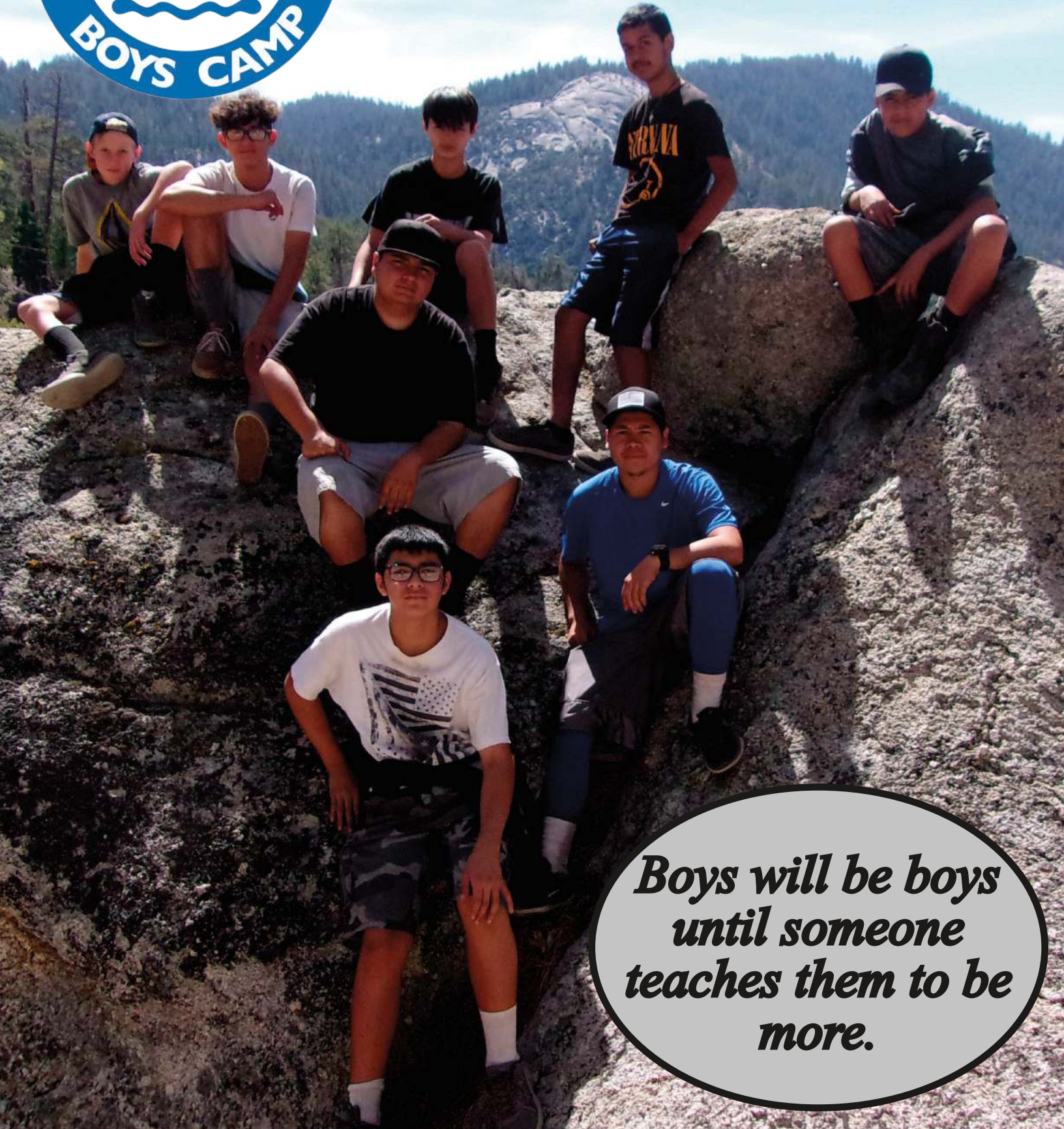




2019 Pylet



*Boys will be boys
until someone
teaches them to be
more.*

Welcome to the 2019 Pylet

Hello from R.M. Pyles Boys Camp. The summer is over and winter is on its way in. The camp is now closed and waiting for the snow to fall if it has not started yet. As we were closing up camp for the winter the seasons had begun to change. The temperatures had dropped into the upper teens and low twenties in the mornings, the willows along the creek as well as Cottonwood Circle had turned yellow and were quickly losing their leaves.

Just as the seasons change at camp, during your time at Pyles you also changed. Think of the challenges you overcame while on outcamp, the lessons you learned at the different activities, the Thought for the Days and all the other tools you gathered and put in your tool box. All of those challenges, lessons, and tools are there for you to use throughout your life. We hope that the Pylet helps to keep that flame going inside you, and you strive to always do your best in everything you set your mind to.



Shotgun

Message From Stripes

Executive Director

“I wish there was a way to know you’re in the good old days before you’ve actually left them.”
-Andrew Baines Bernard

I’ve spoken to many of you at recent reunions who look back fondly on your time spent in the mountains this summer. The “good old days” spent with your new brothers last summer is now a life-long memory to cherish. You’ve shared the feelings of relief and accomplishment when reaching the top of Jerkey Mountain or Angel’s Flight, the feeling of brotherhood obtained through fireside chats in the backcountry, and the feeling of pride when you returned to camp after your long journey into the wilderness.

While the “good old days” of summer 2019 are in the past, I am confident that you will be creating many more “good old days” ahead. Your extra efforts at school, at home, and in your community will lead to new opportunities. If you apply the lessons learned in the mountains, you will be amazed at how many doors open for you. You can achieve your goals and all of us at R.M. Pyles Boys Camp are rooting for you to succeed!



While school and the real world have replaced camp on the schedule, please know that the team at Pyles is still here for you. Be sure to stay in touch and attend the various events that are taking place in your community. We look forward to seeing you and hearing about your successes and the places in which you need support. The brotherhood of Pyles has your back! Finally, please join me in thanking all the passionate staff, volunteers, selectors, donors, board members, alumni, and friends for giving their time, their talents, and their treasure. Without these people, R. M. Pyles Boys Camp would not be possible.

This year's Pylet is dedicated to Mac McFarland, and the entire McFarland family.



Mac McFarland
11/10/1946 - 10/1/2019

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of longtime Board Member, Mac McFarland.

Mac began his volunteer board service in 1994. Prior to Mac's board service, his father, Lee, served on the Pyles Board. Collectively they served our mission for 45 years. As Mac wrote in a recent article for Pyles, "I am very proud of this legacy!" We are very proud of Mac and the entire McFarland family for their contributions to R.M. Pyles Boys Camp.

Thank you, Mac, for your decades of supporting the deserving boys and young men of Southern California.



Message From Bamm Bamm Camp Director

“Look at life as an adventure book. Each new chapter brings new opportunities.”

I’ve never had a moment when I thought: “Bamm, you’ve made it!”, and I don’t think I want to, because that feels like you’ve reached the end, you’ve crossed the finish line. To me there is no end. An achievement is not a finish line; it’s a checkpoint on a far greater adventure in your story. It’s a moment to pause, to take a breath and to look back and enjoy what you’ve experienced and be grateful for it, like conquering Jerky or Angel’s Flight, only to turn around and look towards the next adventure, the next mountain, the next chapter.

Your personal story hasn’t been written yet. After all, you’re embarking on a new adventure or next chapter, whether it’s the next level of your schooling, relationship, marriage, career, or Pyles Camp. You will have to confront changes big and small, which will demand that you stretch and grow. You can’t skip a chapter. That’s not how life works. You have to read every line and meet every character. You won’t enjoy all of it. Some chapters will make you cry for weeks. You will read things you don’t want to read and you’ll have moments when you don’t want the pages to end.

You have to keep going. Growth in adventure is hard, even when you’re looking forward to it. The adventure is what makes life great. Live yours, don’t miss out, and create your own story.

In the Camp Spirit always,

Bamm-Bamm
Camper ‘95



Message From Panda

Program Coordinator

This summer, we dared each of you to be the best version of you. We asked you to find your limits, both physically and emotionally; and ultimately, pushed you beyond those bounds. As I reflect on the challenges faced by each of you throughout the summer, I'm reminded of Theodore Roosevelt, who in 1899 delivered his speech, The Strenuous Life. While addressing the Hamilton Club in Chicago, he orated these lines:

"...far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure...than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much..."

For many of us, we may identify with these words as we reflect on our hardships and successes while at camp. For many, summiting Jerky is one of our own glorious triumphs, maybe it was taking a leap of faith at the ropes course, or perhaps it was simply attending camp at all. Regardless of the forms our triumphs take, the most important part is that we dare ourselves to achieve them. The path to our triumphs may be difficult; challenging like hiking up Jerky, daunting like climbing a rope ladder, or insurmountable like taking a bus to an unknown place. Similar to the lessons learned at camp, I hope you can take these words and begin to apply them to your daily lives.

As you sit reading this, I ask that you seek out and challenge the mighty things in your life. Be it achieving in school, strengthening your relationships with your family, working on your career, or striving to be the best you that you can be. The path to each of our triumphs may be scattered with the occasional set back, but it is only with these faults in our journey that we can truly appreciate the glory of our triumphs.

Happy trails,
Panda



First Session

Bakersfield & Kern County



5th Pick: Grizzly & Shu-Shu "Wolf Pack"

Juan Gonzalez, Andrew Alvarez, Michael Arreola, Gavin Heiser, Aric Lassetter, Benjamin Sandoval



2nd Pick: Rhino & Gingy "Serpents"

Jesus Machuca, Isaac Miller, Gregory Anderson, Derek Fulton, Clayton Hermeston, Malakai Ramirez



3rd Pick: Simba & Charger "Alpha Dogs"

Dylan Cotton, Luis Gonzalez, Ozzy Fulton, Edgar Gutierrez, Leland Hernandez, Thomas McDonough, Michael Ponce



1st Pick: Flint & Monk "Big Dogs"

Anthony Antongiovanni, Hector Bermudez, Ernesto Garcia, Zi Gonzalez, Jaxson Hinzo, Pierce Roberts

Names in Bold = Honor Campers



6th Pick: Red & Dallas “Revengers”

Isaac Selah Bell, Michael Cisneros, Victor Garcia, Johany Lucero, Desean Taylor



7th Pick: Venom & Cyclops “One Eye Phantoms”

Vernon Anderson, Jose Cachu, Isaiah Ginn, Silvestie Medrano, Daniel Meza, Brayden Zingano



9th Pick: King & Thriller “Regulators”

Tomas Garcia, Kameon Bell, Christopher Castaneda, Manuel Cole, Elijah Juarez, Christopher Peterson



8th Pick: Yamaha & Pluto “Cobras”

Edgardo Acosta, Jordan Brown, Tyler Lopez-Nash, Sebastian Reyes, Raymond Reyes, Allen Stone



4th Pick: Sniper & Firefly “Daredevils”

Damon Pletcher, Isaiah Bagsby, Noah Brito, David Fonseca, Antonio Gutierrez, Mackenzie Munoz, Maximiliano Villatoro-Cordova

1st Session Staff

Workers

Mouse
Blackout
Devil Pup
FoxLad
Jiggy
Fresh
Active
Sin
Ajax

Specialists

Draco
Freight Train
Zinger
Slayer
Gadget
Aztec
Summit
Havoc
Gibs
Cookie Monster

Senior Staff

Commando
Big Al

Summer Experiences





Second Session

Kern County, Santa Maria & Santa Clarita



8th Pick: Red & Axtec "Raztecs"

Jorge Morales-Pozos, Victor Zacarias, Jose Estrada, Anthony Flores, Juan Ortiz-Chavez, Alejandro Sanchez, Brian Ventura



3rd Pick: Chavo & Firefly "Initiates"

Ruben Aguirre, Kyden Armer, Kevin Esquivel Roa, Adan Garcia, Dominic Maddan, Apolinar Morales-Pozos, Aurelio Salvador



7th Pick: Gingy & Dodge "Timber Wolves"

Diego Garcia, Julian Irving, Alejandro Mejia, Leonardo Mendoza-Lagunas, Adrian Moreno, Andres Ramos-Santos, Luis Rivera, Uriel Vivar



2nd Pick: Grizzly & Slayer "Walking Troopers"

Marcos Carrizosa, Albino Cortez, David Guevara, Sebastian Jasso, Devin Martinez, Brady McMurray, Levi Ybarra

Names in Bold = Honor Campers



6th Pick: King & Navi "Fire Sequoias"

Isaac Guevara, Gabriel Peralez, Matthew Cisneros, Juan Estrada, Jeremiah Garcia, Dylan McCarty, Jonathan Wallace



4th Pick: Professor & Monk "Hollows"

Adrian Diaz, Jimmy Garcia, Bernardo Gaytan, Cesar Landeros, Karmal Nadhim



5th Pick: Thriller & Cyclops "Boogie Boys"

Christopher Curtis, Jose Ayala, JohnPaul Barba, Crusito Camacho Perez, Raymundo Porraz, Junior Reyes, Oswaldo Sanchez, Logan Villarreal-Newall



1st Pick: Venom & Geo-Dude "Venomous" Geo-Dudes"

Jacob Serda, Aizik Delgado, Noe Estrada, Brayden Hanley, Hector Jimenez, Isaiah Oliveira, Adam Sanchez

2nd Session Staff

Workers

Mouse
Blackout
Patriot
FoxLad
Cheetah
Ajax
Exo
Active
Fresh
Sin

Specialists

Draco
Freight Train
Zinger
Billy Bear
Lightning
Charger
Fizz
Havoc
Dallas

Specialists

Pluto
Gibs
Salamander
Cookie Monster

Senior Staff

Flint
Gizmo

Summer Reflections



Greetings gentlemen,

I hope these words find you well. It seems like it was only yesterday that we were enjoying the fresh alpine air, the warm campfires amongst brothers and friends, and Draco's hearty and delicious meals. But today we are in our own homes with our own families and guardians, remembering our brief time at Pyles. Today is better and the world is better with your return home. You may have left our magic mountain and I am nostalgic for it, but today is better because you took some of that magic home with you.

For two weeks, you got to know your counselors and your group members. You observed, ate, worked, cleaned, and played together. In the early mornings, you worked and cleaned around camp and learned valuable life skills. You spent five days together in the wilderness with nothing but each other, food, and equipment; and learned the valuable lesson of independence. During meals you enjoyed each other's company and listened to the other counselors share a thought for the day; reflecting silently on your own character. During campfire, we shared songs and laughter and smiles together. Our first year has come and gone, but the flame of our magic mountain still flickers within you.

Thank you for a great session, Santa Maria; it was an honor and a privilege to have served as your Assistant Director. Thank you for your laughs and your smiles. Thank you for your company and your friendship. Thank you for your willingness to learn and grow. I wish you the best gentlemen. Harness that flame and share your gifts with others. I miss you all.

Sincerely,
Jose "Flint" Ojeda



Third Session

Los Angeles & Orange County Areas



3rd Pick: Elvis & Charger “Chimichangoats”

Jonah Amaya, Jose Velazco, Hector Gallardo, Juan Jauregul, Angel Serna, Joseph Villasenor, Moses Yonko



6th Pick: King & Pluto “Prickly Pine Boys”

Jason Cia, Luis Amaro, Joshua Espinoza, Ace Farias, Manuel Junior Garcia, Alexandre Lopez, Josue Orellana



**5th Pick: Grizzly & Lightning
“Pink Fluffy Unicorns”**

Chanel Jauregui, Alexander Gonzalez, Elijah Gonzalez, Richard Gutierrez, Matthew Macias, Brandon Roman, Alan Romero



2nd Pick: Navi & Red “Nomads”

Moises Garcia, Nicholas Lilly, Joseph Arrieta, Leonard Martinez, Harrison Richards, Nathan Salas, Phillip Velasco

***Names in Bold =
Honor Campers***



1st Pick: Simba & Dallas “Alphas”

Ashton Comer, Ricardo Trujillo, Braunson Garcia, Michael Angelo Garcia, Andre Lopez, Darian Moreno, Coleton Sanders



4th Pick: Sniper & Rocket “Executioner”

John Bothoff, Damian Martinez, Isaiah Chacon, Augustine Fernandez, Jafet Graciano, Jayden McKnight, Matthew Tarin



7th Pick: Rhino & Geo-Dude “Archers”

Travis Dominguez-Diaz, Christian Galdamez, Marcus Zavala, Jonathon Ciau, Malachi Moore, Jacob Nielsen, Angel Sandoval

3rd Session Staff

Workers

Mouse
Active
Cheetah
Sin
Fresh
Crossover
Blackout
Skip Jack

Specialists

Draco
Freight Train
Monk
Panda
Gadget
Aztec
Fizz
Zinger
Gibs
Firefly
Gingy
Thriller

Senior Staff

Commando
Venom

Summer Memories





Special Staff Recognitions

Thank you for all your hard work this summer!

There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scene each year so that when you arrive at the camp everything is neat, clean and running. Very few get to see what the camp looks like during the opening and closing process each year. Currently camp is covered in pine needles and pinecones, there are no mattresses in the cabins, the kitchen is closed up with large steel plates, the ropes course, archery range and the rest of the specialist activity areas have all been taken down and stored away, and there is no water or power in camp.

Each year there are two Work Party Weekends where volunteers come up to rake, sweep, clean, paint, split firewood, fix fences, and any other projects we need to have done. Thank you to everyone that helped out at the work parties, your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

Also I would like to thank Billy Bear and Freight Train for helping me all summer long.

I would especially like to thank Maverick and Gloria for all their help and support throughout the year. Thank you for the countless trips up and down the mountain for supply runs, water samples, and hauling trash, plus helping out a few of our staff when they have needed it. Keeping Lion Meadows stocked with food, supplies, and running. Thanks for getting the road open. Maverick and Gloria put in many hours each year clearing the trees, rocks, and snow off the road so we can get into the camp. All of this on top of all the other projects we work on. Even with the camp closed they are still in and out of the camp and Lion Meadows keeping an eye on things, working on the generators, vehicles, radio systems, removing dead trees, and other projects.

- Shotgun

Eleanor P. Eells Award for Program Excellence

This Past February Pyles Camp received the Eleanor P. Eells Award for Program Excellence at the American Camp Association's National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. Only a few camps in the entire country receive this award each year! We'd like to thank ACA and the Awards Committee for the recognition and thank the amazing campers, staff, volunteers, and supporters that make it all happen!





Julio "Draco" Alvarez

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 like to give a special thank you to Draco for stepping in this past summer and putting in the long hours to prepare all the great meals and acting as a mentor to all of the kitchen staff.

Caesar "Grizzly" Ramos

We want to acknowledge and commend Grizzly for his excellent performance this summer as a counselor. Grizzly counseled all five sessions and completed it with the same energy level that he showed 1st Session. Keep up the hard work!



Brian "Rhino" Lopez



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. We want to thank you for this summer and off-season for always finding a way to come to the Outreach Events. This summer you easily convinced us that you deserved the opportunity as Worker Coach.

Trent "Summit" Robinett

Volunteers are what make Pyles Camp so special. Year after year, summer after summer, hundreds of volunteers donate their time to make sure that Pyles Camp runs as it has for over 70 years. This summer, we were privileged to have Trent "Summit" Robinett volunteer at camp.

"Summit" came to Pyles through the Summer Service Learning Program at the University of Notre Dame, and was very instrumental in this summer's program. It takes a great deal of skill and knowledge to become a counselor, and being associated with camp for the first time, "Summit" took that challenge and did a fantastic job!

Summit summed up his Pyles Camp experience saying: "Always challenge others to be the best version of themselves, regardless of the sacrifice that may require from that person—or yourself." Many thanks to the Notre Dame Alumni Association of Los Angeles for sponsoring our site.

Fight On, Summit!



Fourth Session

Ventura County



4th Pick: Navi & Firefly “Mindcraft Dirt Block”

Charles Katzenson, Thomas Kemp, Brandon Burley, Ashton Carrol, Elias Manzano, Lucas Micahlopoulos, Ryan Rocha, Alex White



2nd Pick: Slayer & Aztec “Renegadors”

Noe Arambula, Timothy Burke III, Kaden Carson, Adriano Garcia, Donald Gillispie, Brody Padilla, Emmanuel Villarreal



1st Pick: Thriller & Summit “Electric Bobcats”

Gavin Bondurant, Tanner Garrity, Jacob Keller, Gustavo Magallon, Israel Ordaz, Jacob Orozco



6th Pick: Bucko & Monk “Pyles Knights”

Erick Bonilla, Antonio Garcia, Noah Hostkoetter, Enrique Meza, Elijah Ordaz, Devin Pourziaee, Elijah Ruiz

Names in Bold = Honor Campers



3rd Pick: Grizzly & Lightning “Bears of Thunder”

Andy Esquivel Rangel,
 Dominic Alvarez, Elden Bibiano, David Lopez, Roberto Rizo, Francisco Sierra, Joel Solorio, Logan Thompson



8th Pick: Torch & Charger “Bobcats”

Chuy Aparicio, Matthew Lopez, Andrew Mercado, David Reyes Recendez, Nathan Rodriguez, Alexander Torres, Jancarlos Zamora



5th Pick: Rocket & Pluto “Los Perceros”

Jose Ibarra, Christopher Lopez Mendez, Sergio Ruelas, Samuel Trevino, Jaden Valdez, Cesar Valencia



**9th Pick: Elvis & Salamander
 “The Golden Tiger Sharks”**

Samuel Mejia, Rodolfo Mondragon, James Torres,
 Martin Duran, Jesus Mendoza Ramirez, Jovani Ortiz,
 Alfredo Ramirez



7th Pick: Geo-Dude & Daredevil “The Come Up Kids”

Demijay Washington, Jonathan Cortez, Kaleb Harrison,
 Jeremy Juarez, Israel Martinez, Daniel Pluma, Zachariah
 Wilson

4th Session Staff

Workers

Mouse
 Blackout
 Patriot
 Cheetah
 Sin
 Crossover
 Atlantis
 Skip Jack
 Fresh

Specialists

Draco
 Freight Train
 Cookie Monster
 Gadget
 Chavo
 Red
 Gibs
 Fizz
 Simba

Senior Staff

Venom
 Dolphin

Summer Fun



Hello Gentlemen,

I wanted to take a moment and touch base on something I told you all while you were at camp. While you were with us this year you gave up your lives for two weeks. You put down your game controllers, closed your internet browsers, and turned off your phones. You said goodbye to friends to make new ones; you even left one home to find another.

The number one thing I asked all of you, was something hard, yet easy. All I wanted you to do is try. To try and open your minds to new things. Try and volunteer for something you may have been too embarrassed to initially do. I asked you to just try and be yourself with no fear of judgment or recourse.

The best part of all of this. You did. You put in time on the tops of mountains. You jumped from the tallest areas in the meadow. You allowed us to show you what we think it is to dare a young boy to become a man. You accepted everything we threw at you, coming out a better person for it in only two weeks.

The summer is over, and the winter season is here. Now I am asking you to do something a lot harder than what I asked of you before. I am asking you to try. This time with the realities of life in front of you. Peer pressures biting at the heel of your subconscious. All the while you're expected to keep a cool head, listen to your parents and keep excelling in everything you do. Try and be the leader Pyles expects you to be. Try to do all of that without failing. Be the man we showed you how to be, while reflecting on what you accomplished at camp.



Just Try,
Venom



Fifth Session

LA Harbor & Long Beach



1st Pick: Commando & Chavo "Bounty Hunter"
Christain Blackmon, Eduardo Dominguez, Iromi Cosain, Josue Gutierrez, Bryce Kathan, Jordan Kian, Ezekiel Martinez, Nathaniel Ramirez



8th Pick: Simba & Rocket "Boyz"
Daron Cotton, Jose Gonzalez, Dominic Hatter, Ryan Lehman, Miguel Martinez, Joshua Noordman, Corey Ruvalcaba, Joey Valencia



2nd Pick: Grizzly & Monk "Grizzly Guppies"
Ulisses Azanedo, Mekih Bracy, Zarreon Carter, Anthony Chagoya, Anthony Cuellar, Adam Garcia, Joel Gomez, Angel Viscencio



4th Pick: Sniper & Geo-Dude "Over Powered"
Angel Demetrio, Jesus Martinez, Elijah Allen, Juan Cornejo, Avian Estrada, Josiah LaFortune, Cesar Nieto, Julius Perez

Names in Bold = Honor Campers



5th Pick: Navi & Pluto “Waddling Ducks”

Daniel Bernal, Ramon Amezcua, Emiliano Gamez, Eros Montecinos, Angel Rocha-Sanchez, Jayden Sanchez, Alijah Stokes



3rd Pick: Matrix & Dallas “Hawks”

Joel Sandoval, Victor Hernandez, Tyler Jones, Damaso Navarro, Joseph Nunez Figueroa, Giovanni Payne, Matthew Robinson, Jose Vazquez



6th Pick: Lightning & Aztec “Breakfast Club”

Nathan Chavez, Justin Jones, Jacob Martires, Jason Morency, Isaiah Rivera, David Saucedo



7th Pick: Venom & Sin “Croods”

Jonathan Castro, Tyler Gebrosky, Nicolas Lopez, Adrian Morales, Ricardo Perez, Emilio Ruiz, Daniel Salinas

5th Session Staff

Workers

Blackout
Skip Jack
Cheetah
Crossover
Dendro
Shortcut
Suave

Specialists

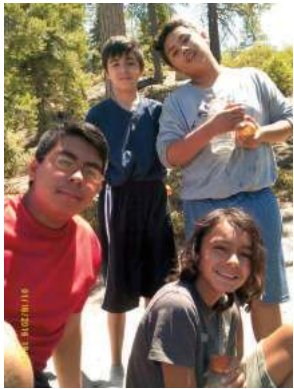
Draco
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Big Al
Billy Bear
Willow
Gadget
King
Fizz
Monsieur
Slayer

Senior Staff

Dolphin
Rhino

Summer Scenes





Lion Meadows

We hope your time since camp has been great and that every now and then you reflect back on your time at Lion Meadows. Often you find yourself thinking about all the great memories we shared together this summer. We hope that you not only think about all the fun you had, but all the lessons you learned during your two weeks. Take a moment to remember all the things you experienced at Lion Meadows; that the only way to achieve your dreams is through hard work. A real man does what he knows is right, not what other people think is cool. Remember the struggle of out camp hikes, and the great sense of accomplishment you felt when we reached our beautiful destinations.

Just like you were told at Lion Meadows, you no longer have excuses not to be the best person you can be. Summer may be done but Pyles Camp still is here for you and we believe in you. At Lion Meadows we gave you many tools so that you can build the life you want, a life of success and accomplishment. It is up to you to use these tools in your everyday life in order to fulfill the goals you have set for yourself. Your life is completely in your hands. Only you can chose the right thing to do, the hard work to put in, and only you are responsible for making the most of everyday.

As we return to our lives back at home, reflect upon memories made at Lion Meadows, the memories of looking at the stars, the memories forged together by you and your fellow Lionees. These memories will live forever inside each of you, and one day many years from now you may reflect and remember your times in an extraordinary place. You may not remember every detail, but you will remember the emotions you felt. Remember the triumph of completing a 16 mile hike on your way back to main camp, the feeling of camaraderie as you helped each other along the way, the feeling of brotherhood as you sat around the campfire.

Take time every day to remember these and all the life lessons you learned at Pyles, and make sure you use them every day.

Keep the magic of Pyles Camp in your heart,
2019 Lion Meadows Staff
Billy Bear, Flint, Gus-Gus, Hermano, Chavo,
Summit, Simba, Cyclops, Slayer, Firefly, & Torch

4th Session Lionees: Billy Bear, Flint & King

Jose Loza, Juan Loza, Nicolas Alvarado, Juan Arellano, Unico Arroyo, Frankie Cueva, Malik Darcus, Christopher Orozco, Dominic Robinson, Jesse Ruiz, Thomas Zaragoza





1st Session Lioneers: Billy Bear, Gus-Gus & Chavo

Michael Naaman, Vaughn Alston, Ricardo Alvarez, Lance Dargusch, Seth Dovell, William Harshaw, Ricardo Lechuga, Christian Parson, Mykel Parson, Eric Patty



2nd Session Lioneers: Gus-Gus, Summit, Simba & Hermano

Angel Albarenga-Martinez, John Anderson, Carsyn Castellon, Darren Cortez, Joel Gomez, Caden Hall, Andrew Jarero, Preston Kunzmann, Nathan Madrigal, Isaac Magana, Isaac Silva



3rd Session Lioneers: Billy Bear, Flint & Cyclops, Chavo & Slayer

George Gonzalez, Paul Oseguera, Brandon Barragan, Kevin Barragan, Jayden Delacerda, Jairo Galvan, Jeshua Hernandez, Arkece Jackson, Angel Martinez Perez, Youali MedinaBrand, Edwin Mejia, Moises Olivares, Michael Perez, Elijah Rosales, Oscar Sandoval, Wyatt Wagner



5th Session Lioneers: Flint, Torch & Firefly

Bryan Becerra, Alean Nava, Thomas Bracken, Camrin Burkhammer, Jose Garcia, Ryan Hildebrecht, Thomas Lamb, Angel Maldonado, Jose Martinez, Cardiar Mitchell, Darion Mitchell

2019 Voyagers

Dear Voyagers,

I hope that each of you are taking the lessons you learned at camp last summer and applying them to your own lives. Make sure that you are all remembering the good times we had at camp. Remember to look up what “mechanically separated chicken” actually is, since none of us really know what that means (hopefully it isn’t as scary as it sounds). Also remember that each of you should learn how to cook, so hopefully your Cream of Wheat doesn’t end up as terrible as Summit’s was on the final day of outcamp. In all seriousness, we hope that you are applying all of the wonderful things that we were able to teach you last summer. When you feel like there’s no way forward, remember the time when we were night-hiking, and although each of us was scared, we kept pushing forward and found the correct path. When school feels like torture and seems like it will never end, remember how far away Farewell Gap felt when we first saw it—and then remember how good it felt to stand on top after all of our efforts. There are so many things that we learned at camp last summer, and they can all be applied to your lives right now! As camp gets further and further behind you, don’t forget what you did and what you learned—the lessons that we were able to teach you will help you no matter where life takes you.

If you’re still daydreaming about the awesome times that you had at camp last year and want to come back this coming summer as a Worker, make sure that you are staying in contact with Panda. Even if you can’t make reunions, please send him a letter saying that you won’t be able to make it. You can find Panda’s information on the Pyles Camp website if you don’t already have it.

We had an awesome time with you guys throughout the entire trip, and the memories we made will last for our entire lifetime. We are always thinking about you and hoping the best for each of you.

Sincerely,
Bucko and Summit



3rd Session Voyagers: Bucko & Summit

Seth Anderson, Joshua Guardado, Ivan Guzman, Isaac Lopez, Angel Meza Lopez, Mauro Perez, Aaron Ruiz, Armando Sandoval,

4th Session Voyagers: Rhino & Dallas

Bryan Diaz, Jessie Garcia, Alexis Moreno, Michael Naaman, Austin Williams





Staff Training

To be an elite staff member it takes hard work and dedication to the program. Each staff member takes time out of their busy schedule to participate in various training sessions. These training sessions include: basic first-aid, CPR with AED, Wilderness Emergency Care (“Bug-Eye”), Outdoor living skills, and counseling skills.

Continuing with the focus of “Leveling Up,” at various times throughout the year the staff got together to upgrade their existing skills. A group of staff went to the ACA National Conference. This information packed week was intense and required each staff member to be involved in the learning process. This knowledge was shared with the current summer staff at the Worker Pow-Wow and Pyles Leadership Workshop. All of this led to our 6 day Pre-Summer Staff Training that consisted of full sessions of classroom learning, practical training, and even our own outcamp experience. The mission is to serve our boys better and to make the best possible program.





Winter Events

As the seasons change, the snow falls, and the creeks freeze; camp waits in eerie silence for its revival. The thawing of the ice brings new life into camp; flowers begin to bloom and the creeks begin to flow anew. Just as the seasons march on and change over time, so must we. Our summer programs serve to initiate the change within us; however, we must nurture and maintain the momentum of change initialized during our time at Camp. While camp lies resting awaiting our return this upcoming summer, we must not allow for our momentum of forward progress to waiver. The Outreach Program aims to provide year-round continuity and motivation to help capitalize in the progress achieved by each camper during our summer programs. In the months we are away from our mountain home, we host reunions and Bar-B-Que's throughout Southern California that allow us to convene with our Pyles Camp family.

The Outreach Program also serves as an avenue for each of you to express your desire to return to camp. Attending reunions and field trips allows each of you to demonstrate how you have grown and evolved since attending Camp. Pyles Camp is best served by those of you who crave returning as a Lioneer, Voyager, or staff member. A challenge issued to each of our outreach program attendees this season has been to do at least one thing every day that improves the world around them. To you, I issue this same challenge. By improving the world around us, it paves the way forward for improving our own world.

Like many things here at Pyles Camp, our Outreach Program would not be possible without the endless help of our summer staff and volunteers. I am grateful for all of your help and assistance throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support, without you it would not be possible to offer the programs and activities that we provide.

Wishing you the best on your journey to greatness,
Panda

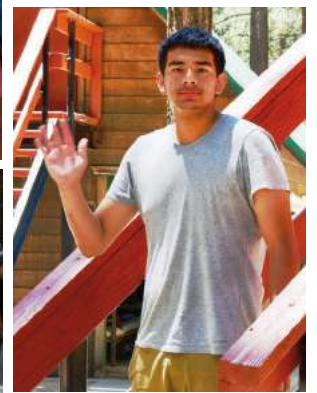




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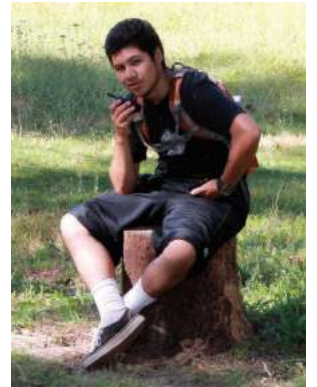
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