



FINNEY VALLEY EXPRESS

The Alumni Newsletter of the Wente Scout Reservation Lumberjacks



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Membership Drive 2019

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

15-17 Work Weekend
@ Wente

MARCH

2 CIT Staff Interviews
@ YLTC

15-17 Work Weekend
@ Wente

APRIL

12-14 Good Turn Weekend
Annual Alumni Dinner
& Camp Leader's Mtg
@ Wente

27-28 Tiger Cub Safari
Session #1

MAY

4-5 Tiger Cub Safari
Session #2

17-19 Work Weekend
@ Wente

24-27 Memorial Day Wknd
Family Vacation Camp

WHAT'S NEW AT WENTE?

Our Website!

You've heard New Year, New You... well we took a different approach. New Year, New Wente. Come check out the new look of our website.

www.WenteScoutReservation.org

You will find information for both upcoming and historical events, pictures of our beloved camp (cause who doesn't love that), general camp information, forms, directions and more.

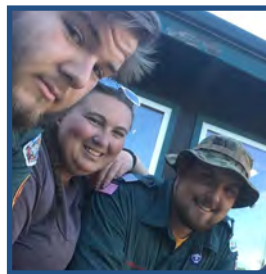
As you see above, on our homepage you will find Finbar just left of Welcome, where you can click to update your Membership Contact Info, pay your Membership Dues or make a Donation to one of this year's Camp Improvement Projects (see back page).

We are still developing some pages and adding more information each week. So if you click and something doesn't work, please let us know by emailing our webmaster at: webmaster@wentescoutreservation.org (your friendly Wente Amigo, Steve Kline)



WENTE STAFF

CIT Recruitment - Are you 14 or 15 yrs old? Do you know some awesome youth that would make a great addition to full summer staff with a little bit of training?



Wente's Counselor in Training/CIT Program is a 3 week commitment to fun at camp while learning what it takes to become a full-summer staff member.

Interviews are at the YLTC on Saturday, March 2nd from 9:00am—4:00pm

Apply ONLINE at: sfbac.workbrightats.com

WORK WEEKENDS

Sunrise Ridge Remodel - The February work weekend is just around the corner the 15-17th and we hope to see you there, but we also know that people like to make plans ahead.

So for those of you with a love of the Sunrise Ridge campsite start your planning! The March Work Weekend, also the 15-17th, we will be doing some home improvement Wente style.

Much of the demo has happened and the new platforms are onsite ready to install.





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BLAST FROM THE PAST

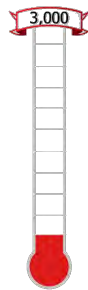
1st Campers - The first "encampment" at the Willits Scout Ranch took place on October 24 & 25, 1959 with over 300 Scouts and their leaders attending a special weekend campout. For the first trial run of the camp, a Scout troop was selected from each of the ten districts within the council. Since Highway 101 had yet to be fully upgraded, the trip to the new camp took well over four hours from the Bay Area. Scout troops arrived Saturday morning and were guided to their campsites by members of the Oakland Area Council executive staff, including Scout Executive Frank Dix. After setting up camp, Scouts explored the new camp and found an abundance of nature: open meadows, massive oak and fir trees, many deer and other animals. During the day some of the scouts measured the mighty oaks by seeing how many scouts it took to surround the trees. At the camp-



wide council fire that night, all the Scouts participated in the building of a stone cairn to mark the spot where the first ever campfire was held in the history of the camp. Each Scout's name was included on paper scrolls that were placed inside the rock cairn to be preserved for posterity. The exact location of the first campfire and the stone cairn is still unknown.



OUR NEW - 2019 CAMP IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

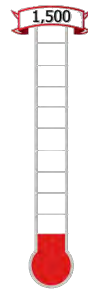


HORSIN' AROUND

Horses of the Risin' W Corral are in high demand each summer. Help us buy strong, new horses for ALL to enjoy and ride! Every \$3,000 buys camp a healthy horse!



Contribute to:
Risin' W Corral Herd



MAKIN' WAVES

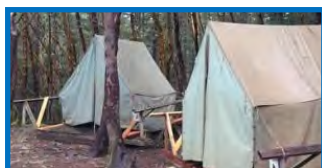
In 2018 Paddleboarding made a huge splash at Waterfront! Jump into helping us get more on the lake. Every \$1,500 buys a set of 2 with paddles and the wood to build a storage rack for the fleet.



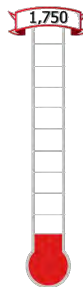
Contribute to:
WSR Paddleboards

OUT WITH THE OLD

Lovingly dubbed "Swiss cheese," many of our tents have endured decades of adventurous scouts & Willits weather & need replacing. \$450 = a new tent \$1300 = a new platform.



Contribute to:
WSR Tents

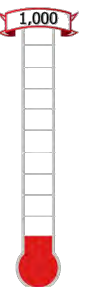


WENTE OR BUST!

Every scout should be able to sing "I Went to Wente!" from personal experience. Every dollar donated helps a scout in need get to Wente for Summer Camp.



Contribute to:
Campership Fund



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