

20250210 – Placer District Connections – 7pm First United Methodist Church, Loomis CA

Meeting opened by Michael Jacques, Roundtable Commissioner

Jim Ford – Council Field Executive – recharter – Placer is ahead of other districts, and the paperwork is almost all processed. Biggest issue is that 2025 annual charter agreements need to be signed.

Scouting for Food – March 8th is the food donation dropoff date. The food dropoff locations were emailed by Jim. Call ahead of dropoff to make sure they are there and can receive it. Call or text Jim if you want to sign up for Scouting for Food. Door hangers arrived today!

Camp Cards – Feb 19th training at the office, and Zoom – 7pm training for Camp Card sales.

Brent Lamkin – Journey to Excellence (JTE)! JTE is dying... Not continued into this year. Last chance to earn the JTE patch/award. Also to be recognized at the District Dinner. Submit to Brent by 2/26.

District Derby Championship / Dinner: March 1st. Trevor: 6 cars entered so far. Need a headshot of the scout in their field uniform. Let us know if your pack is going to participate.

Michael Jacques- District Dinner! Need to register! Registration is open. Get them in!!! \$10 for adults, kids are free. Youth are welcome! Michael has enough photos, but if 530-368-7697. Photos closed on Wednesday! After that, movie is done! Unit scouter of the year award – units need to submit awardees (not nominees- awardees will all be recognized) – up to 2 leaders per unit. Auction items – they have 5 items, but would like 5 more items for the Placer bucks auction. Get a hold of Michael Thabault if you have something to donate.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the annual Placer District Dinner! We have 2 District Award of Merit awardees – and some youth awards. And educational management techniques... (joke- TBD)

Doors open at 4pm, District Derby Race is 5pm, and dinner at 6pm.

Training and Camporee:

Michael Thabault- Cub basic leader training – 3/15 at the new council office. FREE. Reg is open and live. DL, CC, CM, etc. BALOO and IOLS – 2 training sessions – March 29th/30th, and Sep 20/21st. Both at NorCal. Also trying to get an IOLS at Camp Winton some week inbetween. TBD.

Camporee! We are well on our way! April 25-27 Camp Far West. We need troops to sponsor stations. Leaders guide will have station info. Units that sponsor a station get one adult at the staff rate. They will make \$20 available to units for supplies for their station. And they have added a line for iron troop trophy

Fee for scouts and leaders \$35. AOLs \$35 and parents. For 1st year Webelos there will be a day event – Troop 11 will host. Saturday the 26th. \$15 for Webelos for the day event.

The National Scouting organization made a rule that prohibits Webelos from spending the night at an older Scout function. In past years the Webelos attended their special session and could see the activities at Camporee. This year the Webelos are only allowed to attend during the day. But Brandon Zipp will organize an adjacent campground and Webelos area for camping on Friday and Saturday nights.

April 20th will close registration for Camporee. Late reg fee of \$45 about 3 weeks ahead of the event. Chili cookoff for adults! Placer district staff and the OA rep will be the judges. Points will be awarded for flavor appearance and creative presentation. Need admin support to help registration for day-of. Between 4 and 8pm. \$5 extra this year to allow for more bathrooms.

Michael Jacques – The theme is Viking Adventure! Campsite decoration points for gateway, organization, etc. Leaders discussed and there will be no weapons allowed at the event! Shields are ok. Horn helmets, furs, capes, ok. But no weapons or facsimiles of weapons.

Winners of the troop competition at Camporee will be awarded the coveted Iron troop trophy. Key3 was speechless when they saw it. Starting at district dinner, it will be presented and they will hype it.

Greg Schultz – Announcements. 3 NYLT courses this year. For the Scouts 13 and older and First Class. Need to have taken IOLST (?). Learning communication, EDGE, setting goals, resolving conflicts.... Servant leadership. Youth teach the youth. This weekend is first course – weeklong course: June 8-13 at Camp McConnel, Livingston Greater Yosemite Council – joint course with GEC. Andy was course director for that last year. NorCal Aug 29-31st – Labor day weekend. And Sept 13-14th. Announcements.... GEC has hired a ranger to take care of the camps over the summer – make sure they're open and good to go. Greg is the new Ranger! He's working under Bill. It will be Greg's job to start improving the camps. Pick them up, make them nicer. Greg will be managing the projects.

Cub Blue and Golds – District leadership is happy to attend and represent district or council.

Brent – Woodbadge! Will only be offered once this year. May 24-26 Memorial day weekend, June 8-11. \$200 until April 24th. Then it goes up to \$225.

Rangemaster training – Roseville Veterans Hall – March 16th. 10Am to 3pm. Space is limited. On Slack and GEC website. Sign up now! (Possibly reserving a bigger room to accommodate more trainees)

District Connections Raffle / Drawing – more utilitarian in recent months. Candy from Xmas... And red paint to paint to box for Valentine's Day. And a woggle from Scott. Month 4 of cookies of many lands. Shortbread Scottie Dogs from Scotland! Head scratcher. Winners: Chris. Scott. Charlie. Mitch. Ed.

Cub Breakout – followup on December meeting re cub camping. What camping opportunities MT-trying to figure out if packs have figured out resident camp. Pack 160- has a group going to Camp McLaughlin up in Oregon. The Webelos den from 507 is going to Greater Yosemite Council.

Trevor Strosnider and Michelle ____: Emigrant Gap – Elisa Taylors property. They are holding the reservation for cubs right now. \$15 per person for the entire event – near Donner mine camp. 6 miles down from Camp Marin Sierra. Reservation dates are June 30-July5th (Monday through Saturday). Property can hold 300-400, so what are we thinking. Probably bring your own food. Mimic resident camp as much as possible, with program and a very organized vibe.

Family camps are happening in spring. 37 is committed to organizing something – a camping program, whether in uniform or not- but will do scout stuff. 160 is enlisting older scouts to help.

If its not a scout property, we still have NCAP. Need to do a pre-assessment. Inspect during.
30 people per toilet is the NCAP guidance for bathrooms. Range will need to be inspected/certified.

Need a short term camp administrator – NCAP. Check the calendar. Kathy last held a training in 2019 – it was maybe 4 hours of training.