

20250512 Placer Connections Meeting - Notes

Opening by District Chair Greg Schultz
Flags by District Camping Coordinator Mike Thabault
Invocation by District Executive Jack Cooper

Safety Moment: District Commissioner Brent Lamkin. Don't eat plants you don't know. At Camporee a scout ate a plant they thought was mint, but then complained that their mouth was numb. Leaders monitored it and the Scout was fine. But it was treated as an unintentional poisoning. FYI- Poison Control Hotline: 1-800-222-1222. Also download Apps that help ID plants in the wild. Or maybe encourage scouts to take only pictures, leave only footprints.

Items of General Interest:

Camporee Recap: Janna Polik and Mike Thabault. We have zero responses on the Google Form so far... Please circulate the link and encourage leaders to submit feedback.

Feedback from attendees: According to a water expert, Camp Far West's water quality is very low. In hindsight, scouts should have not been touching the water (not sure who made this comment).

Need to start planning for the next event – potentially in Fall of 2025 – we can't hold our Camporee in Spring 2026 due to conflict with the Scout Expo. MikeT is reluctant to wait 2 years for the next Camporee in April 2027. More info forthcoming on options for this.

June 9th is Connections @ Twilight Camp. July is off for summer break - no District Connections meeting. August we're back. September is a new-year kickoff with dinner (special start time). (See the events calendar for all of the specific events).

Troops 523 and 12 were presented with Danish Butter Cookies – in recognition of their phenomenal performance in the Iron Troop competition at Camporee.

Training Report – Greg Schultz. National is getting after people for Hazardous Weather Training – it expires. Check your haz weather training status and renew if necessary.

Scout Expo – Kathy Neuburger. Last Expo was 2018. Scout Expo is basically Camporee at the Council level. Instead of 100's of people, there are 1000's of people. Cubs can camp. Still working on details. Need volunteers to help with everything from program to parking to activities. Etc. There will be activities for cubs, webelos, and BSA. Arena show on Saturday night- big time entertainment. April 10-12th 2026. Beale Air Force Base. Background checks required. Ranges, some activities off-site. Bussing to different events. Last time there were 6000 scouts there. Will be smaller this time because we're fewer- it's almost like a mini-Jamboree.

NYLT – Greg Schultz. June 8-13th @ Camp McConnell in Livingston. Combined course between GEC and Greater Yosemite Council.

Aug 29-Sep1st , SepX at NorCal Adventure Area in Dobbins CA. Check out the dates and more info on the Council website. Talk about leadership, the Edge method, conflict resolution, planning, etc. Servant Leadership!

Woodbadge – Brent Lamkin. Learn tools for not only in your units, but also in your life. \$200 is dirt cheap for what you get! Price good through August 25th. Your chance to be a scout! This is a top shelf corporate training! You will have fun, go camping, learn so much about leadership and yourself. Challenge to Woodbadge prior participants – talk it up and get people to sign up!

Special Presentation – Michelle Wiederhold. Part of her Woodbadge ticket was working with Scouts with ADHD or other behavioral / processing abilities.

Michelle did a survey as part of her ticket to generate data about different abilities in Scouts.

Demographics. Needed 5 families of 1 adult / 1 scout. Ended up with 28 datapoints!

(many many good points presented – will ask Michelle to share her slides to share via Resources page).

28 people in attendance (including Jim + Jack from Council).

Woodbadge beading! Leah Hale – Troop 20.

Breakout Groups: Cubs – Twilight Camp and Cub Summer Campout
Scouts BSA – Merit Badge event.