

# The Pleasant Pheasant

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The District Web-O-Ree welcomed Webelos Cubs to experience some of the Scouting activities they will encounter as they move to Boy Scouts. Five Troops hosted 30 Cubs for fire building, rope making, catapult shooting, cobbler, an obstacle course, and first aid exercises.



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## District Activities

Let's cover many of the District details. If you unit missed Roundtable please contact Joe Schairer for your recharter package. His home number is 530-753-2508. These are due back by Roundtable on Dec. 10. Remember you can only register Scoutmaster, Asst. Scoutmaster, Cubmaster and Den Leaders if they

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## Yolo District Roundtable

### General Session

Yolo District Roundtable general session will be held on Thursday, Oct. 8 at 7:15 PM at the LDS Cultural Hall, 8th and Elmwood in Davis, under the water tower.

The program will be on the rechartering process plus a Woodbadge introduction. The Cub Breakout will be on program planning led by Sue Esdaille.

The District Committee meeting will precede the Roundtable, beginning at 6:30 PM.

# Yolo District

## Yolo District Officers

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Rope Making At The Recent District Web-O-Ree.



The Fish Eye View Of A Troop 111 Scout Snorkeling At Camp Cherry Valley.

## Eagle Scholarships

Applications for Eagle Scout scholarships for 2010 are now available at: <http://www.nesa.org/applications.html>. Two forms cover the Hall-McElwain, Mabel and Lawrence S. Cooke Scholarship, the United Health Foundation, and the National Eagle Scout Scholarship Fund.

It is essential applicants use the current forms. Last year, just over 4,500 applications were received for the 109 scholarships awarded. Of those applicants, 937 used the wrong form and thus were immediately rejected. Forms must be submitted by mail, no faxes. They must be received at the National Council office by Jan. 31, 2010.

## Capitol March Details



Final plans are coming together for the BSA Capitol March set for November 24 from Raley Field to the California State Capitol to kick off Scouting's 100th anniversary celebrations and deliver the California Scout Report to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Cubs can bring their Pinewood Derby car for a Council-wide runoff. About a week before the event registrants will receive colored wrist bands good for parking. Patch, neckerchief, lunch and arena admission. No one will be allowed entry without a wrist band.

Please arrive by the route you will receive and then go to the parking lot with your band color. There you'll receive your goodies.

It was just recently announced that X-Games Gold Medalist BMX bike riders (Team Soil) will be headlining the show during lunch. They recently performed at the SF 49er's halftime show and will now be performing at our show. There will also be tons of vendors and activities including the USAF and National Guard climbing walls. Scouts and Scouters will be there from across the state of California. We'll all get to meet our national Chief Scout Executive Mr. Robert Mazzuca.

## Scout Day At Cal

All Scout units are invited to the Cal Football Scout Day Event on November 7, 2009, against the Oregon State Beavers.

This year's team features explosive offensive players in Running Back Jahvid Best and Wide Receiver Marvin Jones, while its stout defense is headed by Corner Back Syd'Quan Thompson and Linebacker Mike Mohamed.

This year, we will be hosting a pre-game event for all Scouts in attendance, giving them the opportunity to meet players on this year's Cal Football Team. A Scout Day neckerchief will also be given to the first 500 scouts in attendance, and a video board message will be relayed to your scouts during the game.

Tickets are only \$30 (regularly \$51) for groups of 25 or more. Be sure to invite all of your friends and family, or even team up with other troops or packs and represent your district. Your group will see their name in lights on the video board as we welcome you at Memorial Stadium. Information is available at [www.calbears.com/scoutday](http://www.calbears.com/scoutday).

**Troop 466** is going to the above "Scout Day" at the Cal-Oregon State football game on November 7 in Berkeley and invites your Troop or Pack to join us. For the past few years, Troop 466 has attended a Cal football game and always had a great time. If you only have a few Scouts/ adults who wish to go (not enough for a separate group), they are welcome to come along with our troop.

Contact, Paul Meyer, Troop 466, home phone: 530-758-4622, and email: [pmeyer03@comcast.net](mailto:pmeyer03@comcast.net)

### Tentative Program

- 7:30-8:30 AM Arrive Raley Field Ballpark. Scouts will pick up neckerchiefs and sponsor bags.
- 9:00 AM Opening Ceremony
- 9:30 AM March from Raley Field to Capitol
- 10:30 AM Centennial at the Capitol.
- 12:00 PM Back at Raley Field. Free lunch
- 12:30 PM. X-Games BMX Bicycle exhibition. Strolling entertainment, band on stage & activities. Entertainment and program.
- 1:00-4:00 PM Mid-way with over 100 games, exhibits, demonstrations, entertainment. Something for everyone.

## Merit Badge Saturday

Merit Badge Saturday will again be hosted by Troop 998 in Winters on Dec. 5. The registration deadline is Nov. 14, FIRM. Information is posted at <http://yolobsa.editme.com/MeritBadge>

The purpose of the Merit Badge Saturday is to motivate Scouts to achieve rank advancement by introducing them to the process of earning merit badges in a social environment. Our secondary goal is to broaden the scope of merit badges the Scouts may receive.

Please arrive by 8:45AM - prepared with signed blue cards, merit badge books, merit badge worksheets, and proof of completed requirements. Some sessions last a few hours, while others run all day.

The location is The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 435 Anderson Ave. Winters, CA 95694. Cost: \$10 per Scout includes hot dog lunch. Adult lunch is \$3. Our Merit badge counselors eat free. NO REFUNDS. Pay to- LDS Church-Troop 998

**Dress:** Wear your uniform. Bring appropriate clothing for working on certain Merit badges.

**Required Volunteers:** One adult volunteer is required from each troop for every 4 Scouts attending. An additional volunteer is required for each 4 scouts thereafter.



Troop 111 Conducts The Morning Flag Ceremony  
At Camp Cherry Valley On Catalina Island

## Tito-Wa Chapter Order of the Arrow

Order of the Arrow Chapter meets on the the first Thursday of the month from 7 to 8 PM, in the Davis Community Church Scout Room, 412 C Street, except for July and

August.

Yolo District Packs, Troops, and Crews can request a presentation by the Order of the Arrow American Indian dance and singing teams for such events as pack meetings, Webelos crossovers, troop courts of honor, Eagle Courts of Honor, or other special events. Please contact Chapter Advisor Dan Cebra for more information.

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have completed training for their position. Training is now done every month of the year as noted on Page 6 of this issue.

Woodland Scouting For Food will be on Nov. 7 & 14. You unit should have confirmed participation at Roundtable in October. If not, expect a phone call.

We'll be doing city-wide membership roundups in early November. We need another 50 members to qualify for Quality District. Please do your part.

Your unit will shortly be contacted to determine your Friends Of Scouting unit coordinator. That person's function consists of distribution of a pre-solicitation letter to your families, reviewing the paperwork for accuracy and facilitating the presentation at either a Court of Honor or Blue and Gold Dinner. We want the full FOS campaign completed by April of 2010.

On Jan. 21 to 23, 2010 the Adventure Base 100 caravan will arrive at Cal Expo. This is a 10,000 square foot Scouting Exhibit which will cover the USA in our Centennial Year. We will need about 80 volunteers each day. No experience is needed. You'll just explain Scouting to the visitors. The event is in conjunction with a large Outdoor and Camping show. This is the only stop in Northern California for Adventure Base.

Plan to attend Scout Expo April 30th to May 1, 2010 at Beale Air Force Base to celebrate the 100th anniversary.

University of Scouting is scheduled for Saturday, January 23rd. The training event will be held at Natomas HS to accommodate the growing Scout leader participation.

A silver dollar Scout coin will be released on February 8, 2010 produced by the US mint to commemorate the 100th anniversary.

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**Troop 998** of Winters held a Court of Honor, Wednesday night, Sept. 9, 2009, at the LDS Church. Conducting the Court of Honor was Mitchel Stewart, 2nd Class. The theme for tonight's meeting was "Education".

After the opening ceremonies, Mitchel Stewart, Nick Muldong, and Tom Ryel, C.O.R., gave short talks on the need for education. Next, Scoutmaster Aaron Drumright handed out 25 Event Patches to all those who attended Camp Cole.

An Investiture Ceremony was held to welcome two new Scouts into our Troop. Ka'eo Drumright bridged May 26 and Devon Muldong bridged to Scouting July 28. They have earned the Arrow of Light. This is the highest award in Cub Scouting and the only Cub Scout award that you can wear on your Boy Scout uniform.

Scoutmaster Drumright awarded Ka'eo Drumright, Matthew Twomey, and Nick Muldong a rank advancement to Scout. They received rank patches and pins for their mothers. The rank of Tenderfoot was awarded to Peter Escalante by Scoutmaster Drumright and the rank of Second Class Scout was awarded also to Peter Escalante by Ruben Martinez.

A total of 25 Merit Badges were given to Kaimi Drumright, Peter Escalante, Nick Muldong, David Olegario, Mitchel Stewart, Nick Stewart, and Zach Williams. Varsity Scout Cody Svozil was given seven Merit Badges, Astronomy, Auto Mech, Basketball, Camping, Leatherwork, Orienteering and Wood Carving.

Scoutmaster Drumright then gave his Scoutmaster Minute talk. This was his last night as Scoutmaster. Troop 998's new Scoutmaster is Ruben Martinez. Andrew Cliche and Aaron Drumright will be the Asst. Scoutmasters. [Committee Chair, Tommy Anguay, [anguaye@sbcglobal.net](mailto:anguaye@sbcglobal.net)]



This Is Approximately What Raley Field Will Look Like For Scout Expo, Except It Will Be Ten Times Larger And Expand To The Plaza And Parking Lot.

## Calendar of Events

Oct. 8, Thursday	6:30 PM	District Committee Meeting before Roundtable, Davis
	7:15 PM	District Roundtable General Session, Davis
	7:40 PM	Breakout Session for all: Rechartering Process plus Cub Program Planning and Presentation on Woodbadge.
Oct. 9		Popcorn Take Orders Ends
Oct. 2-3		Training in Foresthill (Auburn area) BALOO training for Cub Scout leaders, Webelos Outdoor for Webelos leaders, Scoutmasters, and Varsity Coaches for Boy Scout leaders.
Oct. 16-17		Introduction To Outdoor Leadership, Iron Horse & Sierra Gateway
Oct. 24		Capitol March, from Raley Field to the State Capitol and return An all day event with entertainment and lunch.
Nov. 7		Scouting For Food, Woodland, Bags out
Nov. 12, Thursday	6:30 PM	Yolo District Committee Meeting before Roundtable
	7:15 PM	Roundtable at the LDS Cultural Center, 8th & Elmwood, Davis.
	7:40 PM	Scouts: Winter Camping Preparation
Nov. 14		Popcorn Distribution
Nov. 14		Scouting For Food, Woodland, Collect Food
Nov. 14		Basic Leader Training, Rancho Cordova, Rio Del Oro
Nov. 14		Basic Leader Training, Vacaville, Trailblazer District
Nov. 20-21		Introduction To Outdoor Leadership, Sacramento, Pony Express Dist.
Nov. 20-21		Introduction To Outdoor Leadership. Camp Pollock
Dec. 5		OKPIC Cold Weather Training
Dec. 5		Merit Badge Saturday in Winters
Dec. 10, Thursday		Roundtable in Davis, Charter Renewals Are Due
Dec. 10, Thur.	6:30 PM	Yolo District Committee, before Roundtable
	7:15 PM	Roundtable in Davis, Charter Renewals are Due Breakouts for Scouts: Cub Breakout: Program Planning At the LDS Cultural Center, 8th and Elmwood, Davis.
Jan. 21-23, 2010		Adventure Base at Cal Expo Outdoor Show
Jan. 23, 2010		University of Scouting, Natomas High School
Feb. 8, 2010		Release of Boy Scouts Anniversary Silver Dollar - U.S. Mint
Feb. 9, 2010		Boy Scouts of America 100th Birthday Gala
Feb. 20, 2010		Golden Empire Council Recognition Dinner, California State University, Sacramento Student Union
Mar. 6 & 7		Wilderness First Aid, Camp Pollock
April 30-May 2, 2010		Scout Expo, Beale Air Force Base
July 16-Aug. 4, 2010		National Jamboree - Fort AP Hill, Virginia
July 31, 2010		A Shining Light Across America, Live Broadcast from the National Jamboree Arena Show

For more details please visit our Yolo District Website: <http://YoloBSA.editme.com> and the Golden Empire Website at <http://www.GEC-BSA.org>