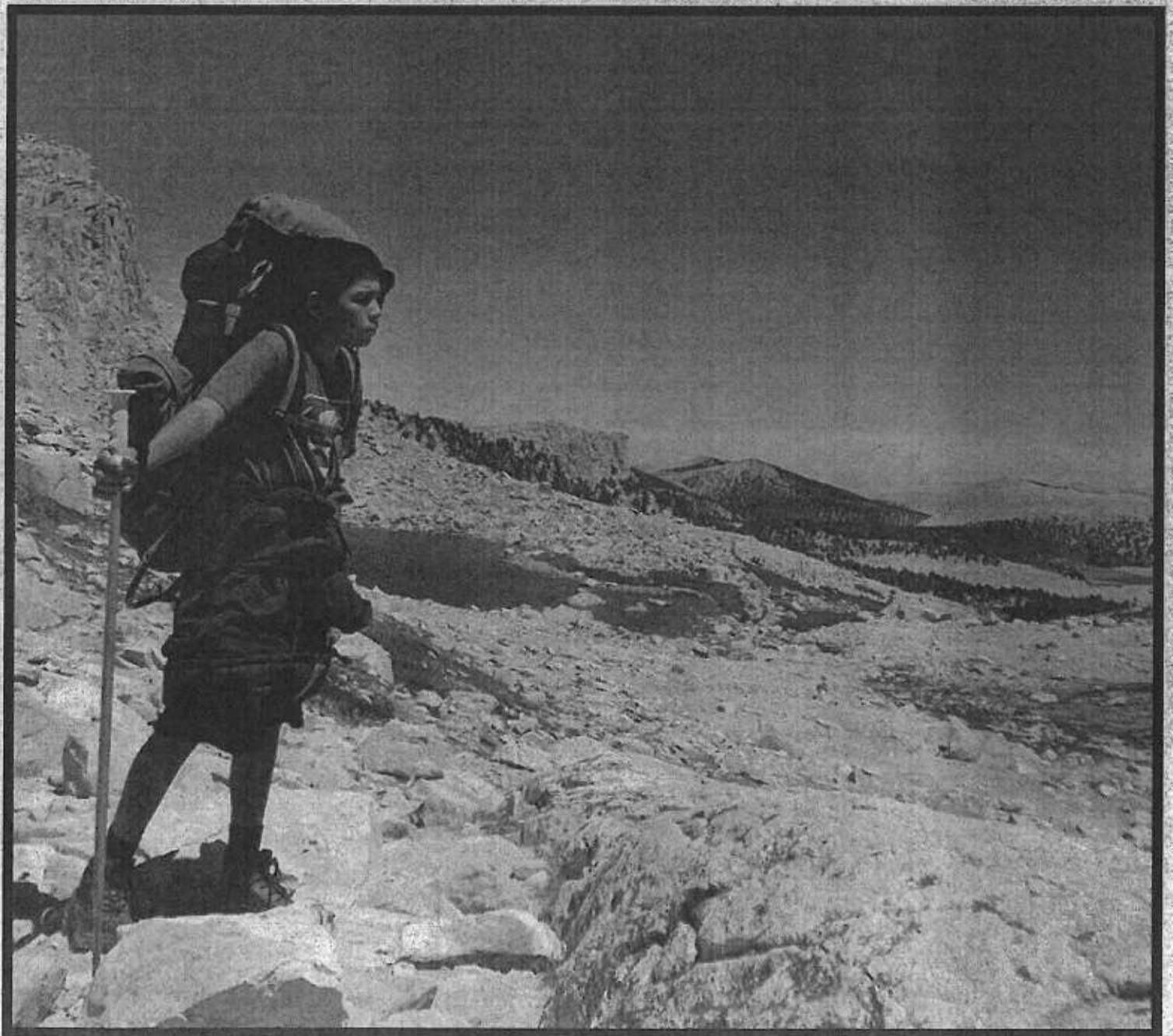


*R.M. Pyles Boys Camp*  
*2012 Pylet*



*Effort and Courage are not Enough  
without Purpose and Direction*

# *Welcome to the 2012 Pylet*

Welcome to the 2012 Pylet. The summer and our time at Pyles Boys Camp has long since past and we are back home dealing with school, work and daily life. Sometimes life can get tough. Our hope is that this Pylet will bring back all those good memories of your time up at the camp, such as the things you got to see and do, the places you got to go, the lessons you learned and the tools you can use throughout your life.

While at camp you learned about setting goals and not giving up if you don't reach that goal, but to keep trying until you do. When times get tough you need to take that next step. Remember when you were on outcamp and the trail got steep, though it was a challenge you kept taking that next step. Life is the same way, set your goals and keep taking that next step.

*Shotgun*



## *Message From Beaver*

### *Camp Director*

*“Still round the corner there may wait  
A new road or a secret gate  
And though I oft have passed them by  
A day will come at last when I  
Shall take the hidden paths that run  
West of the Moon, East of the Sun.”  
— J.R.R. Tolkien*

Each day you awake to a new adventure. When you first came to camp, you started down the path of a new direction in life. You saw and did things you may have never had the opportunity to experience. I hope you learned that you are in control of the paths you take and the gates you open in life. Choose wisely, the path less travelled is usually harder but in the end you most often find it was more rewarding than taking the easy way. Take pride in what you accomplished this summer and set goals to improve your lives.

Until our paths meet again I pray you have safe and wonderful adventures.

*Beaver*





# *Message From Coach*

## *Executive Director*

As the new Executive Director, I have been given the opportunity and privilege by the Board of Directors to continue the work that Mr. Pyles began over 60 years ago. Camp is a special place with great staff, great campers, many exciting and fun activities, great food and awesome experiences. To quote a long time camp volunteer, "it is the true Magic Mountain."

I have over 30 years of experience with camp as a selector, counselor, leadership training author and instructor, work party volunteer and Kern County BBQ committee volunteer. I have been a member of the Board of Directors for 12 years and its president for the past 4 years. I am a true believer in Pyles Camp and have a passion for the camp and its program. I have seen firsthand the positive changes camp can make in a young man's life through my own son's camp experience, as well as, my grandson's camp experience. Pyles Camp is truly my second family.

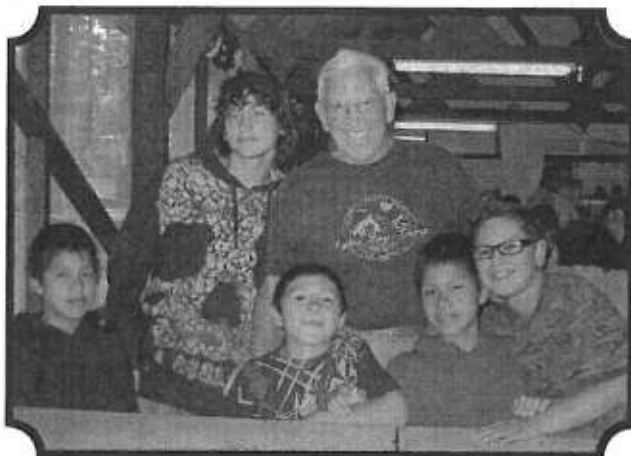
I hope that you had a great time at camp this summer, and you have many great memories of the experience and have gained some valuable tools that will last a lifetime. I'm sure that you found that Pyles Camp is not just a summer camp, but a learning environment filled with fun, exciting and positive activities which will help you face the challenges at school and home.

My sincere wish is that you learned respect for yourselves and fellow campers, and were reminded of the importance of family at home as well as the Pyles Camp family, and the role each can play in your lives.

Pyles camp provides an opportunity to learn the ways to become a leader, be a success at anything you choose to do, and the benefits of hard work. It gives you the chance to see truly that you can be whatever you want to be if you are willing to work hard.

I trust that each of you have taken advantage of the lessons learned at camp because there are many people at camp rooting for you to be successful.

*Stan "Coach" Moe*



# *Message From McFly*

## *“Build the Foundation to your Dreams”*

*“I learned this, at least, by my experiment: that if one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours. He will put some things behind, will pass an invisible boundary [...] as he simplifies his life, the laws of the universe will appear less complex, and solitude will not be solitude, nor poverty poverty, nor weakness weakness. If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them.”*

*- Henry David Thoreau, Walden, Or a Life in the Woods*

When Henry David Thoreau left his home in the city to live in the woods near Walden Pond in order to protest slavery, he discovered something that changed his life. While there he learned that hard work and simple living were the keys to happiness. He came to believe that building something with your own hands is the greatest thing a man can do. This quote sums up the lessons he learned, and I believe it is important for all of you who have experienced Pyles Camp. What Thoreau is saying is that if you have dreams, goals, or ambitions, you must always seek to achieve them. Always be moving forward “confidently in the direction of [your] dreams” and you will be met with success. When you keep this as the simple motivation for your life, you will begin to realize that your failures aren't truly failures. Do not let yourself be turned away from your goals or your dreams because they are difficult to achieve, or because you might have been met with a failure or two (or maybe more) along the way. Not only that, don't ever stop moving forward, growing, changing, and becoming better. Pyles Camp always endeavors to give you the tools and the motivation to do what Thoreau challenges; to recognize the benefit of getting away from the complexities of life and to live simply. And in those moments of simplicity at Gray Meadow, or Lion, or somewhere in the middle of the wilderness on the Pacific Crest Trail, you will find the clarity and the strength to continue reaching for your goals. You will realize that if you can climb that mountain, or find the joy in sitting around a campfire with a meal you helped cook, eating and sharing with friends, you really can do anything. It is the final line of the quote which I believe to be the most important. If you have built “castles in the sky” you have to “put the foundations under them.” Build those dreams. But also remember that the biggest castle is nothing without a strong foundation. Dream big, but always work to make those dreams a reality.



*McFly*

# Message From Bamm Bamm

## "Do or Do Not, There is no Try"

One of my favorite life quotes isn't from Mark Twain, the Buddha, Abraham Lincoln or any other famous historical human. Instead, it's from a fictional green guy named Yoda from the Star Wars movies.

**"Do or do not, there is no try."** -Yoda Simple words yes, but powerful meaning they have. ☺

In the scene containing that famous quote, Luke is "trying" to raise the ship using the force. Yoda makes a valid point by showing that the words "I'll try" contain a defeatist attitude. Luke had the ability to raise the ship, but lacked the confidence and therefore the effort. Of course, we are not merely talking about a scene in a movie. I feel that this quote is universally applicable. Yoda's point is very simple: if you make enough of an effort to accomplish an attainable goal, you will reach that goal. Just like when you were about to go hiking the first time. Jerky or Angel flights trails are tough yet attainable goals. Many of you just want to "Try" but you didn't. You committed to your out camp, your group, your counselor and most of all yourself.

If someone claims that he or she has tried and failed, a further investigation into the matter will show that the effort was lacking somewhere along the way. Committing to something completely and totally is the only way in which you can say that you have truly "tried." There really is no middle ground. Do or do not! You will find countless millions that claim they have "tried" something or other. But the efforts had to be half-hearted in order for them to not succeed. And at that point, the commitment would pay off. No one putting all of their effort into an attainable enterprise is going to say "I tried"-- they are going to say "I did."

Stop trying! Do or do not!

**BammBamm**



## Congratulations!

On behalf of Pyles Boys Camp we would like to congratulate several staff members on their marriages this past year. We wish all the best for a long happy life together.



Kevin "Bond" &  
Kelly Bond



Thanh "Buddha" & Annalise  
Luong



Chris "McFly" & Ashley  
"River" McEnulty



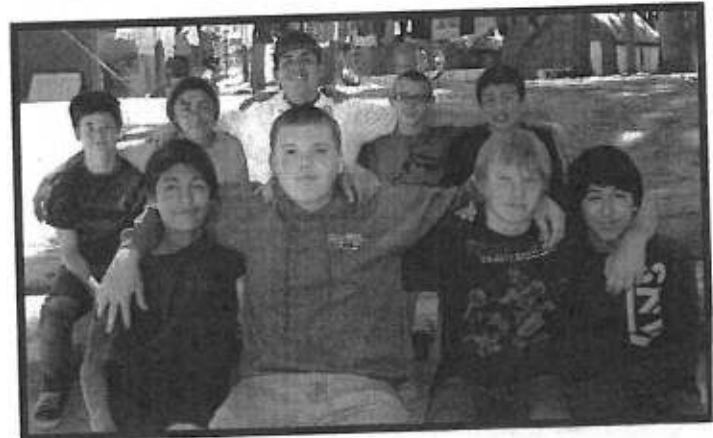
# *First Session*

## *Bakersfield & Kern County*



### *Blinder's Outsiders*

Christian Camargo, Derrick Clayton, Robert Garcia, Jeff Guyer, Jonathan Redfern, Ernesto Rodriguez, **Raider Van Dever**



### *Godzilla's Athletics*

Will Anderson, Joseph Arvizu, Nathan Browman, **Eddie Estrada**, Robert Hernandez, Michael Lopez, Alex Tirade, Stephen Zelen



### *Wildfire's Assassins*

Joseph Deleon Cain, Nick Diaz, Ruben Gonzales, Jeremiah Morin, Jason Ochoa, Zaybian Pandey, Jordan Primicerio,



### *Sniper's Alfa Squad*

James Johnston, **Carlos Lopez**, Jeremy Maas, Charl Nzau, Cristian Rodriguez, Steven Tzul

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**Nightmare's Scarface Mafia**

Arturo Astorga, Javier Aviles, Isaac Castellanos, Jacob Delaware, **Dayshawn Dixon**, **Kevin Holcomb**, Chance Meza, Brandon Riehl



**Hulk's Smash**

John Gallinger, Justin Moore, Dominique Palomo, Devin Vasquez, Chance Wirowek, Jerimiah Zuniga



**Bobcat's Scavengers**

William Ayala, Edward Colson, Noah Dunbach, Victor Herrera, Nathaniel Ibarra, Jose Lara, Luke Lozalo, Nolan Nelson



**Tank's Wolf Pack**

Frank Harris, Alex Kellam, Gabriel Olvera, Abraham Reyes, **Angel Sahagun**, Andrew Villegas, Malachi Webb



**Dragon's Unknowns**

Shane Abernathy, Simon Holt, **Andrew Moreno**, Dominic Pachero, **Danny Pelayo**, Dominic Placencia, Anthony Smith

# Summer Memories







# *Second Session*

## *Kern & Los Angeles Counties*

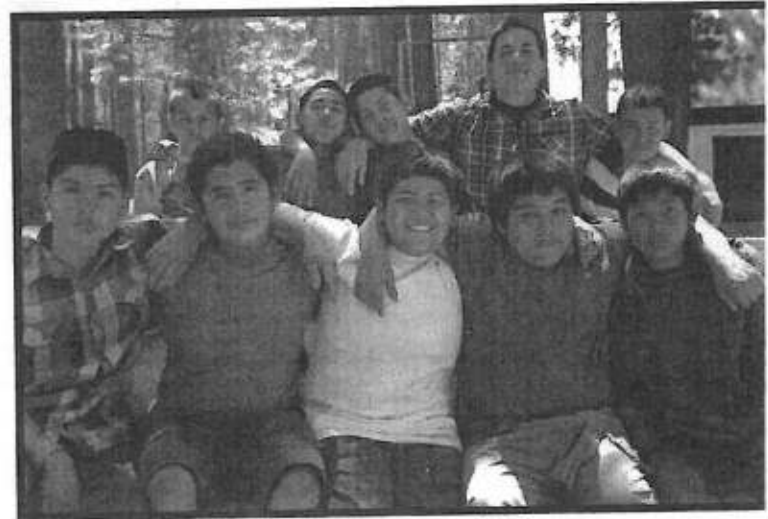


### *Bobcat's Infamous Kings*

Diego Arreriguin, Mario Birruerta, Ivan Duarte  
Miguel Gonzalez, **Franklin Reed**, Christopher Rojas  
Gegorio Salgado, **Leonel Santiago**, Ernesto Vega

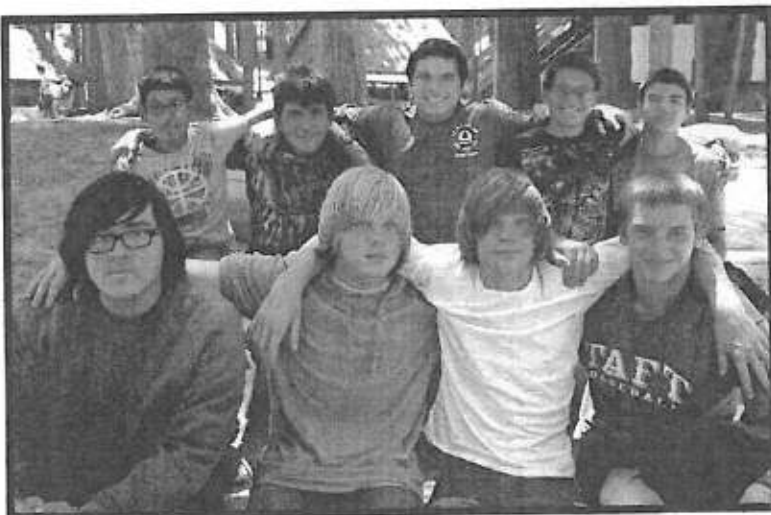
### *Godzilla's Wolfpack*

Enrique Acosta, Robert Castillo, **Daniel Cuevas**,  
Frank Ramirez, Isaac Ramirez, Victor Remigo,  
**Jose Solis**, Damien Vasquez, Jose Vasquez



### *Panda's Express*

Jonathan Ayala, River Livingston, William  
Lopez-Calderon, **Christopher Soto**, Justin  
Studer, **Nicolas Walker**, Maleik Wright, Martin  
Zamarripa



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### *Hajikoo's Bears*

Lavon Card, John Dimetry, **Ivan Isidro**, **Carlos Lazalde**, **Alfredo Lepe**, Ray Ruiz, Keith Taylor, **Nelson Tirado**



### *Thunder's Avengers*

Jacob Alarcon, **Pedro Celis**, Jakob Doke, **Aaron Good**, Michael Romero, Carlos Solano, Ivan Trigueros, Darius Wright



### *Champ's Crazy Hikers*

Alexis Arellano, Miguel Contreras, Andy DeAlba, Giovanni Garcia, Cole Manclow, Freddie Perez, Larry Rouell, Daniel Torres, **Jonathan Valdez**



### *Wildfire's Badgers*

**Richard Alvarez**, Raven Barrozo, Robert Delgado, **James DeLuis**, **Jose Guitron**, Jose Lopez, Shakur Moore, Efrain Vaquez



### *Tank's Monsters*

Nathan Bernard, Sergio Chau, Josue Guerrero, Jose Hernandez, Francisco Martinez, Camryn Richardson, Edgardo Salinas, Juan Tapia, David Vales



### *Hulk's Shadows*

Alfredo Aceves-Uribe, Leopoldo Curiel, Jr., Jose Gomez, Eduardo Martinez, Jose Palomera, **Enrique Ponce**, **Javier Reyes**, Noe Reyes, Daniel Salazar



# Summer Memories





# *Third Session*

## *Santa Maria, Los Angeles*

### *& Orange Areas*



#### *Champ's Camp*

Dylan deSanno, Kyle Ensor, Jimmy Garcia, Paul Gonzales, Miguel Gonzalez, Isaac Gutierrez, Ismael Montoy, Jose Orozco-Carranza, Cristian Reyes

*Congratulations to Champ and his group of outstanding young men for being recognized as a Honor Group*

#### *Radar's Beeps*

Richard Andrade, Kaden Bedard, David Garcia, Antonio Meza, Jonathan Ramos, Cristian Rios-Ventura, Jacob Santos, Daniel Tapia, **Diego Villagran-Tovar**



#### *Woodstock's Boondocks Ballers*

Juan Barrios, Noah Bowers, Isaac Gomez, Jesus Hernandez, **Gage Ingram**, Semaj Jefferson, Javier Maldonado



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### *Wildfire's Skittles for Life*

Jonathan Bracks, Robert Garcia, Isaiah Gutierrez, Abraham Guzman, Ryan Lundin, Jeremiah Putt, Bryan Tirado



### *Viper's Preditors*

Ernesto Banuelos, Fernando Calderon, Christopher Johnson, Cesar Ochoa, Cesar Ramos, Hector Salto, Isayah Scrivano, Daniel Varbedian



### *Godzilla's Wolf Pack*

Sylviano Calzada, Jose Garcia, Alejandro Garcia-Lopez, Carl "CJ" Hansen, Austin Jones, Pedro Trejo, Gerardo Vasquez, Nathaniel Willis



### *Hulk's Lone Rangers*

Marcus Catron, Nicholas Garner, Angel Ibarra, Travis Lepine, Johannes Luna, Marco Mendez, Saul Segura, Nathaniel Valencia



### *Panda's Wild Ones*

Jorge Calderon, Louie Davenport, Anthony Jefferson, Alvaro Olayo Jimenez, Cody McCormack, Shaye Miller, Victor Adrian Osalde, Oscar Sanchez



### *Cosmo's Homies*

Christopher Dates, Carlos Gonzalez, Thomas Kalem, Kevin Lopez, Ezra Loza, Jivanni McKoy, Chayce Mitchell, Eddson Perez

# Summer Memories







# *Fourth Session*

## *Ventura & Santa Clarita Areas*

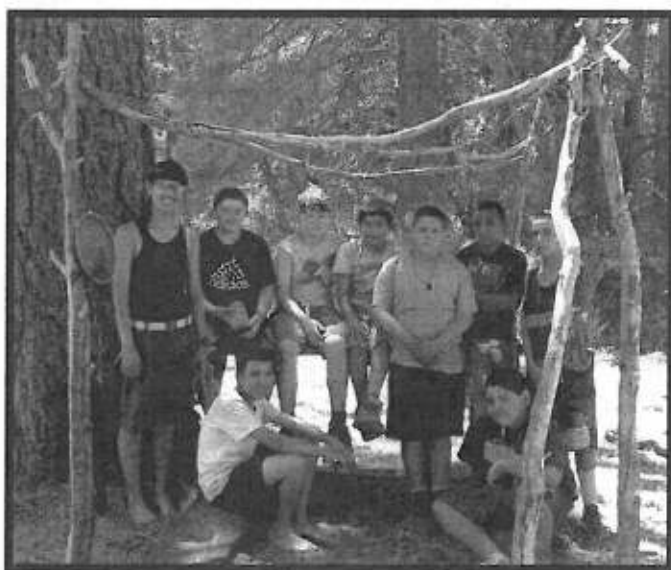


### *Timber's Lumberjacks*

Kenika Beck, Elias King, Aaron Loy, Eduardo Pena, Tate Phillips, Carlos Rocha, **Regin Wilson**, Paul Zitron

### *Night Crawler's Monsters*

Steven Gomez, David Henriquez, Guillermo Hernandez, Luis Martinez, Christian Pedraza, D'Angelo Qualls, Benjamin Riggs, Ivan Saenz



### *Woodstock's Cobras*

Dakota Boynton, Jaycob Flores, Jeffrey Loredo, Marcus McCoy, Michael Rodarte, Alan Salmoran, **Kathan Shrader**, **Daniel Stephens**



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**Plank's Werewolves**

Moises Becerra, Javier Cardoso, Josue Gonzales, Cristobal Narvaez, Francisco Ortiz, **Leonel Saenz**, Andrew Smith, Jose Torres



**Radar's Wolfpack**

Jayden Banos, Luke Calubayan, Christian Flores, Bryant Garcia, Christopher Loreto, Luis Tinajero, Lyndon Walter, Brandon Zacarias



**Hulk's Gamma Rays**

Michael Atkins, **Spencer Bliss**, Landon Carter, Matthew Ferguson, Jaime Gonzales, Christopher Ryskey, Miguel Silva, Jonathan Suarez



**Bobcat's Feather Friends**

Richard Celedon, Steven Hankinson, Arturo Jasso, **Collin Mitchell**, Francisco Pimentel, Steven Rousseau, Clinton Willis



**Roadkill's Snipes**

Sevyn Blount, Larez Edmonson, **Dylan Flores**, **Michael Lopez**, **Artemio Rodriguez**, Jesus Salinas, Michael Slivar, Daryl Williams



**Panda's Empire of Awesomeness**

Sedrick Blount, Robert Boyd, Arnulfo Galeana, Luis Maldonado, **Jonathan Martinez**, Jeremiah Skurk, Joseph Solis, Trevor Steven

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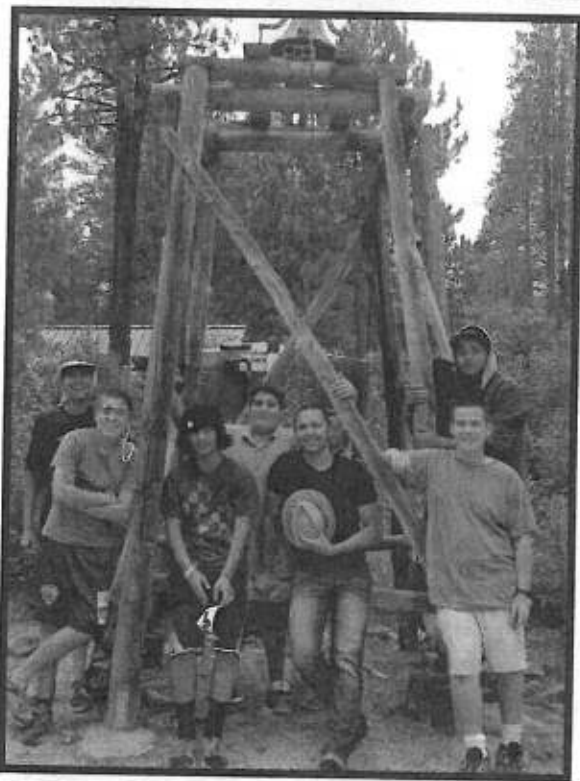






# *Fifth Session*

## *Los Angeles Harbor & Long Beach Areas*



### *Flame's Stumps*

Omar Baca, Thomas De La Torre,  
Aaron DeLeijia, Konner Kienzle, Matthew  
Murillo, Sebastian Sterling



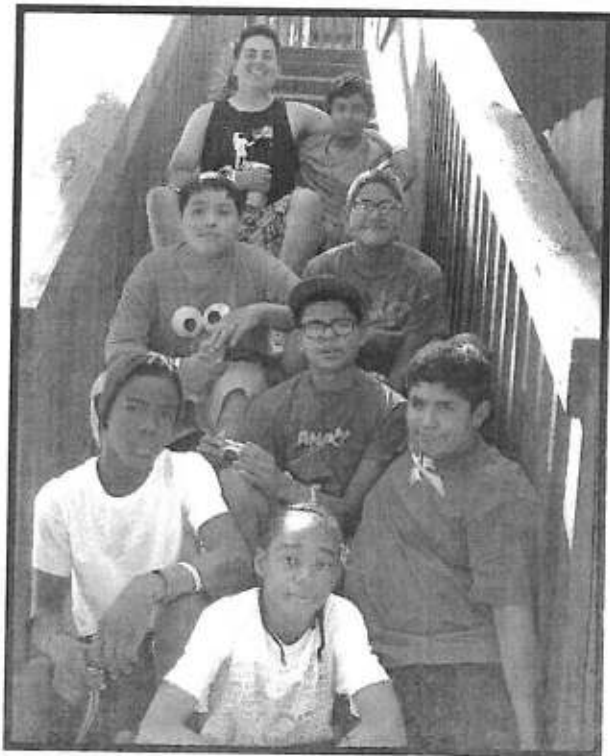
### *Night Crawler's Ninjas*

Tyree Auten, John Crisosto, Dominick Edwards, Khristopher  
Edwards, Cesar Macias, Joe Negrete



### *Goblin's Wilders*

Zachary Castor, Juan Castrejon, Christian Castro-Osorno,  
Sergio Magana, James McEnulty, Gerardo Mondragon,  
Richard Upchurch



### *Godzilla's Baby 'Zillas*

Lamar Kidd, Andrew Martinez, Fernando  
Martinez, Francisco Nava, Jorge Sandoval,  
Isaac Villa, Vondrea Williams



**Plank's Mistery Gang**

Carlos Baez, **Georgeff Becelinof**, Luis Gonzalez, Cruz Rea, Tyrese Tillman

**Hulk's Hulkamaniacs**

Christopher Hernandez, **Elijah Krickeberg**, Samuel McKeen, **Kevin Velazquez**, Omar Viramontes, Dustin Young



**Dolphin's Avengers**

Jonathan Cuevas, **Drake Gascon**, Tony Love, Ahatzin Mendoza, **Phillip Ung**, Kevin Vazquez

**Roadkill's Roadrunners**

David Gomez, Cesar Islas, **Isiah Jara**, Tommy Lamberson, **David Machado**, Anthony White



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# Summer Memories





# *Lion Meadows*

## *“2012 The Summer of Fun & Adventure”*

Greeting Fellow Lioneers!

Since I was a Lioneer, I have dreamt about coming back to and being able to explore once again the further destination outside of Lion Meadows and to give back to the boys the same experience I had. The summer of 2012 has ended and now we are back to our normal life routine. We learned many life lessons at Lion Meadows this summer. I believe we have all learned from each other because of the responsibility of being out at Lion Meadows. We had to learn to work as a group, teamwork and the effort it takes to keep our facility organized and clean. Cleaning out the tool shed and getting it organized as well as cutting up the old pipe into pieces, which took most of the day to do, was a pretty good accomplishment for these young men helping to keep Lion Meadows organized!

This summer was adventurous because of the challenges each and every one of you faced. We all faced challenges hiking through the Golden Trout Wilderness. The destinations we accomplished to reach were beautiful areas like Coyote Lakes, Silver Lake, Shotgun pass and the Top of World, each of which were amazing. We were able to explore these beautiful areas and had a wonderful experience in the wilderness hanging out at the lakes and on top of the mountains. During third session, I believe was pretty cool for the group, as they got to experience Fourth of July being on Top of the World and were barely able to see some fireworks.

The ‘Hunter Games’, the theme of the summer, was a leisure time activity, which was pretty fun and creative. Using the entire property was pretty epic because of the view looking down into Lion Meadows and being able to overlook the whole landscape and discovering hiding spots. One of the Lioneer’s had a pretty interesting discovery; he found some really old Coca Cola bottles, sort of a vintage treasure.

The summer of 2012 was fun and adventurous. I hope each and every one of you has learned that responsibility is very important and is a vital factor to accomplishing new goals within your own life. I hope you have learned to take a leadership position within your community and you are giving back the life lessons you have learned at Lion Meadows. Remember being part of the Pyles Camp family never ends! So I hope all of you want to come back to camp to experience the Voyager program where you can learn even more leadership skills. Each and every one of you has the potential to be leaders in the future!



*Sincerely,*  
*Adrian ‘Denzo’ Pichardo*





**1st Session Lioneers**

***Denzo, Panda, Achillies & Echo***

Kevin Arevalo, Andrew Carbajal, Matthew Cathey, Ruben Chavez, Anthony Cook, Jorge Cruz, Julian Gonzalez, Gavino Pelayo, Isaac Saldana, Issac Trevino



**2nd Session Lioneers**

***Denzo, Buddy, Echo & Taz***

Carlos DelCampo, Damian Garcia, Jacob Lozano, Alex Martinez, Christian McLaughlin, Kala Miller, Eddie Navarette, Steven Renteria, Joshua Thomason, Scott Velasquez, James Vollrath, Alex Zamora



**3rd Session Lioneers**

***Denzo, Fog, Scribe, Aloha, Taz & Frodo***

Jonathan Alvarado-Torres, Kenneth Davis, Jesus Haro, Curtis Lanini, Dylan Lopez, Rodolfo Paulino, Hunter Qualle, Isaiah Ruiz, Raymond Sights, Anjelo Ward



**4th Session Lioneers**

***Denzo, Fog, Aloha, Donkey Kong, Eragon & Taz***

Joseph De Los Santos, Joe Giunta, Alex Jauregui, Isaac Lizarraga, Andres Mares, Anthony Martinez, Jose Mejia, Jeffrey Rodgers, James Satterfield, Christopher Vargas, Jessie Vasquez, Ryan Wynne



**5th Session Lioneers**

***Woodstock, Timber, Moose, Ghost rider & Chopper***

Nelson Gonzalez, Billy Krickeberg, Isaiah Krickeberg, Noa Rossi, Erik Silva-Santoyo, Brandon Velazquez, Min Yun, Andrew Zamora

# *Lion Meadows Fun & Adventures*







# 3rd Session Voyagers

## "Never Give Up"

I remember going to Coyote Lakes and Top of the world when I was a Voyager back in 2006. My friend ("Cliff") and I made a promise to each other, that if we ever became counselors we would take our group there. This past summer I had the opportunity to keep that promise. Along with "Timber", the voyagers and I packed our bags and headed to the lakes. It was a tough trip and there were times we wanted to give up. But we didn't. We worked together as a team and helped each other climb the mountain. At the top you could see everything; camp, Needles, Hermits & Twins peaks, and the city lights from Tulare County. We got to see all of this because we never gave up. We had a blast telling campfire stories, jokes, making trail pizzas and eating freeze dry foods. It was well worth it. We made memories we will never forget.

For those of you who were at camp this past summer (campers,ioneers, voyagers) I want you to remember this: "No matter how hard the trail in life is, Never give up" Use the trails as a metaphor for life, the farther you go, and the higher you climb, the harder it's going to get. Never give up!!!

I hope you guys had fun this past summer, and hope to see you back next year. 3rd session Voyagers, I'm proud of all of you! - **Bobcat** -



### **Bobcat & Timber**

Able Gutierrez, Nicholas Kinsella, Paul Munzo, Gabriel Munzo, Jason Sandoval, Geoffrey Thompson, Oscar Velasco, Mark Velasquez



# 4th Session Voyagers

## "You are Warriors"

There are experiences in life that challenge us, create discomfort and pain, yet somehow allow us to grow. As a Voyager counselor along with Scribe I was reminded of the simplicity of our basic need to live in community as brothers. It was through the Pacific Crest Trail that I observed a group of young men enjoy the beauty that friendships can create. I witnessed how despite the fatigue the body experienced the voyagers were able to push each other to reach our destination each day. I witnessed how humor can lighten the load and seriousness of life.

I witnessed debates about the meaning of life, sharing different values and beliefs and heard common issues teenagers are faced with. I kept asking what is it about Pyles that keeps drawing these young men back? What I heard was the need to take a break from the circumstances they experience and be surrounded by people who believe in them. The hiking strengthened their human spirit and allowed them to externalize thoughts and experiences that may have possibly consumed them. The members of the group provided an ear to those who, at times, go through life being ignored. Being with nature grounded these men and reminded them of the delicate balance with nature. Sleeping on the ground, sharing food, looking out for each other and conserving water grounds an individual. The most important aspect of the Voyager program was the ability to see the resilience that each voyager possessed.

You are warriors, never forget that. When you begin to doubt yourself, remember that you are part of a family who loves you and believes in you. - Ozomatli -

### ***Ozomatli & Scribe***

Jacob Arevalo, Jess Cobos, Mat Gomez, Christopher Kravatz, Joseph Ramirez, Ricardo Santuario, Steven Schoonover, Eric Unzueta





# 5th Session Voyagers

## "You Hold Your Future"

Voyager is the last step to becoming more than a worker, more than a teen, more than a friend, and more than a camper. During the summer of 2012, I was honored to direct the Voyager program along with Radar. We had hiking restrictions and health conditions on my boys (excuse me I meant young men) making our trip a challenge. During the first few days the young men of Pyles bonded and grew as one. We were a family enjoying many good memories at the camp fire and with games. The beautiful sight of the wilderness in our background made this trip more of a vacation. Sitting in the grass enjoying the cool breeze while relaxing to sounds of the river and birds. After the hiking restrictions were lifted, our packs were on and this family converted into men in the back country.

Voyagers, I want to say is that I am proud of you. During this trip all of your eyes and tones changed as soon as those packs were on. All of you knew that we had a challenge and goal. All of you guys pushed each other to the limit and motivated each other to accomplish your goals. That is what Pyles Boys Camp is all about. Not only are we a family, we are motivators, role models, and outstanding citizens in this camp and outside this camp. During the trip, you proved to me that you young men are or have the potential to be all of the above. I know summer is still far away but your lifestyle and your choices are forever. So remember what you learned, because you hold your future and you are the future leaders of this camp. **- Yogi Bear -**



### ***Yogi Bear & Radar***

Julio Chavez, Tyler Clark, Jeremiah Hall, Jay Mott,  
Dakota Ramirez, Darrin Talamantes,  
Thomas Topping





# *Pyles Leadership Training*

## *Developing Pyles Camp's Future Leaders*

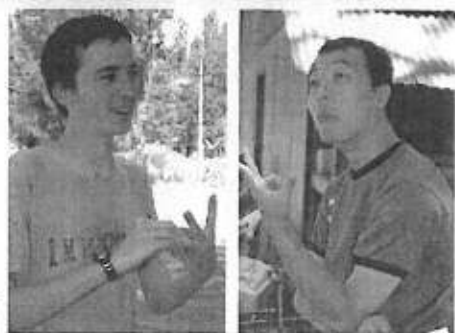
Pyles Leadership Training is the first step in becoming a counselor at camp, and every year a special group of young men are identified and selected to participate in this very intense and demanding training that challenges them to be the best. PLT training is no "walk in the park" due to the importance of the counselor's role and the tremendous responsibility placed upon them. It is a full session of hard work filled with lecture, group discussions, practical exercises and observations of experienced counselors at work with their groups, as well as, an outcamp experience that allows them to practice the skills they learned in order to prepare them for the difficult, enjoyable and rewarding position of counselor.

Becoming a counselor is not a "right of passage" or guaranteed, and each participant has to earn his place in the program. The selections are made on the basis of their attitude, strong work ethic, desire and enthusiasm.

Counselors are the backbone of Pyles Camp, and the campers' safety and camp experience are entrusted to these young men. It is important to fully develop the *leadership, supervision, decision making, and safety* skills in these young men to insure that they are prepared to provide the most enjoyable and rewarding experience for the campers. The focus of the PLT Program is to fully develop these skills in each of the participants, and provide them with the tools to perform at the highest level.

The facilitators/instructors for the training were *Hondo, Buddha, Cloud and Coach*. Hondo is an alumnus of the camp, a selector, an LA County Sheriff's Sergeant, and a PLT instructor for 4 years. Buddha has been with the camp for many years, as a counselor, Lion Meadows Director, and most recently as the worker coach. Cloud has been with camp for many years, most recently as a PLT instructor for 4 years, as well as, the Lion Meadows Director. Coach has been the lead instructor for the past 17 years, as well as, the person responsible for the development and continual updating of the course.

***Congratulations to Thunder, Viper, Roadkill, Nightcrawler, Camo, Radar, Piston, Timber, Sampson, Donket Kong, and Aloha for their successful completion of the PLT course.***



# *Winter Outreach*

## *The Pyles Adventure Continues On*

It's winter! But that doesn't mean that Pyles fun stops. What that means is that we get to do some really great things in between summers! And this year is no exception. From reunions to career days to pizza parties, we have a lot of great stuff planned. We're planning campouts and field trips all to keep the spirit of Pyles alive throughout the year. But there's something you have to do in order to make sure you get to participate in all of these events. Do well! Keep your grades up, work hard, treat your family the way you know they should be treated, and stay out of trouble. Doing these things will help to show your dedication to being a Pyles camper and will get you invited and help to secure yourself a spot. So don't just think that after you go home from camp the magic and the fun of Pyles disappears until the next summer. Stay strong, work hard, and keep an eye on the mailbox!



*Winter  
Events from  
2011-2012*



## *Taking the Next Step*

*Camper to Lioneer, Lioneer to Voyager, Voyager to Staff,  
Staff to Senior Staff*

By the time you are receiving this Pylet we have come to the end of another year and in six short months we'll be back in camp for another exciting summer in the mountains. We hope that your time at camp has had an impact on your life and it has got you thinking about who you are and what you want to become in the future. With the tools you learned at camp and through the short messages here in this Pylet, we trust that you have what it takes to set goals for yourself and to see them through to success. It's all about taking the next step, if you know where you are and where you want to be, the only way you are going to reach that place is to take a step.

As mentioned, summer will be here before you know it. Did you have fun at camp last summer? Did you learn lessons that you are applying to your life? Did you enjoy all the activities and getting to go backpacking? We hope you did! Would you like to come back to camp and see old friends, make new ones, learn new lessons, the opportunity to get out of the craziness of the city to a place where you can be yourself and have fun? Well you are in luck! The biggest thing you need to do is to keep in contact with us and let us know that you want to come back to camp. Early in 2013 we will be sending out information regarding the upcoming summer. Spaces are filled on a first come first serve basis, so it is important to get your paperwork filled out and returned as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to seeing you back at camp this summer.

## *Special Recognition*



**Champ** - For the past several years you have given up valuable time from your daily life in the city to spend several sessions at camp every summer. You easily convinced us that you deserved the opportunity as Worker Coach. We want to thank you and commend you for a job well done this past summer at camp. Your performance was outstanding, and it was proven with an honor group third session. Best wishes to you as you finish school and all of your endeavors.

**Hulk** - We want to acknowledge and commend Hulk for his excellent performance this summer as a counselor. With his enthusiasm and dedication, Hulk counseled all five sessions and completed it with the same energy level as it was 1st session. Keep up the hard work and we look forward to having you as a leader of men, next summer.



## *A Special Thank You to Meg & Stewie*

Unless you have spent a summer in the kitchen at camp you do not have a true understanding of just how much time and work it takes to put together three meals a day for a group of hungry teenage boys and staff. We would like to give a special thank you to Meg and Stewie for stepping in this past summer and putting in the long hours to prepare all the great meals!





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| <b>Achillies</b>       | <b>Kenneth Oberg</b>    |
| <b>Aloha</b>           | <b>Joe Diaz</b>         |
| <b>Bamm Bamm</b>       | <b>Dale Decker, Jr.</b> |
| <b>Billy Bear</b>      | <b>Jose Romo</b>        |
| <b>Blinder</b>         | <b>Jayson Haskell</b>   |
| <b>Blue</b>            | <b>Jacob Lozano</b>     |
| <b>Bobcat</b>          | <b>Robert Villegas</b>  |
| <b>Bones</b>           | <b>Joseph Cobos</b>     |
| <b>Bruin</b>           | <b>Victor Sanchez</b>   |
| <b>Buddah</b>          | <b>Thanh Luong</b>      |
| <b>Buddy</b>           | <b>Aaron D'Agostino</b> |
| <b>Bug Eye</b>         | <b>John Papastathis</b> |
| <b>Camo</b>            | <b>Matthew Auner</b>    |
| <b>Captain America</b> | <b>Thomas Topping</b>   |
| <b>Cardinal</b>        | <b>Daniel Martinez</b>  |
| <b>Champ</b>           | <b>Chad Alyea</b>       |
| <b>Cheff</b>           | <b>Zack Nease</b>       |
| <b>Chopper</b>         | <b>Jeremy O'Brien</b>   |
| <b>Cloud</b>           | <b>Richard McEnulty</b> |
| <b>Coach</b>           | <b>Stan Moe</b>         |
| <b>Cosmo</b>           | <b>Ryan McAdams</b>     |
| <b>Crush</b>           | <b>Jeffery Rodgers</b>  |
| <b>Denzo</b>           | <b>Adrian Pichardo</b>  |
| <b>Dodge</b>           | <b>Dylan Haskell</b>    |
| <b>Dolphin</b>         | <b>Juan Jimenez</b>     |

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| <b>Dragon</b>       | <b>Jose Molina</b>        |
| <b>Echo</b>         | <b>Francisco Saldana</b>  |
| <b>Eragon</b>       | <b>Bryan Sanchez</b>      |
| <b>Flame</b>        | <b>Frank Salinas, Jr.</b> |
| <b>Flash</b>        | <b>Billy Potter</b>       |
| <b>Fog</b>          | <b>Rian Dineen</b>        |
| <b>Frodo</b>        | <b>Harrison Miller</b>    |
| <b>Gale</b>         | <b>Mohammed Mansour</b>   |
| <b>Gambit</b>       | <b>Steven Manuel</b>      |
| <b>Gazzoo</b>       | <b>Vincent Herrera</b>    |
| <b>GhostRider</b>   | <b>Daniel Hall</b>        |
| <b>Goblin</b>       | <b>Khai Tan</b>           |
| <b>Godzilla</b>     | <b>Miguel Rojas</b>       |
| <b>Grandpa John</b> | <b>John Suniga</b>        |
| <b>Haijkoo</b>      | <b>Rayvonn Lee</b>        |
| <b>Hondo</b>        | <b>Kenneth Roller</b>     |
| <b>Hulk</b>         | <b>Roberto Campos</b>     |
| <b>Jaws</b>         | <b>Joey Orozco</b>        |
| <b>Jaybird</b>      | <b>Jerome Capili</b>      |
| <b>Libre</b>        | <b>Joseph Valdez</b>      |
| <b>Lumberjack</b>   | <b>Kaleb Rongo</b>        |
| <b>Meg</b>          | <b>Judy Parks</b>         |
| <b>Moose</b>        | <b>CJ Bente</b>           |
| <b>Mosquito</b>     | <b>David Lizzarraga</b>   |
| <b>Nightcrawler</b> | <b>Nick Sanchez-Wong</b>  |



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| Nightmare | Thomas Roller     |
| Oddjob    | Riley Rubalcava   |
| Onix      | Tommy Kelly       |
| Ozo       | Manuel Delgado    |
| Panda     | Jorge Mendoza     |
| Peaches   | Brandi McAdams    |
| Pedro     | Kenny Reza        |
| Pistol    | Steven Schoonover |
| Piston    | Kenneth Rongo     |
| Plank     | Robert Ripley     |
| Radar     | Jonathan Lutes    |
| Rambo     | Isaac Araujo      |
| Red       | Paul Sturmer      |
| Road Kill | Jeremy Freyberger |
| Scribe    | Cameron Walters   |
| Skywalker | Michael Kurtz     |
| Sniper    | Idris Gant        |
| Spuds     | David McEnulty    |
| Squash    | Evan Weise        |

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|-----------|-------------------|
| Squire    | John Hartley      |
| Stallion  | Joseph Sotelo     |
| Steel     | Shawn Jordison    |
| Steers    | Johnny Steers     |
| Stewie    | Eugene Parks      |
| Stitch    | Manuel Gonzalez   |
| Tank      | Anthony Martinez  |
| Taz       | Jonathan Martinez |
| Thunder   | Charles Poh       |
| Timber    | Tomas Bedford     |
| Torch     | Samuel Hall       |
| Twix      | Angel Hernandez   |
| Viper     | Jacob Shanbrom    |
| Wildfire  | Ronald Bell       |
| Wolf      | Eddie Ramos       |
| Woodstock | Ben McEnulty      |
| Yogi Bear | David Armenta     |
| Yolo      | Mitch Haskell     |
| Zinger    | Nathan Banks      |



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happens within him.*

