

# 2024...



*What Scouting*  
**ADVENTURES**  
*are in your future?*

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## Sequoia Council Newsletter

January 2024



# EXPLORER POST #1199

Kings Co Sheriff Office EXPLORER COMMENDATION: Recently, KCSO Explorer Isaak Saucedo was recognized by the Hanford Police Department for his courageous actions during an arrest.

The incident began when HPD was dispatched to a report of a stolen vehicle being seen in the area of 11th Avenue and Fargo Avenue. As Officers arrived three suspects ran from the stolen vehicle. The two officers on scene chased after two of the fleeing suspects.

The third suspect ran into a nearby neighborhood where he attempted to break into a residence. Explorer Saucedo was in the area in an unofficial capacity and spotted the suspect trying to break into the home.

Explorer Saucedo quickly realized the gravity of the situation. He grab ahold of the suspect, took him to the ground and detained him under citizen's arrest until HPD Officers arrived.

Explorer Saucedo's quick actions possibly saved a local family from having their home invaded. While KCSO does not encourage our Explorers to get involved in dangerous situations, the ramifications of failing to stop this suspect could have been devastating.

Hanford Police Sergeant Frank Martinez and Police Chief Jack Amaroso attended a recent Explorer Post meeting and presented Explorer Saucedo with a hard earned commendation.

We are proud of Explorer Saucedo and commend him on his heroic actions. He placed himself in harms way to protect his community from those who choose to do us harm. Congratulations



Explorer Commendation



# EXPLORING™

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## DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE



# Sequoia Council 2023 Eagle Scouts



Troop 274 Cole H.  
Troop 274 Cruz S.  
Troop 60 Tyson P.  
Troop 60 Scott J.  
Troop 199 Samuel G.  
Troop 514 Spencer P.  
Troop 354 Addison W.  
Troop 317 Lucas F.  
Troop 309 Benjamin W.  
Troop 514 Robert S.  
Troop 282 Benjamin W.  
Troop 390 Justin O.  
Troop 509 Keith T.  
Troop 514 Reagan Y.  
Troop 514 Christopher-Michael G.  
Troop 514 Daniel M.  
Troop 12G Nouné K.  
Troop 12G Mary T.  
Troop 301 Alexander S.  
Troop 354 Dominic S.  
Troop 8900 Mason G.  
Troop 95 Nathaniel B.  
Troop 12 Roupen H.  
Troop 317 Nathan W.  
Troop 309 Carter L.  
Troop 317 Korbin D.  
Troop 1893G Abigail M.

Troop 321 Carlos B.  
Troop 35 Joshua F.  
Troop 35 Kenny B.  
Troop 354 Kaden U.  
Troop 390 Frank K.  
Troop 199 Nathaniel R.  
Troop 509 Chris S.  
Troop 514 Diego A.  
Troop 354 Noah H.  
Troop 317 Chance Y.  
Troop 1893 Adam S.  
Troop 354 Sean L.  
Troop 514 Carson H.  
Troop 514 William H.  
Troop 514 Noah U.  
Troop 257 Ryan P.  
Troop 301 Zackary S.  
Troop 514 Thomas O.  
Troop 35 Brandon H.  
Troop 60 Adam D.  
Troop 514 Andrew G.  
Troop 282 Quincy Y.  
Troop 392 Gabriel A.  
Troop 251 Sean H.  
Troop 1893G Morgan P.  
Troop 80 Maxwell N.



# SCOUT ME IN™



~Cubmasters/Scoutmasters~

Send in pictures and events to be featured in the Sequoia Council Newsletter! [Click HERE](#)



[Click here or PATCH for Personal Fitness merit badge](#)

**January 10th is  
National Take the Stairs Day!**

**Stair Climbing Factoid:** A 160-pound person who climbs for 3 minutes, expends approximately 30 calories.

Using the stairs will help you with Personal Fitness merit badge requirement #7:  
Outline a comprehensive 12-week physical fitness program using the results of your fitness tests.



TAH-HEETCH LODGE  
ORDER OF THE ARROW

[Click here to pay for OA Dues in 2024](#)

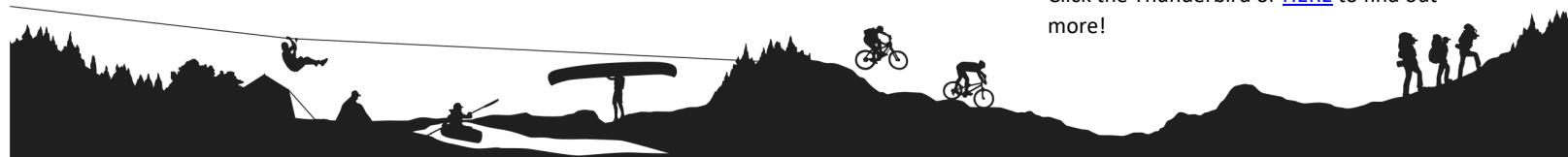


## Summer Camp 2024

Sign up for Camp Chawanakee 2024

Call the Scout Office to get your spot!

Click the Thunderbird or [HERE](#) to find out more!





**Be Prepared for 2024!!!**

**Riverbend Webeloree**

<https://scoutingevent.com/027-RBWebeloree2024>

**Jan 12-14**

**Intro Outdoor Leadership Skills**

<https://scoutingevent.com/027-IOSL>

**Jan 26-27**

**Klondike Derby**

<https://scoutingevent.com/027-Klondike2024>

**Feb 16-18**

**NYLT**

<https://scoutingevent.com/027-NYLT24>

**Jun 17-22**

**Wood Badge**

<https://scoutingevent.com/027-Woodbadge2024>

**Sept 6-8**

**Sept 28-29**

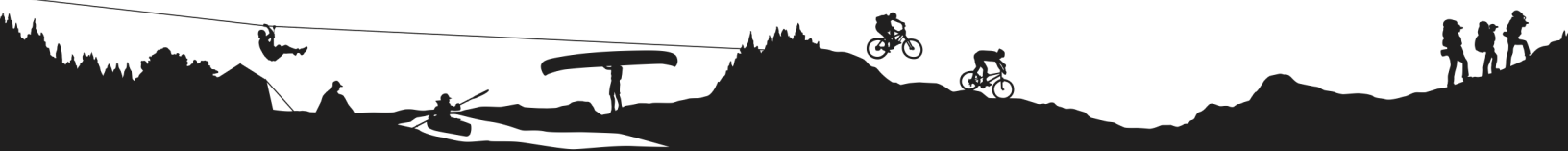


# Riverbend

# Webeloree

Troop 432B and Troop 432G will be hosting Riverbends [10th annual Webeloree this January 12-14, 2024](#) at Burris Park in Kings County. Troop 432 started hosting the event in 2014 and has held the event every year excluding 2021. Webelos from all districts are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate in the fun!

Webelos Scouts can expect to participate as a patrol in Camporee style games, showing off their patrol yell and flag. There will be a hike, a campfire program, and awards. Scouts BSA are also encouraged to join us and help put on the event. All youth participants will earn a patch and get to share their scout spirit with Scouts throughout the area. For more information, please contact Michael Gonzales at [scouter.mg@gmail.com](mailto:scouter.mg@gmail.com) or 559-816-1130





# 2024 IOLS

Trained

Cost:

**\$30**

INTRODUCTION TO

# OUTDOOR

## LEADER SKILLS



**EVERY SCOUT DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER!**

**TRAINING COVERED:** the HOW-TO on Map Reading, Fire Building, Campfire Cooking, Knife Sharpening, Plant and Animal Identification, Pack a Backpack, Safely Plan a Hike and Camping Trip, Chop Wood with an Axe, and *MUCH MORE!*

**~ Required Training for Scoutmasters & Assistant Scoutmasters ~**

**Date:** January 26-27th - arrive at 5:30pm on 26th, depart 4:30pm on 27th

**Location:** Fresno County Peace Officer's Range - 7633 N Weber, Fresno CA 93722

**Uniform:** Field Uniform (Class A) - Scout shirt, green pants/socks, Activity shirt (Class B), closed-toe shoes



# Sequoia Council Campfire

## Saturday, January 27, 2024

*Sponsored by Tah-Heetch Lodge - Order of the Arrow*

**Mid-County Community School Field**

**2101 N Shirk Rd, Visalia**

**5:30 PM - approximately 7:00 PM**

**Directions:** Take exit 103 on Hwy 198 and head north on Shirk Rd./Road 92. Continue 1.5 miles to just past W. Doe Ave. Turn left into the parking lot at the end of the Tulare County Office of Education complex. Additional parking is located in front of the school and behind the TCOE facilities.



**Open to Troops, Packs, Crews, Clubs, Individuals & Families**

**Cracker Barrel Snacks Provided**

**Share skits & Songs\***

**Outdoor Setting - Bring Lawn Chairs**

**2024 OA Callout**

*\*Unit Skits and Songs must be appropriate for general audiences and approved by the Lodge Chief. Please send an email with the skit or song title and a brief description to the addresses below.*

Contacts: **Lodge Chief**, Ronan Aleman [RPone2Three@gmail.com](mailto:RPone2Three@gmail.com)

**Lodge Adviser**, Katie Squire [bigfarmr@inreach.com](mailto:bigfarmr@inreach.com)



# Klondike—Yukon Yearly 2024

## YUKON YEARLY

2024  
EDITION

SCOUTING THE LAST GREAT FRONTIER

## NEWS FROM THE KLONDIKE

### A Winter Scouting Adventure Awaits.

It is time to start planning for the 2024 Klondike Derby to be held February 16-18, 2024, at Camp Chawanakee in Shaver Lake, California. This is the 32<sup>nd</sup> year that the Sequoia Council volunteers will host this great event commemorating the prospectors that sought their fortune in the Klondike gold rush of the Yukon Territory.

Troops and Crews from around California are invited to participate in this winter adventure. Camp Chawanakee will be transformed into the wild Yukon where scouts will traverse the frontier, traveling from town to town testing their scout skills, competing for gold, and demonstrating the Patrol Method. Start planning now for a great Scouting adventure.

### Recommended Winter Awareness Training.

Success at the Klondike Derby is all about preparation. We will do our best to help you prepare your unit for this Scouting adventure. The winter awareness training held in years past has now been made available in a series of short training videos that can be viewed at your convenience. We recommend that the unit leader, assistant unit leaders, senior youth leaders, and other interested scouts or parents review these training videos in the weeks leading up to Klondike. They contain valuable information that will help you prepare for an overnight snow camping outing. You can find all of the training videos at [www.seqbsa.org/klondike-derby/](http://www.seqbsa.org/klondike-derby/).



Cutting Logs at the Dawson Lumber Mill

GOLD! GOLD! GOLD! GOLD!



Trading Gold for Provisions

### Unit Preparation

Preparing a Troop or Crew for an overnight snow camping adventure is no small task. It takes weeks of planning to be sure your unit is ready to take on the cold and possibly wet weather. Be prepared by planning in advance, following the Guide to Safe Scouting, and checking the type of clothing to be worn by your scouts.

It may be a good idea to plan a unit snow camping outing prior to the Klondike where your scouts can have a trial run setting up their gear in the snow while staying close to the cars. Once at Klondike, they will be hiking nearly a mile in the snow to get from the parking area to their campsite. Better to find any issues ahead of time.

Camp Chawanakee Klondike Derby Address - 43485 Dinskey Creek Road - Shaver Lake, CA 93664  
Sequoia Council, Boy Scouts of America  
6005 N Tamera Avenue - Fresno, CA 93711-3911 - (559) 320-2100 - Fax (559) 320-2114  
[www.seqbsa.org/klondike](http://www.seqbsa.org/klondike)



## Scan the QR to register



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Yukon Yearly - 2024 Edition

Klondike Derby

## PATROLS COMPETE FOR PRECIOUS GOLD

### EVENTS!

**Rail Spike Drive** - Visit Caribou Crossing where construction is underway on the White Pass and Yukon Railroad. Test your patrol's strength and accuracy to see if you can drive a rail spike into a wooden tie.

**Log Saw** - The Dawson Lumber Mill will host the log saw. Use an eight-foot long back saw to cut a tamarack log. When you're done, brand the round with the BSA emblem and keep it as a patrol souvenir.

**Fire Building** - Out in the wild Yukon, show that your patrol has what it takes to build a fire in the harsh conditions and that you can work as a team.

**Log Lift** - The pioneering spirit continues in Nome, Alaska with the knot tying competition.

**Snow Cannons** - New recruits are needed at Fort St. Michael. Both accuracy and distance will be needed to keep the local bears at bay with precision snow balls.

**Morse Code** - The telegraph office in Bennett, British Columbia is looking for new telegraph operators. See if your patrol can successfully transmit and receive messages using Morse code.

**Tomahawk Throw** - Head East to the village of Teslin where you can test your skill at traditional hunting. In this event patrols will see who can stick a tomahawk in the target, and closest to the center.

**Snowshoe Race** - With all these new prospectors seeking to strike it rich, it's a race to the gold fields! Here at Chilcoot Pass, see how quickly you can navigate a course in the snow while wearing a pair of snow shoes.

Additional events may be added. Final event list is subject to change.

## THE GREAT SLED RACE

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Starting in Whitehorse, this event will challenge your Patrol's physical endurance, teamwork, and scout skills. For this event you will need a sled capable of transporting one of your patrol members plus some essential patrol supplies.

## CLAIM A TOWN

Want to run an event at the Klondike? Have an idea for a new event? New Mayors are appreciated. Claim an available town or start your own. Contact the council office for more information or register as staff if you would just like to help.

### Registration Deadlines

Carrying out an event like this takes many months of planning and preparation. To help the planning committee anticipate the number of attendees and properly prepare for the event, we ask that you register early. All those registered by February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 will receive a \$10.00 discount per person off the regular registration price. You can still register after that, but will be charged the full price. We recommend registering what youth and adults you can early, and you can always register additional attendees as the event gets closer. Don't over estimate though. We may not be able to offer refunds if you end up bringing less people than you registered. Registering early also ensures that you will receive any event updates that are emailed out.

Register online at [www.seqbsa.org/klondike-derby/](http://www.seqbsa.org/klondike-derby/).



Driving Spikes at Caribou Crossing

# Wood Badge 2024



Course Dates:

Sept 6-9, 2024 and Sept 28-29, 2024

Location:

Camp Chawanakee, Shaver Lake, CA

*From Now until July 30th*

*Early Bird registration: **\$250** ACT FAST!!*

Afterwards

Registration will be \$275 from July 31st to September 1st

Questions or concerns, reach out to the course director:

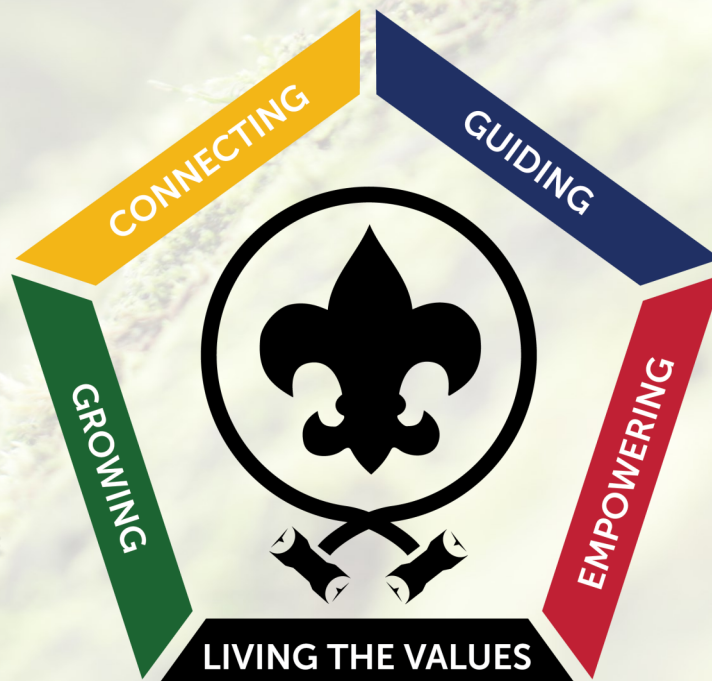
**Sunny Sharma** (559) 493-8668

or email: [32724woodbadge@gmail.com](mailto:32724woodbadge@gmail.com)

**Register online**

by clicking the  
link below:

[WOOD BADGE 2024](#)



**Every Scout  
Deserves a  
Trained Leader!**



# 2024 Wood Badge Patch Set

Wood Badge Patch Set for **\$130**

Individual  
Critter  
CSP for  
**\$10**



These patches will not last - PRE-ORDER YOURS NOW!!!!

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This patch is sponsored by Order of the Arrow promoting hiking and outdoor activities. It is available to any Cub Scout, Scout, Venturing member. Fresno Dome is an easy hike for Cub Scouts and Crystal Falls is the most challenging. Additional hikes will be added in the near future so you can mix and match.

The center patch is 5 inches in circumference and can be purchased after a Scout has finished one of the 8 hikes. Once a segment has been completed the Pack/Troop/Advisor adult leaders can purchase them from Order of the Arrow or at the Fresno Service Center



[Fresno Dome](#)

[Hart Tree & Fallen Goliath Loop](#)

[Crystal Trail](#)

[San Joaquin River Gorge](#)

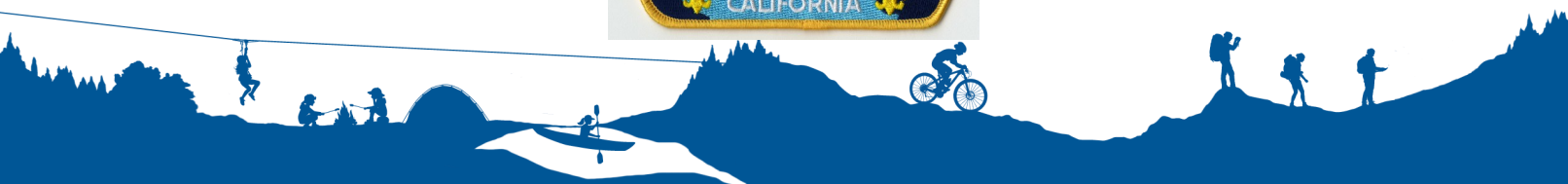
[Bearpaw Meadow](#)

[Crescent Meadow to Moro Rock](#)

[Ladybug Camp](#)

[Panther Creek Camp](#)

**Center Patch \$7 ~ Rockers \$2 each**





# 2024 COUNCIL CALENDAR

January 1st - Council Office closed

**January 12-14th - Riverbend Webeloree**

January 15th - Council Office Closed

**January 26-27th - Intro Outdoor Leadership Skills IOLS**

**January 27th - OA Callout (5:30pm)**

**February 10 - San Joaquin District Dinner**

**February 16-18th - Klondike**

February 19th - Council Office Closed

**March 1st or 2nd - Sequoia Council Dinner**

**March 8-10th - OA Spring Induction**

**March 9-10th - Day Camp School (Modesto)**

**March 15-17th - San Joaquin Camporee**

**April 19-21st - OA Conclave - Boulder Creek Scout Res**

**May 11th - OA Day of Service & Lodge Elections**

**May 17th or 18th - Visalia Golf**

May 27th - Council Office closed

**June 9th - Camp Chawanakee starts**

**June 17-22nd - NYLT**

July 4th - Council Office closed

**July 6th - OA Lodge Leadership Development (TBD)**

**July 27th - Camp Chawanakee ends**

**July 29-Aug 3rd - OA NOAC University of Colorado**

**August 23-25th - OA Summer Induction**

**August 24th - OA Lodge Banquet**

September 2nd - Council Office closed

**September 6-8th - Wood Badge 1st weekend**

**September 14th - OA Day of Service**

**September 27th - Shooting for Scouting**

**September 28-29th - Wood Badge 2nd weekend**

**November 9th - OA Fall Fellowship**

November 28-29th - Council Office closed

December 24-25th - Council Office closed



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Be on the look out for more information  
on how to get your hands on this NEW  
NYLT Council Shoulder Patch



Thank you to all  
who serve and  
volunteer!

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