Mark Corona, Jose Leandro, ***Gustavo Reyes***, ***Ivan Rodriguez***, ***Marco Sanchez***, Dequaintae Sanders



Gallo's Strangers

Jesus Bedolla, Omar Guerrero, ***Angel Hernandez***, Eden Martinez, Travis Rice, Bryan Sanchez, Anthony Solis



Gizmo's Guards

Frankie Brandon, Robert Cruz, Guillermo DeLaTorre, ***Carlos Gonzalez***, Sergio Magana, Ruben Ramos, Marco Sepulveda, Michael Vasquez



Vertigo's Predators

Joshua Alvarez, ***Victor Avila***, Alan Delgado, Justin Farley, David Garcia, Rashad Parker, Victor Reyna, ***Jose Rivas***

Los Angeles and Kern County



Juggernaut's The Pack

Ty Anderson, ***Miguel Gonzalez***, Elijah Harris, ***Alex Holguin***, ***Mohammed Mansuir***, ***Brian Ocadiz***, Johnny Serbantez, ***Tommy Willingham***



Misterio's Night Crawlers

Mathew Battee, Mychal Ferguson, Rigo Gonzalas, ***Branden Henry***, Ulysses Hernandez, Esquibel Martinez, Marc Rangel, Daniel Saldona



Primo's Amigos

Carlos Avalos, Vincent Balderama, ***Michael Dalke***, ***Edwardo Jimenez***, Danny Mejia, Norman Rodriguez, Ruben Velez, Jr., Matthew Viranmentes



Spartan's Legionaries

Bryson Cantrell, Jonathan Davila, Daniel Estrada, ***Caleb Laughlin***, Jose Medina, Julien Pacheco, Julio Rosales, Alex Saldana

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Summer Fun





3rd Session



Black Tooth's Tapouts

Cameron Knowlton, Jacob Lopez, Cooper May, Joseph Mediano, Benajmin Olmedo, Rogelio Ramirez, Wyatt Woodfin



Copperhead's Crew

Garret Bodrogi, ***Frank Hamlin***, Nathan Limon, ***Daniel Madrigal***, Damon McDaniel, Luis Reyes, Jose Zamora



Gambit's Smoken Aces

Dominico Cosma, ***Ignatius Dana***, Jacob Deleon, Kevin Fisher, Justin Logan, Luis Orozco, Derrick Richmond, Philip Stewart



Gilligan's Panthers

Matthew Cabrera, Gabriel Duran, ***Angel Flores***, Manuel Lopez, ***Joshua Martinez***, ***Joseph Vera***, ***Larry Wise***



Woodstock's Black Eagles

Frank Bendzick, Chris Cisneros, Andres Garcia, ***Zyren Go***, Adelfo Nava, ***Samuel Perez***, Andrew Zenteno

Santa Maria & Orange County



Froggy's Rascals

Isaac Button, Ethan Byrd, Kiefer Cooksey,
David Dominguez III, Erik Estrada, Edwin
Hernandez, Sean Fee, Tyler Thomson



X's Extreme Squad

Josh Cabalka, Jose Chamu, Robert Hughes,
Austin Inman, Andrew Madrigat, Isaias
Martinez, Ernesto Tolledano, Julio Ulloa



Shepherd's Silent Sheperds

Khaled Abdelmaksoud, Jared Castillo,
Timothy Esquivel, Harrison Miller, Jovani
Penaloza, Osbaldo Quintanar, Richard Rosas



Primo's Spartans

Andrew Diaz, Jacob Espinosa, Manuel
Ledesma, Eddie Prado, Weslee Rhelt, Toshiki
Robbs, Caleb Hinkle, Jason Sanchez

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Summer Scenes





4th Session



Goblin's Green Golbins

Eustacio Aranda, Charley Hodges, **Aaron King**, Christian Marquez, Taraun Nixon, Andrew Perez, Jose Regalado, Colin Tucker



Copperhead's Minions

Odai Abuzaid, Canaan Anderson, **Ronald "RJ" Bell**, Don "DJ" Crane, Dustin Fujikawa, Robby Marselle, **Jesse Obiols**, **Kyle Ramirez**



Shepherd's Silent Shepherds

Richard Cisneros, **Josue Cornejo**, Picardo Gutter, Dallas Haro, Victor Lopez, Michael Paniagua, Anthony Seay



Ref's Warriors

Eddie Baez, Anthony Cervantes, Zachary Hodges, Daniel Luevano, Anthony Martinez, Bobby Moten, Darwin Rosas, Michael Young



Vertigo's Group

Miguel Contreas, Felipe Cortez, **Paul Cortez**, Pitrel Gulner, Christian Mobley-Krantz, **Giovanni Nara**, Justin Patino

Ventura & Santa Clarita



Flame's Jelly Fish Rock Stars

Andy Cox, Brandon Emerson, Joey Hernandez, James Hill, Gage Horn, Bryan Lernas, Zachary Nelson, Ronny Wise



Champ's Magnificent 7

Anthony Caballero, Daniel Carranza, James Cobb, Chris Gardner, Daniel Regalado, Nathan Rutherford, Erik Torres

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Your life is what you put into it.

Daniel "Weasel" Forster was a camper in 1987, a Lioneer and worker in 1988. Weasel was living in a not so good part of the San Fernando Valley when he was selected to attend Pyles Camp. Life at home was going well, but he found that he could turn to camp for help even if was to just get away for a little while. Weasel moved to Utah to live with his father. But his desire to go to camp never diminished, he would save his money all winter to afford a ticket to fly back here every summer just so he could work at camp. Weasel worked nearly every summer until 1998 as a counselor, specialist and Lion Meadows Director.



After leaving camp in 1998 Weasel got married and began the next chapter in his life. Weasel is not one to wait for things to come to him; he is a hard worker and knows that your life is what you put into it. He has had some exciting jobs like working as a Ski Patrol doing avalanche safety (getting to blow up avalanches to keep the resorts safe) and training an avalanche rescue dog. Weasel is currently with the Sheriff's Department in Utah. But not settling with just being a patrol deputy, he has joined the SWAT team, has several working dogs and is on an undercover task force against gangs, drugs and weapons.

It was a great pleasure to have Weasel back up at camp this summer after being away for ten years. His positive attitude and enthusiasm inspired the staff. Lets hope it's not another ten years before he comes up again.

Summer Experiences





5th Session



Black Tooth's Killer Bats

Marc Flores, Carlos Garcia, Ivan Jorge, Samuel Kruger, Kyle Myler, Gerardo Rodriguez, Jairo Rodriguez, Cody Sanders

“In a World of Followers, Dare To Be A Leader.”

“Life’s Truest Happiness Is Found In The Friendships We Make Along The Way”



Champ's Bionic 8

Omar Berumen, Christian Diaz, Jose Flores, Sigifredo Jimenez, William Johnson, Kenny Oberg, Daniel Padilla, Marc Rangel



Lance's Dark Knights

Joseph Alvarado, Colin Lindsey, Benito Mendoza, Brandon Ramirez, Armando Reyes, Fermin Rios, John St. Clair

LA Harbor & Long Beach

*Failure is simply the opportunity
to begin again, this time more
intelligently.*
- Henry Ford



Gilligan's 5 Dollar Foot Longs

Alexander Bollinger, Alejandro Garcia, Luis Gonzalez, Robert Guimary, Jeremy O'Brien, Joseph Quezada, Kyle Randle, Bryan Sanchez



Woodstock's Bench Warmers

Johnny Bejarano, Miguel Delgado, Jacob Dinis, Jason Folks, Andrew Kramer, Victor Martinez, Justin O'Brien, Cruz Rios



Primo's Boys

Robert Agard, Jesse Casarez, Jose Flores, Daniel Hall, Wilberth Mayorga, DeJohn Ruffin, Ruben Salas, Darrell Scott, Askari Void



Vortex's Train Rex

Andre Blaski, Nicholas Diaz, Joshua Ibarra, Angel Macias, Cain Shaw, Costa Tzavaras, Paul Wallace

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Lion Meadows



1st Session

Cloud, Shunk, Shepherd

Thomas Bedford, Jon Hamilton, Jonathon Reyes, Yael Sanchez, Johnny Torres



5th Session

Hermano, Vertigo

Adrien Brown, Jeremy Diaz, Joe Diaz, Peter Fernandez, Edgar Gomez, Ricardo Gonzalez, Brandon Hess, Jakob Poldrugo, Steve Ramos, Ronnie Rivas, Julio Romero



2nd Session

Cloud, Buddha

Matt Auner, Javier Bobadilla, Jonathon Lutes, Toby McCuan, Jorge Mendoza, Gabriel Palafox, Yovani Rodriguez, Michael Solis



6th Session

Cloud, Myth, Godzilla, Dead Pool

Quinn Breaux, Danny Castro, Cody Douglass, Kyle Douglass, Nick Rice



4th Session

Buddha, Gilligan

Ricky Alarcon, Matthew Bennett, Joseph Burquez, Michael Chavez, Christian Garcia, Luis Alex Gomez, Francisco Hernandez, Dashaun Nixon, Joseph Sotelo



3rd Session

Buddha, Ace

Luke Barnes, Filogonio Garcia,
Carlos Gonzales, Darian Hogan,
Daniel Kakuk, Michael Lavelle,
Angel Ramos, Anthony Zuniga

Congratulations to ALL of this years Lioneers! During your session you got to see and experience things you may have never done before. You may have hiked to some awesome lakes, experienced nature while huddled under a tarp during a summer rain storm, passed by a dead cow only to have it disappear days later (White Wolf?), or helped to clean up Lion Meadows by cutting down trees. But most of all, each of you accepted the challenge of the Lion Meadows program and learned more about yourself and your potential.



Lion Meadows is a very different experience from main camp. There are no specialists, no electricity, and no cook (How will we survive!). What we do have is a beautiful alpine meadow with a stream running down the middle of it, a rustic cook cabin, and shelters. Most important we have each other. We learn to work together, cook on a wood-burning stove, participate in new and exciting activities, and pull together as a team. Lioneers spend more time in the wilderness and go further than any main camp group. They experience all the wonders of nature, from making snow cones and having snow ball fights in early summer snow fields and fishing in lakes over 10,000 feet in elevation. It is a rugged and physical experience but you will be glad you took the challenge.

***Campers Contact Sidewinder if you like to be part of the Lion Meadows Program:
sidewinder@pylescamp.com / (661) 294-1394 or toll free (877) 767-9537 - extension #5***

Voyagers



3rd Session

Juggernaut, Champ

Juan Banuelos, Ruben Gomez, Jacob Shanbrom,
Michael Thrasher, Terry Turpin, Vance Vandigriff



4th Session

Primo, Juggernaut

Ken Fields, John Gonzales, Alexander
Lionheart, Zack Rock



6th Session

X, Champ, Black Tooth

Raymond Armenta, Terrell Bradford, Carlos Corona,
Keith Johnson, Jesus Langarcia, Jorge Lopez, Henry
Mayen, Angel Perez, Nick Sanchez-Wong, Lorenzo
Spatola

The Voyager Program is about self-discovery; learning more about yourself and thinking about who you want to be. The program challenges you both mentally and physically. During the session you and your group become one. The majority of the time is spent challenging nature's obstacles such as the alpine mountains that make Sequoia National Forest one of the most breathtaking places in the world. As a Voyager you are honored with the opportunity to backpack in these mountains, see alpine lakes and cool your feet in mountain streams. During the trip you will learn living skills as well as role-playing real life situations that concern you. Also, group discussions allow for personal growth. The Voyager program is an opportunity that only a few get to experience. This is an opportunity you will not want to pass you by!

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Pyles Leadership Training

This year during second session we had a group of 11 for Pyles Leadership Training (PLT's). This is another step in advancing through Pyles Camp. After being a Camper, Lioneer, Voyager, Worker and Specialist these young men are at the age of 18 and ready to become counselors. We also have PLT's that have not advanced through the Pyles Camp Program. We are very fortunate to get 2 interns from the University of Notre Dame each year (Ace and Shepherd). We also take recommendations from other staff members for potential PLT's. This year the 11 who completed PLT's consisted of Ace, Champ, Black Tooth, Copper Head, Eclipse, Gambit, Gilligan, Lance, Saosin, Shepherd and Woodstock. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to complete the course. We are very proud of our counselors for completing the course and their commitment to the Pyles Camp Program.

Our instructors this year were Coach, Sidewinder and McFly. Coach has been the Lead Instructor in past years as well as the main person in developing the course. Sidewinder is the Camp Outreach Coordinator. McFly has been with the camp for many years, most recently as a program director. McFly is now attending Edinburgh University in Scotland. This was a very beneficial mix of instructors.

The PLT program consists of a full session of classroom, practical, and observing other counselors with their groups. The PLT's also have an Outcamp and have the opportunity to experience different scenarios that may arise when they become counselors.

-Sidewinder-



Volunteer Freddy Daniel

Pyles Camp has always been blessed with the support of volunteers and donors. From the very beginning of the camp we have had the support of thousands of donors for equipment – materials and funding, as well as volunteers who donate their time to help select the boys for the summer, work at the work parties and organized fund raisers to name just a few of the many things they do.

One such volunteer is Freddy Daniel from Ventura. Freddy had heard the name Pyles Camp while working in the oil industry. But it was Willie "Freight Train" Patterson, a Pyles Camp alumni and long time work party volunteer, that invited Freddy to a work party in the 1990's. That was all it took to get him hooked on the camp. Since then he has attended at least one of the work parties every year, helped locate and donate equipment and supplies, hosted and helped fund reunions and field trips for the Ventura boys, he is also an Ambassador for the camp with getting our name out to local businesses and collecting donations. This summer he began selecting boys for the summer.

Thank you Freddy for all that you have done and continue to do to help the camp.



Work Parties, Work!

During the winters, camp sits under a blanket of snow. If you went into camp in the Spring you would not see the same camp that you saw when you hiked in on the first day. There would be pineneedles everywhere, branches and possibly trees on the ground, beds would not be made, there would not be enough firewood, and there would be no lights or water. Starting in April we begin the long process of opening the camp for another summer. It takes a lot of work to get the camp ready for you each year.

We hire a few staff members early to start opening the camp, but the largest amount of work takes place on two weekends during the Work Parties. Though it's called a Work Party, it is much more work than party! During these weekends 40 – 60 volunteers head to camp to do whatever work needs to be done to get the camp ready for YOU. Raking the camp, splitting firewood, making beds, fixing plumbing and electrical problems, trimming trees, fixing fences and mending all those sleeping bags are just a few projects that get done in a very short period of time.

Some of these volunteers came to camp for the first time this year while others have been coming back year after year for over 30 – 40 years. We even have some families that have three generations helping the camp!

Thank you to all the volunteers. We could not do it without all your help, dedication, skills and knowledge that each of you bring. You truly are part of the Pyles Camp Family.



Lion Meadows Gets a Face Lift

Lion Meadows is a very special and beautiful place located 12 miles into the backcountry from the main camp. For years Lion Meadows has been in need of tree care. But due to its remote location it has been tough trying to get a crew out there to clean up the trees.

This past September with help from Maverick, Bear Valley Tree Care out of Big Bear, Chisholm and Billy Bear we were finally able to get a good start on cleaning up the trees out at Lion Meadows. Maverick flew four guys and over 600 pounds of gear out to Lion Meadows. Billy Bear and Chisholm packed out more supplies on mules. The crew spent five days working out there and having a great time. Not only did they clean up a lot of trees, they built another outside table, a log chair and got logs cut and ready to replace the old rails around the campfire area. A lot of work got done and everyone enjoyed themselves. A good relationship between Pyles Camp and the Bear Valley Tree Care crew was formed; plans are already in the process to go out again next year to continue the work.



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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 that have won the Noble or Pulitzer Prize.

Name the last five Academy Award winners for the 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 field. 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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