

YOLANO DISTRICT



Newsletter of the Yolano District, Golden Empire Council, Scouts BSA

March 2021

Camp-O-Ree

By Kurt Schmidl,

Greetings to all Troops and Crews!

You are invited to join in on the District Spring Camporee "Hunting for Adventure" on Saturday, April 24th from 9AM to 5PM on Saturday, April 24th at Timm Family Ranch in Vacaville.

For the scouts that are currently meeting in Cohorts (Patrols), Covid-19 precautions such as face masks, social distancing and hand sanitation will be enforced. Scouters are encouraged to study the Social Distancing Merit Badge in preparation for the Camporee.

This year, the Camporee will also host the GEC Venturing Encampment with the theme "Jumanji". Traditional scouting events are:

- Opening/Flag Ceremonies
- Fire Building
- O.A. Cooking
- Tomahawk Throwing
- Lashing Skills
- Log Lifting
- Semaphore
- Map/Compass Course



Important Dates:

Mar 6 & 13: Scouting for Food

Mar 18: District Roundtable (Virtual)

Apr 1: Fireside Chat w/ Council

Apr 10: Cub Extravaganza (Virtual)

Apr 15: District Roundtable (Virtual)

~~**April 23-25:** Wood Badge, Camp Lassen (W3-47-21-1) 1st Session~~ **Cancelled**

April 24: Camporee

~~**May 1-2:** Wood Badge, Camp Lassen (W3-47-20-1) 2nd Session~~ **Cancelled**

June 7-12: NYLT, Nor Cal, 1st Session

Jun 14-18: Twilight Camp Carswell

Jul 26-31: NYLT, NorCal, 2nd Session

All Scouters and staff are required to bring a sack lunch and enough food for the entire day. There will be no food preparation on site except for the O.A. cooking contest. Since this is a dry camp, bring plenty of water for drinking and hand washing.

The cost is \$10 for each Scout, Leader and Camporee Staff. Registration is currently open at <https://gec-bsa.doubleknot.com/program/camp-o-ree/63233> until April 20th.

For more information, contact Kurt Schmidl at 530-796-0488 or at kpschmidl@gmail.com.

Friends of Scouting

By Rod Nishikawa, Scoutmaster Troop 139

Friends of Scouting is your council's annual giving campaign. This annual fundraiser supports programs such as registration, publications, camps, recruitment, training, and administrative needs. Yolano District's pledge goal is \$49,000. Many corporations match gifts made by their employees to the Scouts. Your gift is also tax-deductible.

For more information or to schedule a presentation, contact Rod Nishikawa at rodnishikawa@gmail.com or Tyler Bonino at Tyler.Bonino@scouting.org. You can also text **geofos2021** to **844 651 4269** to donate.

Camp Cards

By Tyler Bonino, Senior District Executive

Need help to pay for summer camp? The Golden Empire Council's annual Camp Card fundraiser begins April 1st. Local business offer generous discounts such as free with purchase and some offer multi-use all year long. Cards sale for \$5 with \$2.50 going back to the Scout.

This is a no-risk sale as any unsold cards can be returned to Council without penalty. Sales support the Scout as well as Council. By selling Camp Cards using the Trails End sales application, you receive Amazon points. Weekly drawings will be held to attend Camp Lassen or Camp Winton. Prizes will be awarded to various sale levels. Signups are live! <https://gec-bsa.doubleknot.com/support/camp-cards/63190>

For more information, contact Dave Hagar at 916-929-1417 x210 or at david.hagar@scouting.org.

National Youth Leadership Training

By Claralyn and Howard Sant, Council NYLT Coordinator, Golden Empire Council

Are you familiar with National Youth Leadership Training, (NYLT)? Your youth will come away with a stronger understanding of leadership through interactive content which includes discussions, games and activities that teach about more than 25 topics like Communicating Well, Finding your Vision, Problem Solving, Conflict Management, Valuing People, How to Lead Leadership Meetings, Team Formation, Servant Leadership, Setting Goals and Preparing Plans, Teaching and Leading others, Making Ethical Decisions and much more!

Enrolling in a summer 2021 course might be just the right timing to help prepare them for the future because colleges, scholarship committees and employers are looking for youth that have varied experiences that show leadership abilities. National Youth Leadership Training can help your son or daughter stand out from the crowd of applicants because of their training in crucial leadership skills! Mark your calendars for the upcoming week long course dates that work best for your youth!

[NYLT 2021 Course dates - Nor Cal Adventure Area](#)

NYLT 2021-1 - June 7-12 or NYLT 2021-2 - July 26-31, 2021

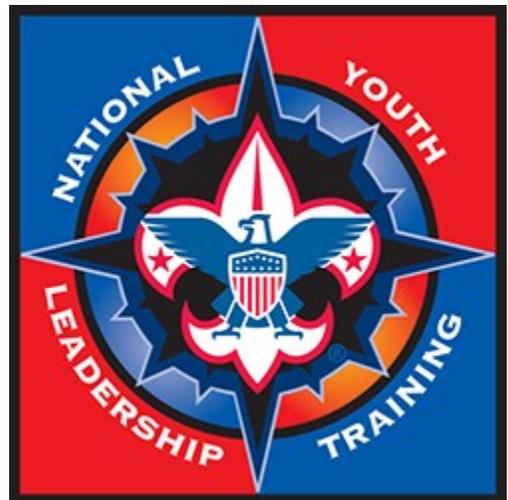
BSA National Youth Leadership Certificates of Participation are given at the completion of the course to verify their participation. Those who have enjoyed and excelled in learning leadership principals during their NYLT experience will have an opportunity to interview for a future staff position mentoring and teaching youth on future NYLT courses. Being invited to staff our Council NYLT courses sends a message to decision makers that your youth is highly capable because they understand that the next level of servant leadership is becoming a trainer and mentor to share with others those leadership principles and in the process ingrain them in themselves.

Who teaches the course? Youth Staff receive intensive training as NYLT instructors over the four months preceding the course. Adult leaders are on site for guidance, safety and security. If your youth has already attended NYLT and would like to staff, have him/her contact the current Course Directors via the NYLT website listed below.

Many Scouts surveyed about their NYLT experience share that because of the leadership skills they learned and practiced on course, they feel more confident to serve in leadership positions within their troop/crew, council, school, and community. When youth challenge themselves by taking on additional leadership responsibilities, recruiters, scholarship committee members and employers take notice.

To be eligible for NYLT, a troop youth must be 13 years old by the date of the course selected and a First Class Scout and not older than 20 years of age. Venturing Crew members do not have a rank requirement but must be 13 and have finished 8th grade or 14-20 years of age. All youth must have completed Intro to Leadership Skills for Troops or Crews, (ILST or ILSC), which is a basic leadership course that Scoutmasters/Crew Advisors and Senior patrol leaders/Crew Presidents put on for their Troop/Crew Leadership.

Courses typically fill up fast so reserve your spot today! For more information about eligibility requirements, registration or general information go to <http://www.gec-bsa.org/training/nylt/62948>. We look forward to meeting and working with your youth this summer!



Yolano District Cub Twilight Camp

By Lisa Lindquist, Twilight Camp Carswell Coordinator

We are excited to announce this years' Cub Camp Carswell 2021 will be in person and is planned for June 14th -18th. Similar to last year, you will only have to register and attend one day to receive the full experience. Covid guidelines such as social distancing, mask wearing and frequent hand washing/sanitation.

We need leaders and volunteers to make this happen. Our first staff meeting is planned for April. All talent levels are welcomed. No prior experience needed. Registration will be on-line soon. Questions? Contact Lisa Lindquist at campcarswell@ydbsa.org.

GEC Wood Badge 2021

By Golden Empire Council and Mat Greenfield, Utah National Parks Council (Jul 2013) (resubmission)

Attendees often use phrases like 'inspirational' and even 'life-changing' to describe their Wood Badge experience. Is the week-long leadership training experience all that it's cracked up to be? Can a week of camping really have the impact proclaimed by its champions?

Wood Badge for the 21st Century is the modern iteration of an adult training course that has been evolving since Scouting's first days. Early in the movement, Baden Powell saw the need to provide high quality training to adults. This concept hasn't changed.

The instruction is provided by a variety of classroom sessions, discussions, small group exercises, and learning games. Staff and instructors are typically well-prepared, and do a pretty good job of delivering the Nationally-developed content. The quality of the content is excellent, with lessons taken from leading management theorists such as Stephen Covey and Ken Blanchard. Some companies such as IBM, Motorola, and Intel, consider Wood Badge to be 'management training', partially subsidizing the cost, or not requiring employees to take vacation in order to attend.



However, the 'formal' learning opportunities are just one side of the Wood Badge coin. The informal learning done by participants as they live and work together for a week is substantial. Attendees are organized into 'patrols' of about 5-8 people, and spend the week learning and serving as a group. They are supported by a dedicated staff member 'Troop Guide', who mentors them through the Wood Badge experience.

But does Wood Badge deliver on the promise of being 'life-changing'? While I won't go as far as to say that Wood Badge will be a life-changing experience for every attendee, I believe that it does have that potential for some people.

Wood Badge Training is for all programs including Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity and Venturing. Come and join the Ranks of Effectively Trained Wood Badge Leaders. Don't Wait --- be a Motivated Leader!

For more information and a flyer, log on to <https://www.gec-bsa.org/document/gec-wood-badge-w3-47-20-flyer/194877>

Date/Location	Course Directors	Registration
<p>CANCELLED</p> <p>W3-47-20-1 April 26 - May 2 Camp Lassen</p>	Paul Helman	<p>Participant Registration</p> <p>Staff Registration</p>
<p>W3-47-20-2 September 18-20 & October 3-4 Camp Lassen</p>	Russ Erickson	<p>Opens April 2021</p>

April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 - Fireside Chat w/ Council Key 3 (Virtual)	1	2	3
4 - Easter Sunday	5	6	7	8 - District Roundtable (virtual)	9	10 - Cub Extravaganza (Virtual)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 - Camporee, Timm Ranch, Vacaville
26	27	28	29	30		
				For additional events, check https:// www.gec-bsa.org		Submit newsletter corrections and articles to Diane Disharoon at newsletter@ydbsa.org .