



enews - January 1, 2021

Pinewood Derby

It's Pinewood Derby Season!

Pinewood Derby is NOT cancelled because of COVID-19. Follow the links below to find out how to organize your Derby safely and still keep it FUN for all.



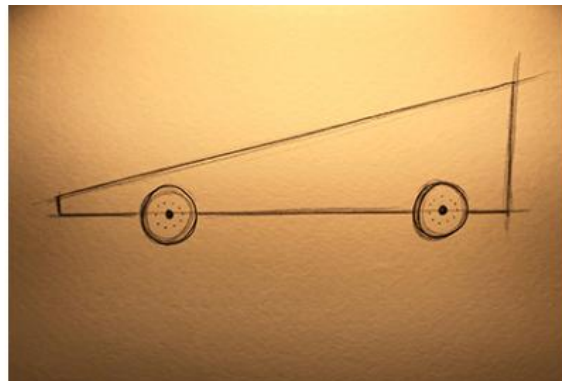
[Planning the Ultimate PWD Race](#)



[6 Easy Steps to Planning your PWD](#)

[PWD Event Essentials \[To-do list\]](#)

[5 Basic PWD Car Shapes](#)



Think Camping . . .

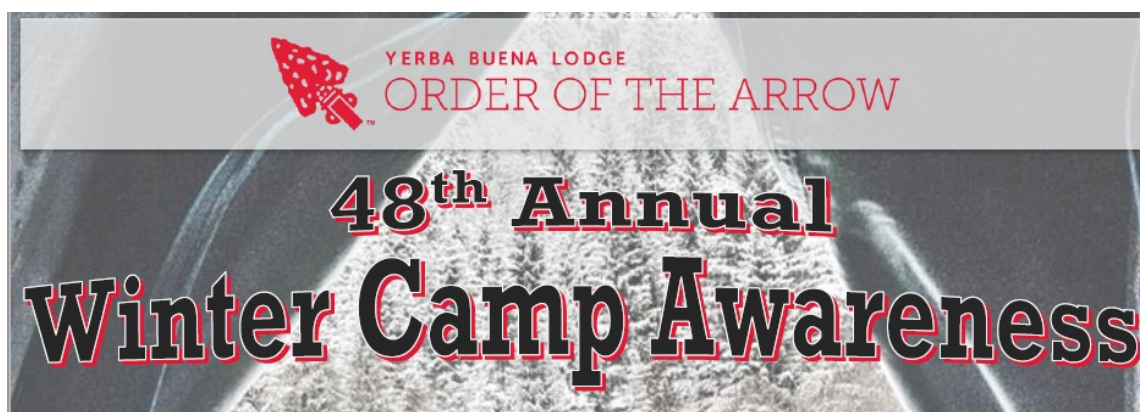


Summer Camp 2021 is filling quickly . . .

We are only filling our camps to 50% capacity to implement a safe experience for our Scouts. If your Troop has not done so, sign up now by completing the Stake A Claim Form and mailing in your deposit or calling Melissa at 510-577-9218 to pay over the phone. Per Scout deposits are due no later than January 20, 2021.

[Stake-a-Claim Form](#)

| [Camp Fee Chart](#)



Saturday, January 16, 2021: 9:00am to 3:00pm

And all from the comfort of your home - virtually!

Get prepared - take your Troop or Crew on cold weather outings, snow camping or future Klondike Derbies. Registration is \$6.00 per person . . . [Register](#)

Virtual

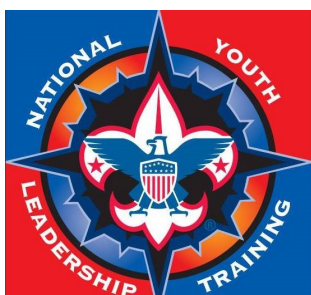
The Trainer's EDGE

Scouting University, Boy Scouts of America

The purpose of this course is to provide and help develop the platform skills of a trainer. It is meant to supplement the practice offered through Wood badge and NYLT Staff Development . . . [read more](#)

Saturday, January 16, 2021 | 8:00a - Noon

Check the [Calendar](#) in the New Year for sign up



Save the Dates . . .

April 9-11 & 16-18, 2021 at Camp Herms
36 Scouts max and MUST attend both weekend sessions.

June 7-12, 2021 at Camp Herms - 78 Scouts max

June 13-19, 2021 at Rancho Los Mochos - 196 Scouts max

Registration will be made available by mid-January - check the Council website [Youth Training](#) page. Updated regulations associated with COVID may result in changes. We will keep you posted, and make a final decision on each course no later than 30 days before the scheduled course date.

Please direct Scouts & Crew interested in taking NYLT to register as soon as possible after Unit Leader approval. Slots fill up quickly. If you have a Scout in your Unit who has completed NYLT and is interested in serving on Staff, please have them contact us at: [GGAC - NYLT](#)

Check out our [FLYER](#) for more information about NYLT.

Parting is such sweet sorrow . . .

After more than four decades of dedicated service to Scouting, JoAnn Parker is retiring with plans to explore new adventures. While we wish her well, we also know that those new adventures will never come close to the fun and challenge of Scouting!

Hers is a long and colorful story but we kept it short and monochrome . . . [read more](#)

BRYAN ON SCOUTING



Which posts made the most impact? Today, let's look back on 2020 by reviewing the top 20 posts from the year. As in past years, we're only sharing the most-clicked posts that were actually published in 2020. For older posts still gaining attention in 2020, see the "Oldies but goodies" section after the list.

[Top 20 for 2020](#)

What's new . . . recent additions & updates to the Council website

[Venturing Officers' Association](#)

[Youth Training \(NYLT\)](#)

[Yerba Buena Lodge flap design](#) - OA members only

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Scout Shop Hours

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