



2022

ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT



"DARING BOYS TO BECOME MEN" SINCE 1949

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It was good to be home!

The last time Pyles ran a full summer program at our home in Lloyd Meadows was in 2019. As you likely know, 2020 challenged us with a pandemic and 2021 added more obstacles with hazards remaining from the Castle Fire that prevented us from offering camp at our home in the Sequoia National Monument. 2022 provided our program with some much-needed relief with a return to normal, of sorts.

Though hazards from the fire still remain today, our team returned home and welcomed hundreds of boys and young men back to our "magic mountain." Please enjoy reading more about what was accomplished in this look back at 2022.

While the world around us changed in dramatic ways over the last two years, our commitment to the boys and young men who participated in the Pyles Youth Development Program was steadfast. Thank you to the staff, volunteers, alumni, and donors for sticking by us throughout the novel challenges we faced. Thanks to your time, talents, and donations, we are set up to make 2023 the best year ever for young folks who attend Pyles.



**ADAM "STRIPES" BELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



Mission Statement

R.M. Pyles Boys Camp promotes long-term positive behavioral change for low-income, disadvantaged boys by providing a multi-year wilderness camp experience supplemented by year-round mentoring that builds life skills and instills the values of hard work, education, and positive choices.

APPRECIATION PAGE

Thank you to the hard-working staff and volunteers who make possible the Pyles camp program!



SHOTGUN RETIREMENT

After 35 years of dedicated work to support the boys and young men of Pyles Camp, Darren "Shotgun" King stepped back from his role as our Facilities Manager in 2022. While we were sad to see him go, we were excited to celebrate Shotgun's time at Pyles Camp by dedicating two buildings to him during his final month with us.



NANA'S KITCHEN

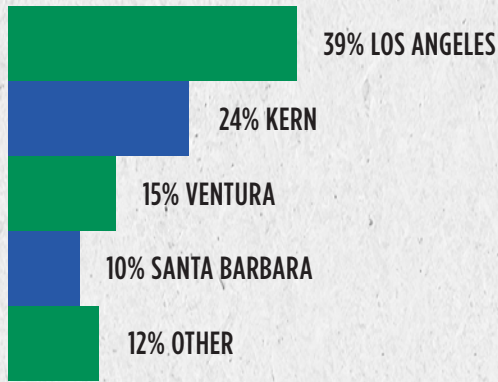
In the summer of 2022, over 50 guests joined us at Pyles to dedicate "Nana's Kitchen". Rose "Nana" Urbina started feeding our boys both food and love in 1958 and worked for 50 years. Thank you, Nana!

WHAT DID WE DO IN 2022?

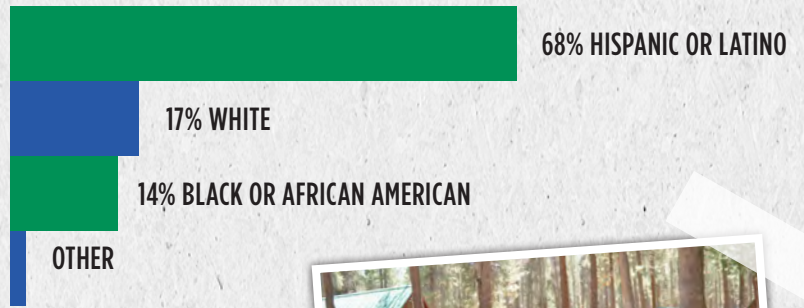
Campers.....	188
Lioneers.....	17
Voyagers.....	4
Worker Training Program Participants.....	15
Total youth served.....	224



BY COUNTY



BY ETHNICITY



We surveyed our campers before and after camp. Here are a few results:

- *Post-camp, 97%* of our campers agreed that they are an important person. **This is a 16% increase from the beginning of camp.**
- *There was a 30% increase* in campers agreeing that if other kids were choosing a leader, they might be chosen **(from 46% to 76% after camp).**
- *58% of campers* agreed that other kids look up to them. **This is an increase of 12%.**
- *100% of campers* agreed **"I have a good life ahead of me,"** post-camp survey.

BOARD APPRECIATION

The Board of Directors for R.M. Pyles Boys Camp consists of community volunteers who believe strongly in the mission of Pyles Camp. Members dedicate significant time, expertise, and personal resources to support our program. If you are interested in future board service, please contact the camp office to learn more.

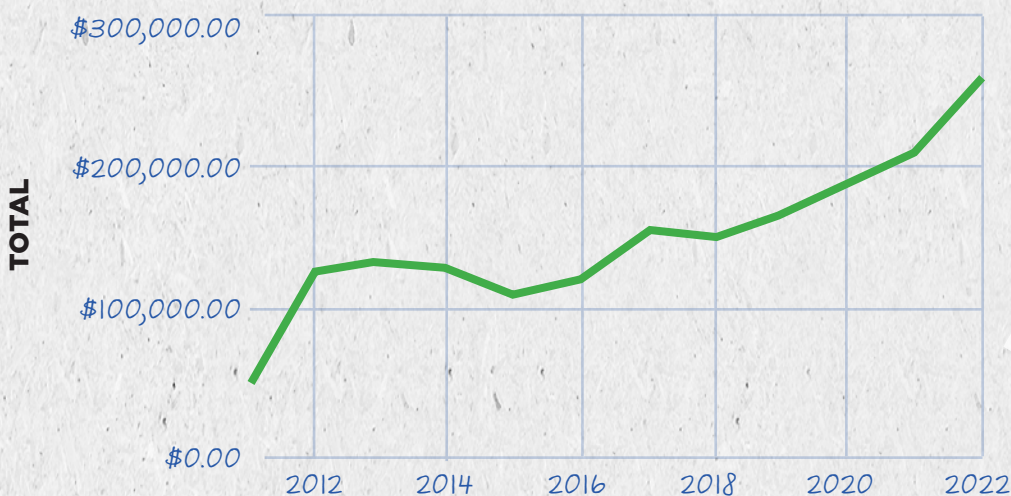
At the end of 2022, our Board of Directors very generously set a new record for donations in the Conway/Hunter/Kilpatrick Challenge. Started in 2011

by Bruce Conway, this giving challenge has raised nearly \$2 million in support of the Pyles Camp mission. While we still mourn the loss of our friend Bruce in 2021, his legacy of supporting our boys lives on with the leadership of Ken Hunter and David Kilpatrick, along with the generosity of the Conway and McFarland families, and the entire Board of Directors.

In 2022, our Board of Directors contributed a record \$260,215 in donations, setting up R.M. Pyles Boys Camp for success in 2023.



CONWAY/HUNTER/KILPATRICK CHALLENGE ANNUAL RAISED



**CUMULATIVE
TOTAL RAISED:
\$1,804,652**

PYLES CAMP IS AT THE LEADING EDGE OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

In 2022 R.M. Pyles Boys Camp was inducted as a Member Camp of WAIC (Western Association of Independent Camps).

Pyles became involved with WAIC as a Guest Affiliate in 2020. Participating in WAIC has made Pyles a better camp, has elevated our team, and ultimately benefits our campers. The resources, expertise, and camaraderie shared during the last two years has been invaluable to navigating the ever-changing pandemic landscape. The camps and camp professionals involved with WAIC are truly world-class and we are honored to be involved with them. I am so proud that Pyles was inducted as a full member and we look forward to continued participation in the years ahead.

FROM THE WAIC WEBSITE:

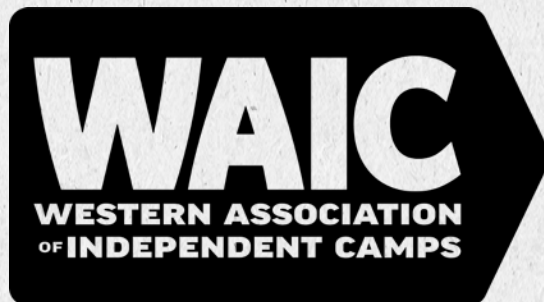
The WAIC mission is to inspire and support camp professionals by providing a dynamic community for excellence through education, inclusivity, and collaboration.

The Western Association of Independent Camps (WAIC) is an organization of summer camps with owners and directors dedicated to operating excellent youth programs across the county. Although the resident, day, and travel programs differ in length of stay, activities offered, and location, each camp offers wonderful experiences and life-long memories for campers.

In addition to being a member camp with WAIC, Pyles Camp is also a member of and accredited by the American Camp Association.



WAIC's Southern California Vice President, Kassandry Wilsey, welcomed Pyles Executive Director Adam Bell into WAIC on October 27, 2022

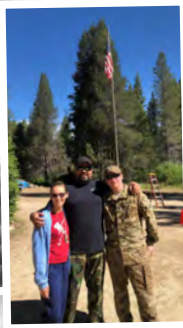


MEMBER

ALUMNI STORY

ALUMNI PERSPECTIVE

- MICHAEL "JESTER" GARCIA



Any time someone asks me to tell them what R.M. Pyles Boys Camp means to me, it takes a moment to gather my thoughts.

Among the staff, we all know what that pause means. It's a recall of most of the experiences that have shaped us as the adults we are today. In 1991, sitting on the steps at the Rabobank arena (then called Civic Center) I had no idea I was about to experience an event that would be my support system for years to come. I had a constructive home life but still found myself getting into disciplinary issues at school. Looking back, I realized I was trying to figure out who I was, the kid that loved sports, video games, making jokes, playing the violin and trumpet. Naturally that was the guy everyone picked on, and I was quick to respond with negative energy.

When we were lined up at Quaking Aspen, I wasn't interested in the trees, or the sounds and smells of the forest. I was watching the staff. I had been camping, fishing, and hiking plenty of times before. It was the staff and the ownership they displayed. They were cool. Then the introduction of each staff member, listing their accomplishments as they were announced right before selecting their group. I was watching the people I would come to know as my leaders and teachers for the next five years. Coming from East Bakersfield, I was amazed by the diversity of the entire staff, and how they treated each other. The respect wasn't like anything I had seen. It was amazing.

The next two weeks of being engaged by leaders that played sports, liked video games, laughed with and at each other, sang silly songs, played instruments, and were all very tough people, helped me realize I was going about things the wrong way. It was the experience at camp among those men that gave me confidence to create ways to deescalate confrontations. It was Pyles Camp that taught lessons that you help your neighbor, work smart, lead by example, and take every challenge head on. But it was the leadership qualities that camp provided that made the most pivotal change. Being

allowed at camp was the reward. For the entirety of my high school years, my mission was to spend as many sessions as possible in the summer at camp. I have loved every job I've had at camp, but being a main camp counselor is what I cherish the most.

I sought challenges. I joined the United States Marine Corp as soon as I could, turning 18 in the middle of bootcamp. Lessons from camp, I realized very quickly, gave me an advantage. Leadership, responsibility, care for the Marines around me came naturally. In 2003 I took on another challenge, and for the last 20 years, I've been blessed to be working in the renewable energy industry at the highest level. Lessons of setting goals, being respectful, supporting your team, have all paid dividends over the years.

I'm blessed to have three amazing children, two of whom are currently attending college. The youngest is going to both high school and on a track to earn her AA upon graduation of her senior year. My son, camp name Coldfoot, is now a United States Sailor. Camp has given me the opportunity to work alongside the best types of men and women, and helped shape the teams of people I work with back home. These are people of compassion, care, love, and respect. The list is an entire volume of traits the rest of the world should emulate.

I had made it a goal during my time as a counselor, inspired by another staff member 20 years ago, to not take payment for working a session. Another form of giving back. I then, with the help of my mother, set a goal to support camp by fundraising the entire cost to support one Camper this year. Our goal along with the alumni (PACM) support will be to support an entire group. Life is not, and will never be, without its challenges and setbacks, but I've climbed mountains and crossed streams as a leader and as a group. Every lesson for success can be learned in those mountains.

Any time someone asks me to tell them what camp means to me, it always takes me a few moments to say, "Everything."

SELECTOR APPRECIATION/ SELECTOR LIST

HOW DO WE SELECT OUR BOYS?

Selectors in each community work hard to send deserving youth from local neighborhoods to camp. More than 100 selectors volunteer their time annually to make Pyles Camp a success. These community-minded individuals and organizations help make possible a brighter future for deserving boys from your community!

Below are some of the organizations with whom we collaborated with in recent years to select boys to attend camp. Additional organizations may be added throughout the year. Please refer to our website for the most up-to-date list.

SCHOOL PARTNERS

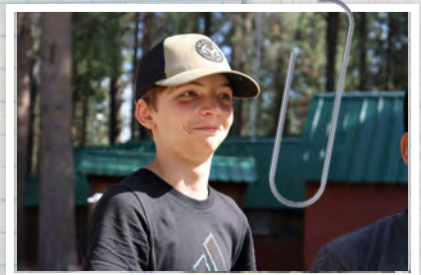
Adelante Bridge Academy	Norwalk La Mirada Unified School District
Bassett Unified School District	Oxnard School District
Briggs Elementary School District	Palmdale Unified School District
Conejo Valley Unified School District	Poly Tech High School
Di Giorgio School District	Pomona School District
Fillmore Unified School District	Simi Valley Unified School District
Jefferson Middle School	Ventura Unified School District
Long Beach Unified School District	Whittier City School District
Montebello Unified School District	William S. Hart High School District

YOUTH-SERVING AGENCIES

ATAP Family Services	Long Beach Child and Adolescent Program
Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley	Masada Homes
Boys & Girls Clubs of LA Harbor	New Dawn Counseling
Boy Scouts of America - Long Beach Area Council	Salesian Family Youth Center
Children's Law Center of Los Angeles	Santa Maria Valley Youth & Family Center
City Impact	Ventura County Youth and Family Services
City of Oxnard Office of Youth & Safety	Victory Outreach
East LA Rising Youth Club	Youth Mentoring
El Nino Family Centers	

LAW ENFORCEMENT/PUBLIC AGENCIES

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	Ventura County Sherriff's Department
Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD)	Ventura County Office of Behavioral Health
Oxnard Police Department	Ventura County Office of Education
Ventura County Fire Department	



BOARD LETTER

DAVE KILPATRICK

Wow. Time flies. I joined the Pyles Board of Directors long ago – in the 1980's. Over the last ten years or so, I haven't visited the camp as much as I would have liked. However, last summer I decided to head up there and check things out. My son, Daniel, joined me for three days during the final session of the summer. He is a teacher and behavior analyst who works with children and young adults with autism and other special needs. As our family has supported the camp financially for many years, I thought it would be good for him to check out the camp.

On the ride to camp, I told Daniel about the mission of the camp to change boys' lives. I talked about our family history of supporting the camp and my involvement with the Wildcat Committee (which I also joined in the 1980's to raise funds for the camp.) We arrived at the camp and watched the program do its work. One can never forget the closing campfire of a Pyles session, which ends with the Pinecone Ceremony. Daniel and I watched with tears flowing as campers opened up and told us what Pyles had done for them. To sum it all up – Daniel looked at me and said, "Dad, we have got to keep supporting this camp." Mission accomplished.

The last few years have been incredibly challenging for Pyles Boys Camp. After the Covid-19 closures, and the subsequent Castle Fire, which barely missed the camp in 2020, we persevered in the summer of 2021 by transplanting the Pyles experience to Camp River Glenn in the Southern California mountains. We proved that the Pyles Camp experience could be replicated in another camp environment. We may have to do the same in the summer of 2023 as the road to the camp has suffered major damage from the record rains and snow this season. Another big challenge. But these challenges always seem to reveal the best in the Pyles family.

It is now more important than ever that Pyles Camp survives and thrives. I just read that Los Angeles County is closing two juvenile detention centers, resulting in more kids in need without support. Think about it – a program like Pyles Boys camp is incredibly more cost effective and helps keep kids on a better path. It's clear that Pyles Boys Camp is needed more than ever. Our positive feedback from the boys and their parents is overwhelming evidence that our program works. We have to stay the course.

One last comment – we have a huge untapped resource in our camp alumni. When the board gets a snapshot of an alum's current life, it reinforces our dedication to the program. As our historic sources of financial support from the oil industry become more scarce, Pyles will need some new sources. With nearly 30,000 Pyles alums, it would only take a modest gift from a percentage of our alums or their companies or their friends to make a huge positive impact on the camp's long-term financial future. Our vision is clear -- the camp will survive and thrive with the continued support of the Pyles family. I invite you to join me in supporting the next generation of Pyles Campers.



DONOR LIST

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Adenbaum, Ann
Allen, John and Beverly
Allen, Logan
Alonso, Linda
Anonymous
Ansberry, Joel
Anspach, Robert
Arias, David
Bell, Adam
Bell, Ursula
Berkenkamp, Elizabeth
Betts, Peter
Bollier, Eric
Bopp, Harold
Bowman, Rick
Buhr, Steve
Cadena, Ed
Carroll, Michael J.
Carson, Barbara
Castellanos, Sal
Christoffersen, Peter
Cumming, Rosemary
Dannis, Richard
Decker, Dale
Dekker, Fred and Teresa
Delgado, Manuel
Dohr, Peter and Patti
Dorr, Robert and Cynthia
Dougher-Foster, E. Mary
Eson, Rod
Fiddler, David Wilson
Fisher, William
Flood, Nancy
Frisch, John
Gallaway, Constance
Garcia, Ernie and and Joanne
Glatz, Carl and Terri
Gruhn, Merida
Hall, James
Handren, Michael
Hernandez, Eleazar
Heublein, Bruce and Barbara
Hinsley, Kimberly
Holmes, Fred and Barbara
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Hunter, Ken and Barbara
Isaias, Eric
Jimenez, Hector
Johnstone, John and Connie
Kilpatrick, David
Knowlton, David C and Margaret
Knowlton, Jack
Kowalski, Dan
Large, Laurie
Lockhart, Sabrina
Lomax, John
Louis, Amy and Tim
Macpherson, Emelie
Mansdorfer, James
Mattheis, Jeremy
McFarland, Carolyn
McMahan, Barry
Medina, Andres
Moe, Stan
Morris, Kenneth
Morris, Wesley
Morton, Bob
Newcombe, Andrew
Noland, John and Susan
Nyhan, John
Oliva, Jose
OMalley, Mark
Perrot, Rob
Pogue, Artell
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Redgrave, Jessica
Reedy, Helen
Regan, Dan
Reheis-Boyd, Catherine H.
Reimber Family Charitable Fund
Reimer, Becky

Rhoads, Sheila
Riley, Jim and Diane
Romero, Ray
Salata, George
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Saleh, Steven
Sarver, Don
Scharf, Henry
Selah, Steven
Selvig, Bill
Shaw, Kevin
Shorb, Ilona
Smith, Douglas
Smith, Mona
Smith, Peter and Janet
Sturmer, Gerald and Ehrlich, Susan
Stewart, Richard
Sylva, George
Tafoya, Robert
Takeuchi, John
Teitsworth, Sandra
Tempel, Sam
Trichell, Mary
Trigueros Ramirez, Ivan
Van Noort, Kathryn
Vasquez, Carlos
Voiland, Eugene J.
Wagner, Edward James
Webb, Brian "Spider-Man"
Weldon, William
Westbrook, Michael
Wiener, Marsha
Wilson, Eugene
Wilson, Jeffrey
Wreesman, Brett and Debbie
Yamashita, Jason
Yearick, Mike
Yeaton, L Adelle
Yunker, Donald
Zaragoza, Frank

CORPORATE CONTRIBUTIONS

Amazon Smile
B.E. Conway Energy, Inc.
Bank of the Sierra
Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation
Cal Coast Acidizing
California Independent Petroleum Association
California Resources Corporation
Chevron Companies
Chevron Products Company
ChevronTexaco Employees Giving
Costco Wholesale
Di Drill Survey Services
Diversified Project Service, Inc.
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ELG Management, LLC
GAMCON
General Production Service, Inc.
Genesis Machine and Fabrication
Global Elastomeric Products, Inc.
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Katherman Exploration Company
Kenai Drilling
Kings Oil & Tools, Inc.
MacPherson Oil Company
Miocene Inc.
Miocene Operating Services, Inc.
MMI Services, Inc.
MTS Stimulation Services, Inc.
Network for Good
PCL Industrial Services, Inc.

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Red Dot Uniform
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Security Paving
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Signal Hill Petroleum
Sproule, Incorporated
Sullivan Oilfield Services
TRB Oilfield Services, Inc.
Trinity Safety Company
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TRUSTS AND FOUNDATIONS

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Virginia and Alfred Harrell Foundation
William H and Mattie Wattis Harris Foundation
Wood-Claeyssens Foundation

2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

R.M. Pyles Boys Camp raises funds each year to give disadvantaged boys the opportunity for fun and adventure while turning around their lives and overcoming barriers to success. Thanks to our enthusiastic volunteers and staff members, we are able to devote the majority of our income to our program services.

Income

Individual Contributions	\$345,255.83
Investment Distributions	\$288,190.00
Trusts & Foundations	\$251,545.03
Special Events	\$134,121.34
Corporate Contributions	\$87,222.75
Wildcat Committee	\$43,600.00
Other Income	\$76,346.63

TOTAL: **\$1,226,281.58**

Expenses

Program Services	\$1,056,770.00
General and Administrative	\$252,475.00
Fundraising	\$86,506.00

TOTAL: **\$1,395,751.00**

Platinum
Transparency
2023

Candid.

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R.M. Pyles Boys Camp operates in partnership with the Sequoia National Forest/ Giant Sequoia National Monument on a non-discriminatory basis.



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R.M. Pyles Boys Camp is accredited by the American Camp Association, which demonstrates our commitment to the boys we serve. We comply with nearly 300 industry-established health and safety standards, which are developed as a result of collaboration and review by experts from many fields including risk management, child development and health care.