

## **20240812 - Placer District Connections Meeting Notes (BZ)**

Michael Jacques: Over 750 participants have attended a Placer District campout or event this past year. This year we will serve even more youth and families!

NorCal Vision Project - Michael Jacques - A survey has been sent out, please submit your feedback ASAP so the properties group can consider your input.

Camping Recap - Janna Polik and Kathy Neuburger - Janna and Kathy recognized Mike Thabault and Trevor Strosnider for their contributions to Camp Lassen and the 2023 camp program following the fire at Camp Lassen. Their actions enabled the program to continue despite losing two buildings at camp, and numerous scouts benefited from their contributions.

Popcorn sales start 8/15 - Contact the District Popcorn Kernel Trevor Strosnider for more info.

District Recruitment Fair 9/9 - At the September Connections meeting Troops are welcome to set up a table and talk with Webelos and AOL scouts in attendance. Meeting to start at 6:30pm and ends by 7:30pm or 8pm at the latest. Mobilize your Troops and your Webelos/AOL scouts to attend this amazing event!

District Family Camp - 9/27-9/29 - Camp Far West Lake, South Shore, Sheridan CA. Placer County Fire is expected to visit in the morning, nature bingo, circus carnival theme. Each pack is asked to provide a carnival-themed game for the carnival on Saturday, and there is a budget of \$20 per game from District. There will also be a potluck and group campfire on Saturday, so bring a main dish or side dish for each family in attendance. We are aiming for 115-150 scouts. The cost should be about \$30 or \$35 for the first 2 family members, and hopefully discounted to encourage more family to attend. Final price TBD and registration info will be sent out ASAP.

Camporee 2025 - Voting on the Theme: 1. Gold Rush, 2. Under the Sea, 3. Viking Adventure. The consensus was overwhelmingly in favor of Viking Adventure! There will also be a chili cookoff by the leaders.

Woodbadge Announcement - Brent Lamkin - What did you gain from Woodbadge? "Perspective." "Alignment with similar minded people who share a positive view of the future for our youth." Woodbadge is like corporate management training, but offered at a very affordable price. The fall course will be led by Council President Mark Wong, and will take place October 11-13 and 26-27 at the NorCal Adventure and Training Area. Cost is now \$225 to attend. Spring course will be May 24-26 and June 7-8. Fall 2025 dates have also been set for September.

Special Presentation by Placer District Chairman Greg Schultz. When Scout Ivan Stewart's brother badly cut his leg while chopping wood, Ivan remained calm, confident, and capable, and rendered first aid to his brother. For his actions, Ivan was recognized by the District with a certificate, custom first-aid neckerchief slide, and a tin of the coveted Placer District Danish Butter Cookies. Congratulations Ivan and keep up the good work!