

Connections 05/11/26 -TS

Start time – 7:01 pm –

OA News – Inquired how many inductees received their patch hanger. 3 upcoming ordeals, 89 signed up. Don't wait to sign up. Dates went out via email, also on the OA website. On Council website.

Looking ahead Connection Meetings. – June reg session, July hiatus, Aug Welcome Diner, Sept Troop Recruitment faire. Packs bring your Webelos and AOL's!

District Committee – Welcome! Trevor for Membership and Donovan for Training. Hazardous Weather is not a once and done, it needs to be renewed every other year. Please have your units complete their training. Safeguarding Youth replaced Youth Protection. Stay current on training. Most training can be done online. Looking for a finance chair to help with our events/budgets and general fundraising.

Upcoming Cub Events – Next event is Cub Fun day end of the month, only have 11 youth, 6 adults registered. If we don't have more registered by Thursday, event will need to be canceled. Flyers passed out.

Summer Cub Camp – Registration goes live Friday the 15th. \$125/youth, \$75/Adults \$40/staff, catered food.

Looking at a family camp, Oct 2-4, who's interested?

May 29th – Scout Night at Potters \$20 youth, \$25 Adults – General Admission and access to KILN. All you can eat hot dogs, chips or hamburgers until the 4th inning. Meet and greet the players after the game. Movie night after the game, Campout overnight on the field.

NYLT / WoodBadge

NYLT July 12-17 Labor Day weekend is youth version of WoodBadge. 1st class and above, must be 14+. Registration is open

WoodBadge

- Wood Badge is an advanced, national leadership course open only to Scouting volunteers and professionals. Scouters from Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts, Explorers, and district and council Scouters are all welcome and belong here.

WHAT DO WE SEE ON COURSE?

- Listening Skills
- Managing conflict
- Leading change
- Stages of team development
- Coaching & Mentoring
- Leadership for different stages
- Servant leadership
- Project planning
- And more!

These come to you in presentations, games, discussions, activities, and other methods.

Greater Yosemite Council - May 1-3, 2026 and May 16-17, 2026 - [Wood Badge 2026](#)

Greater California Council - September 25-27, 2026 and October 10-11, 2026 [2026 Fall Wood Badge](#)

Last weekend of Sept, and Oct 10-11th at NorCal - Registration is \$200 (early registration)

Summer – 5/1-5/3 & 5/16-5/17

Robert Martin – Words were meant for Jim Ford and Council representation; however, Jim was not present. Robert shared frustration how council is attempting to form a new pack without any communication from council and competition to Pack 160.

Drawing: 7:20pm

Guest Speaker - Andrew Mendonsa – Mental Health and Youth Board Chair

We need to do more as an organization to help youth. Stats: 30% are struggling for anxiety at the high school level. Suicide rates have increased since Covid, affecting youth as early as age of 10. Hanging and firearms. 18-25 youth have quadrupled, highest and fastest age group. 25-30% LGBTQ+. If we sense youth are struggling, to have conversations to make sure families are locking/storing firearms responsibly.

Age of Onset 11-25. Depression is on the rise, it's displayed differently between boys/girls. 8 Scouts at Jambo, indicated that the stressor was parents forcing Eagle down their throats.

FDI – Frequency, Duration and Intensity.

Signs/Symptoms to watch for – Around 16-17 schizophrenia/psychotic break, delusions. Substance abuse, size of Lincoln's nose on the penny is the amount of fentanyl that will kill you.

Eating and weight loss / Moodiness. We all know our scouts, that's the baseline. Youth want to be asked. It opens the door to come back and talk to you.

Slides to be sent out next month

Cub Scout Breakout:

Cub Fun Camp – Only 11 youth 6 Adults currently. Can it be rescheduled? From a planning perspective, NorCal is booked. Can go in place of Family Camp? Many families go to Summer Campout at Boardwalk in Oct. Need 40-45 Youth and the parents to meet end of Month event. Registration to remain open to the end of the week.

Summer Cub Camp – Donner Mine Camp, July 30-Aug 2nd - 10 activities, Wild West Theme Food included. Allie and Joyce committed to do DIY Western Wear. Bread making with butter, BB's, Sling Shots, and Archery, DIY western wear, Rope Making, dream catchers, sarsaparilla, leather craft, Sheriff slide

Food is included this year. Budget is set for 60 Youth, 40-50 adults. Need Pack involvement for stations. Have 2 Scouts BSA to help.