

## **20230213 – Placer Connections Meeting**

7:00 PM – Open with song from YB, Pledge with Brent Lamkin, Invocation by Kathy Neuberger  
7:04 start items of general interest

### **Michael:**

We need photos for the district dinner slideshow – his phone number is on the flyer, please text the pictures to him.

### **Jonathan:**

Scouting for Food – thanks for submitting flyer orders. Targeting 2/27 for distributing the flyers from the council office. Downhill units – flyers can be picked up from Kathy's porch. Uphill units the flyers will be on Greg Schultz's porch. March 4<sup>th</sup> is the target weekend to put flyers on doors. The food donations will go to local food banks depending on where they are collected. Roseville will go to St Vincent de Paul. Auburn Interfaith. Other food closets in the Loomis/Rocklin area. Jonathan is the “de-facto” coordinator for SFF in the district.

Camp cards – on schedule to arrive 2/24. Need help sorting/counting at Council. If you want to pick up your cards early, come help count and leave with your camp cards! 11:00AM is the projected start time for the card count. Units can pick them up on the following Monday from Council, or make arrangements with Jonathan (lives in Roseville).

Friends of Scouting presentations – we just had a big ask of our families with the council fee, so he is treading lightly with FOS. FOS as a campaign doesn't work if we're not all on the same page. He's not just coming to panhandle. He's coming because we have fundraising goals. Talk with your committees, prepare your parents. FOS is to improve the program, to leave behind a legacy for those who follow us. Just as our predecessors left behind goods for us. FOS goes to council and pays for employees, camps, program. Our scout registration fees go to BSA National in Texas. We need more resources here in council, and FOS helps with that. Prepare your committee and families – he would like to give a presentation in the next month or two. It doesn't have to be a Blue and Gold dinner, it could be another event.

### **More information on the District Dinner - Michael:**

Placer bucks auction – be sure to bring your Placer Bucks and bid on the amazing goods in the auction! Attendees of the District Dinner will receive 50 Placer Bucks for attending.

Dessert contest – each unit is being asked to provide a dessert – judged by appearance and originality, and the desserts will be raffled off. Winner will receive the Spoon of Destiny!

### **Training update – Mike Thabault (Mark not able to attend):**

March 18<sup>th</sup> - IOLS and BALOO at NorCal. Lots of openings. Only 5 have signed up for Baloo.

April 21<sup>st</sup> - IOLS and Baloo at the Yolano camporee - lots of room (same weekend as Placer Camporee)

May 6<sup>th</sup> – Cub basic training – Carmichael

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> - GEC shooting sports safety training – “safety ticket” – Galt. Just need 1 training instead of a lengthy training before each shooting sports event.

March 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> - Wilderness first aid training. 16hours. Intense but rewarding training.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> - BSA rangemaster training @ norcal. Good for Cub leaders to run BB/Archery/Rocket ranges

### **Kathy:**

March 18<sup>th</sup> – Skeet – DOA shotgun competition. @ Sacramento Valley Shooting Center. For Venture and Sea Scouts, Scouts BSA, and those in that age group. \$66 for youth, \$33 for adults. Bring your own...(PPE/gun/ammo?)

Summer camp! Lassen has space in all sessions except #2. Starts July 9<sup>th</sup>, 4 day 3 night sessions. Winton still has space in all but weeks 4 and 5. Week 3 has lots of space – good week for a large group (has the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in the middle of it).  
Need staff for camp! Application is on the GEC website. Please get the word out to units and other contact.

College Fresh will be doing the food service this year. During the academic year they prepare food for college students in dorms/residences.

Kathy is willing to come present to your unit about resident camp. Let her know and she can swing through and give a quick presentation about what Summer Camp is all about.

7:29 Time for drawing.

(back to announcements/discussion)

**Mike Thabault:**

Camporee – Date change moved up a week: April 21st-23rd @ the Auburn Gold Country Fairgrounds. Camping on the ballfields. Activities in the building areas. Webelos area will be hosted by Troop 11 again, Troop 219 signed up for an activity. Need about 10 stations to run a camporee. Need more troops to step up and run an event! Mike has a list of potential activities if you need inspiration. (comment: Troop 11 may have a conflict with their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary gathering...) Auburn is a good venue and close, but no shooting sports. Theme is “To the moon”. Mike’s email is in the announcement for the meeting, let him know.

Twilight Camp – Loomis First United Methodist Church is a potential venue. Alyssa Taylor is camp director, but program director is not able to continue this year. We need someone at the cub level to help step up and act as program director. A big key to both Camporee and Twilight is currently “an army of 2 volunteers” so we need some participation from the unit level to help staff the committees and run the ship. That’s the plea from this session – we need folks to volunteer for the cub level twilight camp. Still considering the Lincoln Fishery, Jonathan is going to meet with the fishery and walk the grounds with the owner. Dates: June 12-15<sup>th</sup>. Program director would make sure that supplies are together, and coordinate volunteers to run the activities. We have a bunch of stuff in district storage to use, so the big focus would be coordinating people.

District Dinner again – get your leaders to the district dinner! Michael will pitch them on getting more involved. Unit scouters of the year – get them here and let him pitch to them.

The District will hold “Trail to Eagle” seminars attached to some upcoming District meetings, so that will boost attendance a few times.

Kathy – Ann Kantola is coordinating the Placer District subpage on the new GEC site. If you have suggestions or edits contact Ann.

Cub breakout at 7:47 (Discuss the District Pinewood Derby Championship – Logistics, time, etc.)