

20250811 – Placer District Connections – BZ Notes

Core Dates:

9/8: Placer District Connections – Pizza Party – 6:30pm Loomis Methodist Church
9/26-28: Placer District Cub Family Camp – Donner Mine Camp – Blue Canyon, CA
9/26-28 & 10/11-12: Council Woodbadge @ Norcal
10/3-5: Council Fishing Event at Gibson Ranch
10/13: Placer District Recruitment Fair (AOL's / Troops) – 6:30pm – Loomis Methodist Church
4/10-12/2026: Council Scout Expo @ Beale Air Force Base
5/29-31/2026: Placer District Twilight Camp (Location TBD – NorCal?)
7/30-8/2/2026: Placer District Cub Summer Campout @ Donner Mine Camp

Next meeting – September Connections starts early at 6:30pm. Pizza as a huge thank you!
District recruitment fair – October 13th starts early at 6:30pm Webelos welcome!

Warren has unit numerals – take what you can use!

Cub Family Camp – (Mike Thabault) - Finding a venue at the end of September has been a challenge... Camp Far West won't even communicate with us to receive a check for the April event. Collins Lake, Gibson Ranch, lots of places have been contacted- but shooting sports and 150 headcount is tough. Trevor has a spot in Elk Grove, free but need water and toilets. Eldorado County – possibility of something there. Trevor's place is the site used by Diane Weiss for their Twilight shooting sports day. Pack 19 came up with the theme of Hogwarts / Harry Potter – and a dozen stations.

3 Options right now:

Nevada County Fairgrounds
Donner Mine Camp
Elk Grove Ranch

Scout Expo: April 10-12th, 2026. Beale AFB. Registration should be open, needs to close by December 31st due to security clearance.

Camporee – Mike Thabault - Discussions on what we should do about Camporee in 2026 since we usually hold the event in April, but Council's Scout Expo will conflict. Mike proposes that we treat Scout Expo in April as our Camporee. Schedule our next camporee in April 2027.

Scout Expo question on what program will be available for scouts and families. Kathy gave a good overview. 2 nights of camping, most activities on Saturday (except for scouts got talent). Sunday AM is a fun run, scouts own, etc. It will be a huge camporee-style event- only bigger, since all Districts will be involved.

Placer District Cub Summer Camp – Great success – 80-90 people total. Good for the dates that we had (mid-week right before the 4th of July). We need to get dates for next year on the calendar ASAP.

Lost and Found! Come pick things up!

Kathy Neuburger – Twilight Camp was at Placer Fairgrounds with 130 youth. 100 from Placer, 30 from PX. We have 600 cub scouts in Placer District, and we got 100 (1/6 is lower than pre-pandemic numbers). So looking more globally. In GEC we had 5 summer Twilight/Day camps. Northern Rivers 9am-noon (gets hot up there). Buttes had difficulty with NorCal, so they did Friday Night to Saturday. 3 Rivers did evenings, Friday in a pool, Saturday in a field for shooting sports. Yolano did evenings at Yolo Bowman's club, Monday-Thursday. Surveys about the Placer Twilight Camp said: hard to get there 4pm 4 nights of the week. Lots of going back and forth. We had good participation for Roseville folks, less so for Auburn. Roseville City School District was out for 1.5wks, and it was hard to get people there. It seemed that people were already gone for summer.

What if we did a weekend before school was over? Or right at the end of school.

NorCal would be good.

Woodbadge – Sep26-28, Oct11-12. \$225. Sign up now! Recommend it to your leaders!

NYLT – fall course only had 8 youth signed up, and its a rule that we need at least 30. So it was postponed to next year. Andy Wertin is the course director – probably July. Conflict, need to settle the dates. Likely Labor Day weekend – Sep 5-6, other weekend... Woodbadge and NYLT are national courses, so we have to follow their rules. Leaders said they wanted to register 8 scouts from their units- but it had already been canceled. Too many units procrastinate and sign up at the last minute.

Fishing derby October 3-5 at Gibson Ranch.

Jim – Starting Membership drive. We want to hit every school.

7:38 – Raffle.

Cub Breakout – Reach out to Donner Mine Camp ASAP. September 26/27.

2026 – Summer Cub Campout – Michelle – DMC availability. July 30-Aug2. June 1-13. June 29-July3. All of August.

Decided: Placer Summer Cub Campout will be July 30th (Thursday), 31st Friday. Through Sunday. Aug2nd.

Cub Breakout Discussion:

Brandon Zipp proposed alternating between facilitated meetings on specific topics, and open floor for discussions.

November Cub Breakout – Focus on Den Leader resources. 20-30 minutes. Provide resources. And 10 minutes of open forum. Get as many DL's there! Give them community and resources!

December – Roundtable Discussion (discussion on what you’ve done recently, what worked, problems)

Time cap on the discussion – quick roses and thorns

January – Working with cubs with different abilities.

February – Roundtable Discussion

March – Summer Camps – camping – summertime activity planning.

April – Roundtable Discussion

May – Planning – Twilight – May 29-30-31.

Start of Trevors notes

Connections 8/11/25

Start Team – 7:02PM

Special Start Time for next meeting, 9/8 6:30pm and 10/13 Troop Recruiting Fair, Troops to bring stuff for display.

Cub Family Camp – Hard finding a venue, Pack 19 has come up with theme of Hogwarts. Possible venues, Donner Mine Camp, Nevada County fair Grounds, or Elk Grove – **Donner Mine Camp**

Scout Expo, April, Dec 31 reg closes, at Beale Airforce need background checks. Merit badge expo, Sat night expo, and static display of airforce 2 nights of camping, most activities Saturday, Sunday fun run and pack/go

Cub Summer Family Camp – 90 people despite the time before July 4th. not too late to start planning for next year. Dates?

Camporee – Future Plans, consensus to treat scout expo as 26's camporee, then go back to April of 27 on annual program.

Future Twilight - This year we had a successful twilight camp 130 youth, 100 placer, 30 from PEX. We initially planned for Placer only, all planed for placer schools out. Have about 600 cub scouts, looking at a global picture, they had 5 summer camps, surveys, hard to get here 4 nights and going back and forth.Perhaps we do something on the weekend before school is out, about 12 hours of program,

NYLT – courses coming up, 1) Aug 29- Sept 1 , Cancelled due to lack of signups only 8 within 30 days.

Sept 5-7 and 19-20 @ Norcal, Spring- TBD July @ Norcal

Woodbadge – Great partnership to the youth who are trained in the unit. (*BSA) Fall Course Sep 26-28 and Oct 11-12 @Norcal, \$225 Conflict resolution, team building, recruit people from your unit. Those who have attended say they should of went sooner, not later.

Angler Weekend Oct 3-5 Gibson Ranch

Recuiting, would like to get into all schools. See Jack or Jim

Prize Drawing – 7:37pm

Cub Breakout –

Family Camp locations - Camp marin Sierra, **Donner mine camp**, elk grove.

Summer Cub Camp – **Jul 30 – Aug 2**, Jun1-5, All of Aug, Jun 29-Jul 3

How do we get more people to connections? Every other month, open dialog for what's going on, what went well/bad? Task Brett's commissioners to get more leaders to attend.

Nov: Den Leader Resource Fair

Dec: Free Form

Jan: ADHD Kids/Adults

Feb Free Form

Mar: Twilight/Summer Camps - Camping

Apr Free Form

May: next year planning – Keep your unit active over summer

Add break out plans on Placer scouting

May 29-31 – Twilight Camp