



# FINNEY VALLEY EXPRESS

The Alumni Newsletter of the Wente Scout Reservation Lumberjacks



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JANUARY

25-27 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

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 Camp Director

Hired as both the Wente Camp Director and a year-round SFBAC Program Manager, Eagle scout **Robert Graves** originally hails from Troop 19 of the Five Rivers Council in New York. He began his camp staff career at Camp Gordon, as a CIT then progressing to staff followed by a taste of management as the Handicraft Director.

From there he went to college pursuing a Fine Arts degree, but as we all know, scouting's pull is strong, the passion to make a difference in the lives of our youth and the reminder to give back. Robert journeyed to the Rocky Mountain Council to become the Camp Director of San Isabel Scout Ranch.

Soon after, our beautiful west coast began calling to him. Answering that call Robert moved to the Bay Area and the timing was



perfect. An application was filled out. An interview was completed. Then a visit to our beloved Wente helped to seal the deal I think. And what do ya know...bam a new job.

Some of you got to meet Robert at the Staff Christmas Party last month. Others will be meeting him over the next few months at various meetings or events. For everyone else, you don't have to wait for summer...come join us and meet him at Good Turn Weekend or Family Vacation Camp.

## WENTE STAFF

### It's Not Too Late, Join Us!

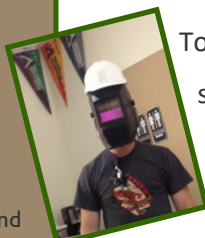
Did you miss the January Interviews? Have no fear the next round are just around the corner and CIT Interviews are in March!



Interviews are at the YLTC on the following dates from 9:00am—4:00pm:

- 16 & over Staff - Saturday, Feb. 2nd
- 14 & 15 yrs CIT - Saturday, March 2nd

To apply ONLINE to go:  
[sfbac.workbrightats.com](http://sfbac.workbrightats.com)



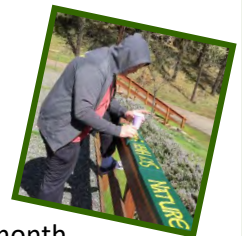
## WORK WEEKENDS

### Doin' Time...Volunteering

Whether you pick one Work Weekend a year or you catch the bug & become an every month die-hard - - all volunteers that put in an honest day's work are greatly appreciated here at Wente.

From clearing brush to cleaning floors...

- ...building tent platforms to brushing horses...
- ...painting boards to post-hole digging...



EVERY hour of volunteering makes Wente better for the scouts to enjoy!





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## Trivia Time!



Answer from Thanksgiving - Our very first Camp Director was Harry Estes!

See the front page for a short intro to our new director Robert Graves

New Year's Trivia: Do you know where the Archery Range was located when camp opened in 1964?

The answer and a look back through Shooting Sports at Wente will be in our **Marching into Spring** 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

**What's in a Name** - Dimond-W (site 14), is the newest campsite of Wente Scout Reservation added back in 2010. But how did that name come-about? Dimond, just diamond without the 'a', is named after Camp Dimond (1919-1948), the first permanent camp of the Oakland Area Council, now part of SFBAC, that was located at the top of Dimond Canyon near the Montclair shopping district in Oakland. Camp Dimond-O (1926-1978), was the second permanent camp of the Oakland Council and was located near Yosemite. Dimond-O was the "Outpost" camp for Camp Dimond and that's how it gets its -O designation. Hugh Dimond was the original owner of the land where Camp Dimond was located and where the name originated. Our Dimond-W



campsite was named in honor of those two great scout camps and continues the legacy of its name. Trivia - The Camp Dimond first aid building/Council Office from 1933 until 1949 was cut into three sections and moved up to Los Mochos where it has been used as the rangers cabin since 1950. The Fire Bell at Los Mochos came from Dimond-O and was last rung in 2009 by three of its former Camp Directors. Next time you visit Rancho Los Mochos, stop on by the Dimond-O Room in the mess hall to see where our own Dimond-W originated.

## OUR NEW - 2019 CAMP IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

### 3,000 HORSIN' AROUND

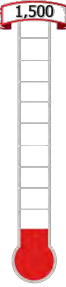


Horses of the Risin' W Corral are in high demand each summer. Help us buy strong, new horses for ALL to enjoy and ride! Every \$3,000 buys camp a healthy horse!



Contribute to: Risin' W Corral Herd

### 1,500 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.

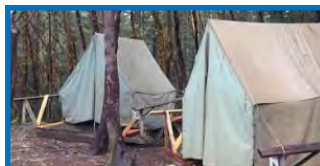


Contribute to: WSR Paddleboards

### 1,750 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

### 1,000 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