

20240408 Placer District Connections @ First United Methodist Church, Loomis (BZ Notes)

Meeting opened at 7:02pm

Michael Jacques: In memorial: Lou Conter, Honorary Assistant Scoutmaster. Last survivor USS Arizona BB-39. Troop 13 honorary scoutmaster. Frequented Eagle BOR's in the foothills. Lived in Grass Valley. Had an amazing military career and life of service to others.

Newcastle School – May 7th – Memorial showing of a biography of his life (a video produced by Michael's son as part of his Eagle Scout project).

Kathy Neuburger: Safety Moment! BSA is encouraging all scouting events to start with a Safety Moment. BSA medical form – A/B/C. Needs to be updated annually, or when your health changes. Needs to be filled out for each outing or event. Not to limit attendance, but to inform the unit and organizers about any relevant conditions. If the event is less than 72 hours, then only parts A and B are needed. Longer than 72 hours requires AB and C, which involves a physical performed by a doctor. Send copies not originals to camp. Also send copies of the front and back of your medical insurance card.

One more recognition from District Dinner! Janna Polik. For her courage and strength leading the group to fight the fire at Camp Lassen in 2023, her actions likely saved the lodge and the surrounding forest from being engulfed by flames. Janna was presented with a plaque recognizing her amazing efforts.

Items of general interest:

Jim Ford – DE – 43 years ago we moved into the Sacramento office, but we're moving! In 3 or 4 months GEC and the River City Scout Store are moving. They are still looking for space, either Rancho Cordova or near the Airport (Natomas). Planning to move this summer. The building is tired. Looking for a building that can last us another 40 years.

Mike Thabault – Camporee is on! Registration is open and we have 300ish signed up(?). Camp Far West. April 26-27-28.

Family Camp – placeholder dates Last weekend in (September?)

Twilight Camp – registration is open! Earlybird ends 4/14.

Resident Camp – Cub scout theme is Picture the past – we want to bring the past to life! Anthony will be up there, Kathy is Janna's dynamic duo. Cub session 4 is open. BSA sessions 2/3 have some openings.

Greg Schultz – Woodbadge and NYLT – a month away! Need 4 more people for the optimal number on the course, can take up to 14 more. \$225 now. Late reg fee starts May 4th. Developing leaders for the future. For the scouts! Memorial day weekend May 25/26/27 at Lassen, 2nd weekend June 8/9 at NorCal Adventure Center.

NYLT this summer – weeklong starts June 9th at NorCal.

Raffle! Cookies of many countries. Brazilian cookies this week!

Breakout tonight: Leadership for scouting overnights! Led by Kathy Neuburger. Overnights require 2 adult leaders over 21. If its a girl troop one leader needs to be female. Adequate leadership for outings. For Scouts BSA, all adults attending an overnights must be registered leaders. Need to be paid up, trained, active YPT, AB506, etc. Will take at least a week for the fingerprints to come back. For new families- ie checking out a troop, the

Pack! Cub Scouts. Cubs can go on overnights or summer camp with a parent that is not registered. There still needs to be 2 deep leadership from the Pack, and the non-leader parent can only be responsible for their own child.

Joint pack and troop events.

Youth can tent with other youth, but should be within 2 years of eachother.

RiverCats game question. How would that be handled with mixed BSA and Cubs.

Kathy as VP of GEC Program. Want 80% of youth to participate in a quality youth outdoor program. But we don't know how many kids actually do it! We know who attends Twilight and GEC resident camps- 11% of GEC scouts. But we don't know about Philmont, or other council camps, or Troop hosted camps. All of those would count, but we don't know. February a survey went out- asking what your plans are for Summer 2024. 25% of units have responded (Mike Thabault). Questions have been coming up at the CST – what do scouts want from the scouting program? And back to the original question – how many youth are having a quality summer program?

What do youth want from scouting? This impacts retention. This should also drive recruiting and marketing. Do kids want to go camping every weekend? Or amusement parks? Or???

New cub scout program starting June 1st. Streamlined and supposed to be easier to administer.

Ask the kids – what do you want – but parents also see the value in the program and sign up the youth.

GEC wants to know how many kids attend a quality summer program. ie. 30 went to Twilight, and 30 went to resident camp. Question: was it the same 30 kids- so did 50% of a pack of 60 go to camp, or 100% went to 1 campout...

Michael Jacques – closing things. Camporee is 2 weeks from now.