



# FINNEY VALLEY EXPRESS

The Alumni Newsletter of the Wente Scout Reservation Lumberjacks



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JANUARY

5 Staff Interviews @ YLTC

18-20 Work Weekend @ Wente

### FEBRUARY

2 Staff Interviews @ YLTC

15-17 Work Weekend @ Wente

### MARCH

2 CIT Staff Interviews @ YLTC

15-17 Work Weekend @ Wente

### APRIL

12-14 Good Turn Weekend  
Camp Leader's Mtg @ Wente

## NEW AT WENTE

### SUMMER CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

Where to being...merit badges, program development, new tents? Summer 2018 brought with it changes to many facets of Wente's Boy Scout Resident Camp.

Between the ever popular bottle rockets of Space Exploration and the addition of Nuclear Science making dry ice cloud chambers, Nature is a happening place.

Scoutcraft saw the expansion of Cooking thanks to some new equipment and two counselors to keep safety in check while allowing more scouts the experience.

Fire Safety also got a revamp to include a tour of the firehouse of Little Lake Fire Department in good ol' Willits. One scout came into the camp office saying he now wanted to be a firefighter!



The Risin' W Corral added Veterinary Medicine to compliment the horse program and alternate with Animal Science, but came to realize we may be able to run both together next summer.

Last but not least, Textiles came to Handcraft. Scouts learned about the creation, dying, care, use, and preservation of many fabric types both natural fibers and man-made.



## JOINING WENTE STAFF

Do you have a little of that **Wente Wackiness**? Do you love your time at Wente so much you wish you could stay all summer? Well you are in luck...

We are now accepting applications for the 2019 season. Apply ONLINE at: [www.sfbac.org/forms](http://www.sfbac.org/forms) and click on Seasonal Camp Staff Application

Interviews will be held at the YLTC on the following dates:

16 & over Staff	Jan. 5th & Feb. 2nd
14 & 15 yrs CIT	March 2nd

Do you miss camp, but don't have summers available?

Are you able to bring your Wente Spirit back for a weekend or two?

Join our staff at Family Vacation Camp or Tiger Cub Safari by submitting an online application (see above) or Email us at the following for more information:

[info@wentescoutreservation.org](mailto:info@wentescoutreservation.org)





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## Trivia Time!

Do you know who our first Camp Director was?

Stay tuned, because the answer *and* an introduction to our new Camp Director will be in our next Ringin' in the New Year edition of the **FINNEY VALLEY EXPRESS**

If you would like to be added to the Finney Valley Express newsletter distribution or if **YOU** have any *Comments, Questions,* or *Suggestions?* Contact us via email: [Lumberjacks@WenteScoutReservation.org](mailto:Lumberjacks@WenteScoutReservation.org)

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

**A HUMBLE START** - These days it's not uncommon for Wente's Dining Hall to feed upwards of 500 scouts per week from as many as thirty different troops in camp. Well, back in the 60's it was a much different story at the new summer camp.

In an article from the Oakland Tribune dated June 28, 1966 it stated, "Six troops are enjoying the week at the new Willits Scout Reservation where Jamboree style feeding is done. The huge reservation in Mendocino County, containing 1,940 acres including an 80-acre lake features an aquatic program and lifesaving. The boys cook their own meals on wood burning stoves with food and menus issued daily by the camp Commissary."

During that same week back in 1966, our sister camp, Camp Royaneh had over 460 scouts and former camp, Camp Dimond-



Oakland Council's first visit to Foley Ranch (looking out towards Waterfront from what is now O'Riley's Outpost)

O had over 300 scouts. With these established summer programs heading to a new camp that was still in its infancy meant Wente didn't have the strong appeal to troops that our camp has now developed. Also, where Royaneh and Dimond-O had large mess halls, the campers at Wente Scout Reservation cooked their own food on wood burning stoves until the late 80's.

## UPDATE - ALUMNI'S DONATIONS MAKE CAMP IMPROVEMENTS

### 1,000 ARCHERY EQUIPMENT

Help us inspire the next Robin Hood! Good equipment can make or break a Scout's experience. \$1,000 buys 3 new bows!

Contribute to:  
Archery Equipment



### 1,000 CAMPSHIP FUND

Every dollar donated to the Campership Fund goes to helping a Scout in need get to Summer Camp!

Contribute to:  
Campership Fund



### 1,500 EXPANDING OUR BIKE FLEET

Quality bikes & great experiences on our killer trails is our priority.

Every \$1,500 donated buys the program a sweet new Mtn. Bike!



Contribute to:  
Mountain Biking

### 16,000 RIFLE SHOOTING BENCHES

Our dream of new Rifle benches came true! Some materials were bought, but the labor and remaining materials for *all* 16 concrete tables with seats were generously donated!

