

BOY SCOUTS of AMERICA

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# Sequoia Council E-News

## STATE CAPITOL WELCOMES LOCAL ALL-GIRLS CUB SCOUT PACK



Pack 1920! Keep up the great work ladies!"

Senator Jean Fuller commented that "these young ladies are extraordinary representatives of Visalia and it was my honor to make the historic introduction," following her introduction of the Pack to the State Senate.

The girls were each presented with a resolution from the State Assembly and State Senate and were able to gift both Devon Mathis and Jean Fuller with Scout Pins and challenge coins as a thank you for their time and recognition.

Cub Scout Pack 1920 from Live Oak District in Visalia, CA was honored by the California State Senate and Assembly on Monday, April 23, 2018 as the first All-Girls Cub Scout Pack in the state.

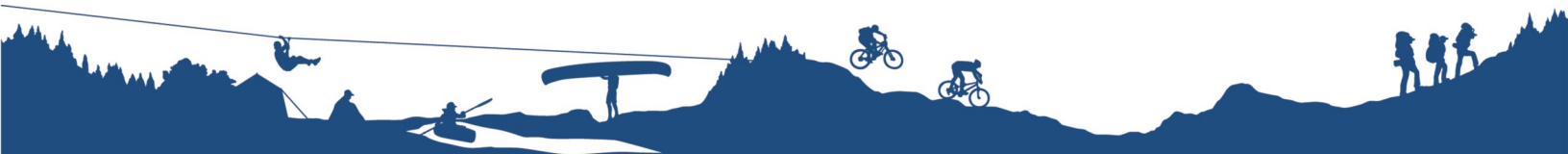
This group of trailblazing Cubs showed off their knowledge and Scout skills to our state representatives during their visit with their fantastic questions, polite demeanors and by saying the Scout Oath and Law on the State Assembly floor.

State Assemblyman Devon Mathis was thrilled to give the girls a behind the scenes look at the state capitol and said "I had a wonderful time honoring and showing around California's first ever all-girl Cub Scout Pack. Thank you Cub Scout



### Upcoming Events & Trainings in May/Early June:

- Trainers Edge—5/19
- BSA National Meeting—4/23-26
- Fresno Grizzlies "Salute to Scouts Night"—5/25
- Memorial Day: Offices Closed—5/28
- Visalia Rawhide "Scout Night"—6/1
- OA Spring Ordeal—5/1 & 2
- Adult Leader Training in Visalia—6/7



# MONTHLY UNIT CHECKLIST

To keep your units, district and our council on the path to Gold Journey to Excellence remember each month to:

- ☐ **Make sure unit advancement is recorded/up-to-date**
- ☐ **Report camping**
- ☐ **Report service hours**
- ☐ **Review training reports to make sure leaders are position trained**



Contact your district professional with any questions!

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*“The sport in Scouting is to find the good in every boy and develop it.” - Lord Baden Powell*

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## How do I benefit from working at Camp?

Camp staff members learn and improve many important skills including:

- Leadership skills
- Teaching skills
- Learning to get along with others
- How to motivate others
- How to work effectively on a team
- The value and satisfaction of hard work
- Lasting friendships

## CAMP CHAWANAKEE SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Opportunities for age 14 and over:

Our camps are proud to offer a counselor in training (CIT) program to teach leadership and instruction skills. It also provides those interested in joining the staff a better idea of what jobs they may be interested in the future.

### Opportunities for age 16 and over:

Handicraft Staff, Kitchen Staff, Nature Staff & Scoutcraft Staff

### Opportunities for age 18 and over:

Asst. Cook, Climbing Staff, Camp Commissioner, COPE Staff, Dining Hall Steward, Handicraft Director, Health Officer, Maintenance Staff, Nature Director, Scoutcraft Director, Shooting Sports Staff, Trading Post Manager, Trading Post Clerk & Aquatics Staff

### Opportunities for age 21 and over:

Aquatics Director, Camp Office Manager, Climbing Director, COPE Director, Shooting Sports Director, Asst. Shooting Sports Director & Camp Medic.

Questions? Contact our camp director at  
[campdirector@campchawanakee.com](mailto:campdirector@campchawanakee.com) or call our office (559)320-2100





## CONGRATULATIONS EAGLE SCOUTS!

Since the inception of the Eagle Scout award in 1912, **2.01%** of eligible Scouts have earned Scouting's highest honor. Even though the percentage has been trending upward over the years, the award is still incredibly rare.

Congratulations to the following scouts who earned the rank of Eagle in the month of April 2018!

### San Joaquin District:

- John Thomas Brownell—Troop 35
- Daniel Hall—Troop 86
- Jack Luong—Troop 223
- Rory O'Keefe—Troop 223
- Zachary Ritter—Troop 86
- Stephen Vidales—Troop 223

### Riverbend District:

- Derrick Hirschfield—Troop 392
- Garrett Pack—Troop 392

### Thunderbird District:

- Conner Hiatt—Troop 331
- Chase Rindlisbacher—Troop 29



*Once an Eagle,  
Always an Eagle*



## DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR DAY CAMP!

### San Joaquin District

Clovis Rodeo Grounds—Clovis June 18-22, 3:00pm to 8:30pm

Cost \$70.00

Questions? Contact Bobby Mollison 349-6885

Camp Director: Rusty Moon 288-3182

Program Director: Alison Moon 260-9912

### Thunderbird District

Madera LDS Chapel June 11-15, 8:00am to 1:00pm

Cost \$65.00

Questions? Contact Edith Ochoa 281-8983

Camp Director: Patty Dunn 977-9854

Program Director: George Flore 801-1368

### Riverbend District

Pioneer Village—Selma June 12-15, 3:00pm to 8:00pm

Cost \$70.00

Questions? Contact Delailah Fajardo-Rosencrans 903-5158

Camp Director: Carmen Manganaan 355-0426

Program Director: Paul Hyer 794-4505

### Live Oak District—Visalia

Mooney Grove Park—Visalia June 11-15, 8:00am to 12:30pm

Cost \$70.00

Questions? Contact Sara Parsons 719-7801

Camp Director: Hope Riley 661-302-9300

Program Director: Barbara Jones 786-5679

### Live Oak District-Porterville

LDS Church—Porterville June 19-22, 5:00pm to 8:30pm

Cost \$65.00

Questions? Contact Sara Parsons 719-7801

Co-Camp Director: Jessica Tapia 920-5384

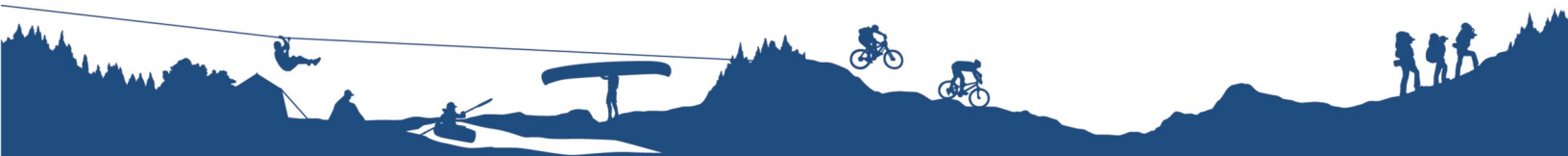
Co-Camp Director: Gladis Plumlee 560-6982

Program Director: Amy Chandler 719-9976

### For more information, please contact

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[www.seqbsa.org](http://www.seqbsa.org)



# Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

Mark your calendars and get your registrations in for "Scout Night" with each of our local minor league teams to celebrate Scouting and enjoy America's favorite pastime!

**Friday, May 25, 2018 at the Fresno Grizzlies!**

- Everyone will receive a FREE Grizzlies hat
- First 300 Scouts of order tickets will receive a commemorative Grizzlies Scout patch
- Each unit will receive scoreboard recognition
- Pregame Scout Parade
- Camp out on the field and watch a family-friendly movie after the game
- Scouts have an opportunity to participate in on-field activities during the game



**Friday, June 1, 2018 at the Visalia Rawhide!**



- Pregame Scout Parade
- Every Scout will receive a commemorative Rawhide Scout patch
- Scouts have an opportunity to participate in on-field activities during the game
- Post-Game fireworks
- Post-Game movie in the ballpark
- Camp out on the field after the game (includes breakfast)

*Register at our Fresno or Visalia Office or get the forms to mail in, online at [www.seqbsa.org](http://www.seqbsa.org)*

## IMPORTANT YPT UPDATE



The BSA has announced bold, wide-ranging updates to its youth protection program as and ongoing effort to protect young people from abuse.

This starts with an enhanced online Youth Protection training course all volunteers and professionals must complete. Even those Scout leaders who took the previous version of Youth Protection training must log into **my.scouting.org** and complete the updated course before October 1, 2018.

The updated course will take about an hour to complete. It included cutting-

edge research from the top experts in the field of child abuse prevention. It covers topics like bullying, neglect, exposure to violence, physical and emotional abuse and child sexual abuse.

As we plan for summer camp and camping activities over the summer it is important to note that: **Effective June 1, 2018**, Adults accompanying a Scouting unit who are present at the activity for 72 total hours or more **MUST** be registered as leaders. This includes completing a criminal background check and Youth Protection

Training. The 72 hours need not be consecutive.

Read more on the changes/updates to BSA youth protection policies at:

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2018/03/16/every-scouters-must-complete-the-updated-youth-protection-training-by-oct-1-2018/>

The BSA is serious about fighting child abuse and keeping our Scouts and Scouters safe, you are an important part of that fight. Thank you to all of you for your vigilance and dedication.





# NATIONAL CAMP SCHOOL

Five representatives from our council attended National Camp School on March 23-25 at the Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center in Orange County. The purpose of National Camp School is to provide adults with a learning experience and training related to the operations of camp. The key Staff members will, in turn, train and supervise other staff personnel in their respective camp programs.



Following a rigorous weekend of learning National Camp Standards, extensive Youth Protection Training, program and campfire ideas and case studies each participant was certified in National Camp School, Day Camp Administration. This certification lasts for 5 years and is invaluable to success of the day camps across our council.



Barbara Jones-Live Oak Visalia Program Director, Sara Parsons-Live Oak District Executive, Edith Ochoa-Thunderbird District Executive, Estela Mata-Riverbend District Executive and Jennifer Abidian-San Joaquin Camp Registrar

*“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”*  
- John Quincy Adams



## ORDER OF THE ARROW

You may have seen your local Order of the Arrow chapter at a recent Blue and Gold or AOL ceremony and wondered who they were and what part of Scouting they represent.

Order of the Arrow (OA) is Scouting's National Honor Society. For over 100 years, the OA has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. This recognition provides encouragement for others to live these ideals as well. Arrowmen are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others. OA service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich and help to extend Scouting to America's youth.

Over the century since the Order of the Arrow's founding, more than one million Scouts and Scouters have worn the OA sash on their uniforms, denoting membership in the Brotherhood.

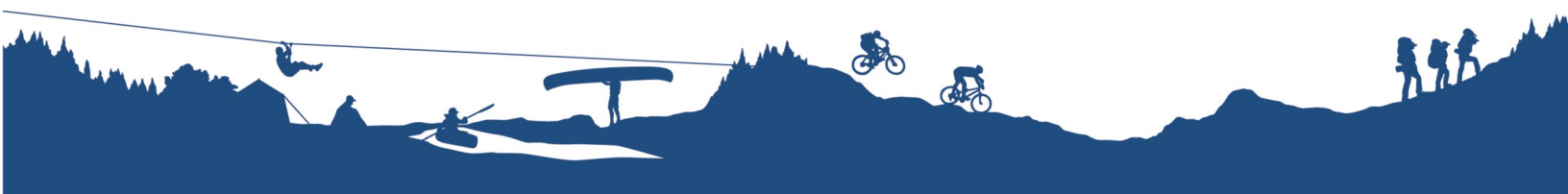
The four stated purposes of the Order of the Arrow are:

- Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition.
- Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout's experience, in the unit, year-round, and in summer camp.
- Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation.
- Crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

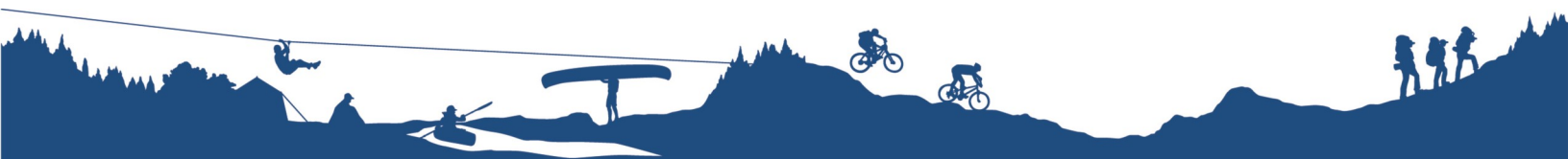


# Scout Shout-outs!

**Congrats to the  
boys from Pack  
309 in Live Oak  
District for  
earning their  
Arrow of Light!**



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# MONTHLY CHUCKLE



**LOST &  
FOUND**

**ATTENTION SCOUTERS:**  
**Missing Red Council Projector**  
Borrowed last December from  
the Fresno office  
Please return to either office

## Be featured in an upcoming newsletter!

From unit service projects and events to 100% leader trained units to "scout shout outs" for individual scouts achieving great things both in and out of scouting and everything in between. We want to recognize you, so we invite you to share your stories with us. Email a short write up to share your incredible Scouting stories with us.

Don't forget to include your photos. A picture says a thousand words.

Please send all emails to Sara Parsons at [sara.parsons@scouting.org](mailto:sara.parsons@scouting.org)

*We'd love to hear your story!*

