

Elks



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WEST COVINA LODGE #1996

**The City of West Covina, The West Covina Elks and
The West Covina MDA Volunteer Committee**

**Host the 19th Annual
4th of July Celebration**



Saturday July 4th, 2009

To Benefit The Muscular Dystrophy Association

Location: Edgewood Middle School

1625 W. Durness St.

West Covina, Ca. 91790

**Elks Pancake Breakfast 8:00 am to 11:00 am Cost \$4.00
at Hurst Ranch 1227 S. Orange Ave.**

2:00pm to 11:00pm Carnival, Food, Rides, & Games

5:00pm to 9:00pm Entertainment by "Cold Duck"

9:00pm Fireworks Sponsored by The City of West Covina



*The West Covina Elks Lodge
Invites You and Your Guest To Attend The
Jewel Presentation of
"Vern Champion"*

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler SGVD

Friday, July 17th, 2009

*No Host Cocktails 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm
Donation \$15.00 New York Steak or Halibut*

Reservations Please by July 15th Lodge Office 626-962-0113

*West Covina Elks Lodge #1996
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Message From The Exalted Ruler

My Fellow Members,

What a great time for all! June was a very busy month and it went by so fast. We are still working hard on the improvements of our lodge and creating new fun events and ideas for our members. We still need Committee Chairpersons for our Youth and Veteran's Programs, these are very important to what we hold true as Elks. To Support America's Youth and to pay homage and honor to those that served our country in the Armed Forces. So if you are interested in becoming a Chairperson for either of these Programs or any of the other vacant chairmanships please see me or any Lodge Officer. I would like to thank our PER's Association for providing the means to have our Lodge Carpets and Hall floors cleaned and waxed; both look great. I would also like to thank Chuck and Carol Da Lool for hosting our State V.P.'s visitation and to everyone that helped make it a very memorable night for Frank Brozowski and his lovely wife.

Another great event by a group of Great Elks was the 27th Annual Elk of the year steak out. The good food, good friends and family made for a wonderful day; thank you for all you do. John Hughes, his family and you my brothers and sisters keep rolling on in our fight against MDA with a beautiful Dinner Dance and Golf Tournament. It is such dedication and hard work that reflects good will to our community and our nation. Don't forget to come support the 4th of July activities at Hurst Ranch for Breakfast and Edgewood School for the evening Fireworks. Our first Fun Night this year was a big success. Thank you to Danny Johnson and his crew for all their hard work. To our Bingo Committee! Congratulations on a very successful month. Keep up the good work for you make it possible for our Lodge to do so much good work with the funds you raise for our charities and scholarships. On that note to all our members, come down and support our bingo crew! They need our help and it is a good way to get involved. I happily welcome back many of our members that have been away and it does my heart good to see you all back.

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That is what we celebrate this month, our nation gathering as one for the common good of one nation under God! That is why we as Elks link the destiny of our country with the destiny of our order. This was shown in our tribute to our National Emblem on Flag Day. Thank you Shirley Schwartz for providing us with the Flag memorializing our fellow Americans that lost their lives on September 11, 2001. In closing I wish to honor the Memory of two Brothers who will come no more, William (Bill) Bright and Bruce E. Harrelson. They will both be missed. As I prepare to go and represent our Lodge in Portland for the National Convention I leave with a great deal of pride and respect for our Lodge and will always be grateful to you the members, families and friends for supporting our officer corps and me, thank you.

**Fraternally Yours,
Michael J. Salazar
Exalted Ruler
"Elks, First Class Always"**

Leading Knight Station

Greetings to all members and friends of Elkdom,

It is good to be back at our regular lodge meetings again. I can attest to the fact that the older we get the harder it is to go back to school and learn new tricks but I managed to learn a few. As most of you know, my mother is blind and has other health issues. At the time of this writing, she is home from the hospital but requires 24/7 supervision and care. I will do my best to be with her as much as possible to avoid hiring a nurse as they are very costly and my mother has limited resources. I will try to do as much lodge work over the phone and through emails as possible and the rest of the time I will arrange nurses and family members to watch her when I attend lodge meetings and functions. According to our lodge By-Laws we are to, "have charge, supervise and (be) responsible for (our lodge's)... youth programs." To this end our **BSA Charter Partner Training** is scheduled for **Saturday, July 25th** starting at **9:30 AM**, please attend. **Continued-**

Continued- Leading Knight

This special training should last for a little over an hour. It will be presented by the BSA and the Golden Eagle Training Team for us Elks. This training will certify attending members, explain how our lodge should interact with our Scouting unit(s), our duties and responsibilities. This is highly recommended for all officers, trustees and any interested members. Additionally, any member from our lodge that attends this training will receive the training and materials at no cost to you, to insure that we have enough materials, please RSVP me at, cell: (626) 905-1972. Looking for great things to come in the near future and making a real difference for this lodge.

Fraternally yours,

**Rich Garver,
Leading Knight**

Loyal Knight Station

My fellow members and friends of the Elkdom

June was a very busy month starting with our Elks Sunday breakfast. We also had the MDA Annual Steak Dinner Dance & Silent Auction. The MDA event was very successful, the members and guest had a great time, I know I did. Another event the lodge had was the Annual Elk of the Year Steake Out, we had a vary good turn out due to the effort of our volunteers the DJ did a wonderful job keeping us entertained. Flag Day was a memorable event as we honored our Nations Emblem. It was an honor to attend and be a part of the ceremony. This is why I'm proud and honored to be an American as well as an Elk. I would like to thank all the volunteers and members-
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that helped put these events together to make them a great success. July is here once more and we hope to see you at our 4th Of July Celebration. Our New Years Eve dance team and I have been formulating plans for our New Years Eve celebration. Please plan on joining us in ringing in the 2010 year. I know you will not be disappointed.

Fraternally yours,

Luis Garcia, Loyal Knight

Lecturing Knight Station

Members & Friends,

First let me express my gratitude to our E.R., Mike, and our Officers for your encouragement and support. Second, Donna and I appreciate all that celebrated our 35th Anniversary with us. It was a memorable evening for our family and friends. Last of all, thanks to all that attended my first Family Fun Night. I especially want to express my gratitude to all of my Volunteers and Marilyn. Without all of your hard work, this night would not have been a success. I hope you had has much fun as I did. Remember I'm counting on you all to help me again next time.

Fraternally Yours,

Danny Johnston
Lecturing Knight

Message From:
The Greeter Chairman

Greeters of West Covina Lodge, first I want to Thank all of you for the fine job you do on Friday nights. As you all know volunteers are getting fewer and it is getting more difficult to schedule Greeters. We have several officers who are Greeters and it makes it rough on them due to the fact that one week they have Greeters duty and the next week they have Officers duty. A suggestion was discussed with our Exalted Ruler Mike and he agreed that when an officer is on duty he will also assist and be a Greeter this way I will only schedule 1 person on Friday nights. This will give the Greeter more time between Greeter duties, and the new Officers will get to know the members and they will not have to do double duty.

This change will begin the first Friday in August. I want to Thank You in advance for your continual support to the Lodge. If you should have any question or need more information, please feel free to call me.

Ed Lima, Greeter Chairman

Exalted Rulers Send Off Party

Wednesday July 1st, 2009

6:30-8:00PM in the Elkové

Appetizers & Champagne Toast

This is our lodge's special Send Off Party for our Exalted Ruler Mike Salazar. He will be representing our lodge at the Annual 2009 Grand Lodge Convention in Portland, Oregon. This is one of the ways that we show our support and thanks to Mike. Make a point to attend this special event and show your appreciation for his hard work and self-sacrifice.



Contact Leading Knight Richard Garver or Loyal Knight Louie Garcia for additional information.

Members wishing to receive the Elks Tracks Monthly Newsletter Via Email in PDF Format please send me your email address and I will add you to my list. I periodically send reminders of up coming Lodge events. Thank You, Ben Ortega benter905@verizon.net

July Officers Duty Schedule

July 3 - 4	Juan Diaz & Judith Lambreras
July 10-11	Pat Bryant & Lee Schwartz
July 17-18	Richard Garver & Luis Garcia
July 24-25	Danny Johnston & Dave Olsen
July 31-8/1	John Donovan & Cluadeen Diaz

July Greeters Schedule

3	JUAN & CLAUDINE DIAZ
10	DICK HOWARD & DENNIS WHITMAN
17	PAT SHEA & DUANE MARSHALL
24	PHIL HAWKINS & CHERYL GRIMM
31	ED LIMA & BARLOW THOMPSON

In Memorium

The Faults Of Our Members We Write Upon The Sands, Their Virtues Upon The Tablets Of Love And Memory...

Bro. Luis "Manny" Saca #4128

Passed On: June 15th, 2009

Bro. Vernon Nelson #1464

Passed On: June 5th, 2009

Bro. Melvin Bethel #5254

Passed On: May 29th, 2009



PAST EXALTED RULERS

Ralph Gaither* 1956-57
 Hugh M. Bagley* 1957-58
 William T. Tanking* 1958-59
 Albert E. Lindbeck* 1959-60
 James R. Yost, Jr. 1960-61
 James L. Morgan* 1961-62
 Harold Z. Dobbs* 1962-63
 Laurence R. Tillman* 1963-64
 Enrico (Hank) Salvo* 1964-65
 Thomas E. Curtis 1965-66
 Jack Cleveland* 1966-67
 J. Paul Studer* 1967-68
 Roy Williams, Jr. 1968-69
 Raiden V. Peterson 1969-70
 Donald M. Huff 1970-71
 Albert D. Davis 1971-72
 Milo G. Summerhays* 1972-73
 Robert E. Carlson 1973-74
 H. Richard Harbert 1974-75
 James J. Andert 1975-76
 Anthony R. Mickols* 1976-77
 John Asmundson 1977-78
 James E. Smith* 1978-79
 Larry Henderson 1979-80
 Frank Rehor* 1980-81
 Carl Mou 1981-82
 Richard Marble* 1981-82
 Robert E. Gubrud 1981-82
 James Moseley* 1982-83
 Al Putman* 1983-84
 Dick Delauder 1983-84
 Manny Zamudio 1984-85
 William Heller* 1984-85
 Art Willard* 1985-86
 Renee LaRose* 1986-87
 Fidel Nieto, Jr. 1986-87
 Charles Dalool 1987-88
 Michael Sirchia 1987-88
 Walt Doran* 1988-89
 David La Sage* 1988-89
 Bob Hollis-Brau 1989-90
 Jerry Kober 1989-90
 Ernie Gilbert 1990-91
 Pat Shea 1990-91
 Ron Conger 1991-92
 Dave Southard 1991-92
 Gary Holmes 1992-93
 Roy Simes 1992-93
 Bob Schachner* 1993-94
 WM Ziegenbein 1993-94
 Rick Dana 1994-95
 Matt Jessup 1994-95
 Roy Long 1995-96
 Tim LaMarca 1995-96
 Ed Lima 1996-97
 Bernie Auld* 1997-98
 Ben Ortega 1998-99
 Vern Campion 1999-00
 George Lunsford 2000-01
 Phil Hawkins 2001-02
 Don McMahan* 2002-03
 Scott Matthews 2003-04
 Jr. Ralph Garcia 2004-05
 Willie Koskela 2005-06
 Juan Diaz 2006-07
 Lisa Ryken 2007-08
 Patricia Gilliland Jr, PER 2008-09
 By Affiliation: Judge Al Miller*, Orville Miller,
 Robert Cortez, Joe Lozier, Frank Berry PER,
 Jess Nelms, Charles Lein (*Deceased)

Propositions For Membership

Applicant	Proposer
William J. Medina	Mike Salazar E.R.
Seth T.J. Miller	Mike Salazar E.R.
Martha Cardona	Judith Lumbreras
Phil D'Adduzio	John Donovan
Brian T. Nickell	James "Matt" Jessup
Paul R. Britton	Jay Saurenman

Transfer Dimits in & out or Re-instatements

John Boyle (Re-instatement)

Arthur Reyna #2348 Transfer from Santa Clarita Lodge #2379



Shirley Schwartz is recuperating from surgery on both of her feet, but that has not stopped her from taking pictures of Lodge events.

Deloris Lima has been at the past few Lodge events and its great to see her.

Members, please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers

Members and Friends, please report all Sickness and Distress to the Lodge Office or the Leading Knight.

July Friday Night Entertainment

- 7/03/09 Musical Sounds**
- 7/10/09 Global Affair**
- 7/17/09 Rex Berry**
- 7/24/09 Jon Destry**
- 7/31/09 Dana Williams**



Karaoke & Italian Dinners!!



On the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month we will have Italian Dinner Cuisine and Karaoke , Dinner Served 5pm to 9pm Karaoke from 6.30p to 10.30p
 So tune-up those vocal cords and join us in the Lounge.
 Karaoke July 11th & July 25th
 Dinner 5-9pm, Karaoke 6.30-10.30pm

Hall For Lease

Did you know the hall is available for receptions, anniversaries, quinceaneras and parties? It has a capacity of up to 375 guests. We have a large variety of menus to choose from. Both buffet or sit-down entree selections for any special occasion. Let us help plan your next event. There is a \$100.00 discount for any member of this Lodge.

**For further information contact our Club Manager Marilyn at
626-338-2119**



Family Night Spaghetti Dinner Monday July 21st, 2009 5:00 pm



Donald H. Farley	1
Ronald J. Henderson	1
Albert D. Davis PER	2
Erik F. Felix	2
Danny L. Kleier	2
Fred E. Cianfrocca Jr.	3
David Holt	3
James C. Stewart Jr.	3
George C. Felt	4
Wayne Welde	4
Mike Frizzelle	5
Roy J. Messier	5
Larry L. Zeiner	7
Paul J. Bergeron	8
Albert A. Matthews	9
David E. Northrup	9
Samuel J. Coffman	10
Mariann L. Koppel	10
Eugene C. Beckman	11
James J. Netterville	11
Dennis Kee	12
Mickey Leivo	12
John C. Lopez	12
Joe F. Wells	12
Lawrence F. Howard	13
Charles R. Williams	14
Jean P. Adam	16
Brian V. Flynn	18
Richard E. Howard	18
Wilbur M. Clark	19
Alva Dominguez	19
Richard Howard	19
John Agosta	20
Magda Higgins	22
William H. Gibson	23
Anthony Iacono	23
John Motes	23
Danny L. Wiseman	23
Roger M. Akers	24
Joseph A. Campion	24
Andrew Leoni	24
Robert W. Armiger	25
Mike Cook	25
Frank Hernandez	25
Raul Barbosa	27
Patricia M. Gilliland	27
Beverly K. Stewart	27
Donald M. Huff, PDDGER	28
Robert E. Morris	28
Michael A. Olin	28
Joel B. Andrews	29
Robert E. Hollis-Brau, PDDGER	30
George Niotta	30
Richard L. Wilson Jr.	30
Anthony Maddox	31

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Flag Day Ceremony

Anyone who didn't attend this special night really missed out! The food was great, the scouts were terrific, awesome music and signing, and a moving ceremony, Many Thanks go out to the Staff, Marilyn and Exalted Ruler Mike Salazar

New Summer Lodge Hours Beginning June 1st

Monday, Wednesdays, & Thursdays Lounge opens at 4:00pm, Closes at 10:00pm
Tuesdays & Fridays Lounge Opens 11:00 with Lunch Served 11-2:00pm
Fridays Dinner served 5-9:30pm Dancing 7-10:00pm, Lounge Closes at 11:30pm
Saturdays Lounge Open 2nd & 4th Sat. Lounge Closed 1st & 3rd Sat.

Lounge opens at 4:00pm on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays
Italian Dinner Night served from 5-9
Karaoke from 6:30 - 10:30pm

Lounge is closed the the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month unless otherwise noted in your Monthly Elks Tracks

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News & Events

Save This Date

Independence Day Celebration will be held July 4th at Edgewood Middle School. The event includes carnival rides, food, entertainment and games. On the 4th of July we will start the day at 8:00am with The Elks pancake breakfast at Hurst Ranch. At 2:00pm join us for rides, entertainment, games, food and free fireworks show at 9:00pm.

For additional information please contact John Hughes at (626) 338-9516

Scholarships for 2009

I am very pleased to announce that the students that received scholarships from the Most Valuable Student Scholarships, Students with Disabilities, Legacy awards, and our Norman Soutar Scholarships amount to almost \$14,000

I give a great big thank you to Marie Soutar for her super fine contribution, and I thank all the students for their accomplishments and success for our future leaders.

Willie Koskela PER,
Scholarship Chairman



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Did you know that 80 percent of Americans have at least one thing in common with Elvis Presley? Don't get too excited, it's not talent or sex appeal. The commonality is that they die intestate, which means without a will. Without a will, state law determines how your estate will be distributed, possibly resulting in higher probate costs and estate taxes. The King, in fact, lost a whopping 73 percent of his \$10 million estate to settlement costs. Talk about Heartbreak Hotel!

A will allows you to:

- Leave instructions for the transfer of your assets to family, friends and other intended beneficiaries.
- Name a personal representative to handle your affairs and execute the instructions left in your will.
- Name a guardian for your minor children, aged parents or other legal dependents.

An added benefit of a will is that you can name a charity as a beneficiary of your estate. A bequest to the Elks National Foundation is a great way to demonstrate your commitment to the Elks and to improving Elks communities for generations to come.

When including the Elks National Foundation in your will, please use the following language:

I give and bequeath [gift] to the Elks National Foundation of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, a charitable organization located at 2750 N. Lakeview Ave., Chicago, IL 60614.

For more information about bequests, or other planned gift options, contact the Elks National Foundation at 773/755-4728 or visit www.elks.org/enf/plannedgiving.cfm.

Please note that the information presented here is not intended to be legal or tax advice. Consult your attorney or other professional advisor when considering a planned gift.

Mia Burton CHEA 2009 Theme Child



CHILDREN BENEFIT - 3 1/2 year old Mia Burton is this year's California Hawaii Elks Association "CHEA", Major Project (Purple Pig) Theme Child. at the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project's Exalted Rulers March on Saturday, May 16th 2009 at the Elks Annual State Convention held this year in Ontario, California. A Check for \$5000.00 was presented by Michael Salazar Exalted Ruler of West Covina Elks Lodge #1996 to John Holt, Chairman of the Major Project Board of Trustees. Mia Burton was born premature by 2 months and weighted just 4 lbs. 15 oz. but appeared normal. After a short time it became obvious that she had some problems, she could not use her left hand properly and when she was walking she would frequently trip. Mia's doctor ordered physical and occupational therapy but when she turned three the state agency that had been funding her treatments stopped. Mia's grandpa is a member of the Redding Elks Lodge started to

get things going through a Physical Therapist and the Major Project to help Mia with her conditions. She will receive serial castings to progressively lengthen her heel-cord tendon then a brace along with stretching and strengthening exercises. Hopefully with the help of the Elks and others Mia will have a completely normal life.

An Adventure Waits in Portland, Oregon in 2009

The Oregon State Elks Association, sponsor PGER James W. Damon and local Chairman Lowell E. Hootman, extend to you and your state of Elks, their spouses and families, an invitation to attend the 145th Grand Lodge Convention being held in Portland, Oregon, from July 5 to 9, 2009. It will be an adventure you will never forget.

Set against the backdrop of majestic Mount Hood, Portland combines a sophisticated, cosmopolitan atmosphere with refreshingly friendly, small-town warmth that makes it a natural for tours of all types. Whether in groups or individually, your Elks and their families can cruise our scenic rivers, stroll through gardens and parks, and shop tax-free in our tempting array of stores and boutiques, then wrap up the day with world-class dining and entertainment.

The Host Committee of the Oregon Elks is working to make the 145th National Convention an adventure you will never forget. Twenty surrounding Elk Lodges in the Portland area will ensure that fun and fellowship will be had by all!

To make your time in Portland unforgettable, we have set up many tours which are available and many other informational tidbits on Portland on the website below.

<http://www.oregonelks-g12009.com>

July, 2009 GER Message: Year ending but task is certainly not done

A Message from Grand Exalted Ruler Paul D. Helsel

This is my 12th and final message as your Grand Exalted Ruler. My term will end with the installation of a new Grand Exalted Ruler on July 9th at the National Convention in Portland, Oregon.

This has been a busy, but fantastic 12 months for Jane and me! Please accept and extend to all Elks, everywhere, our deepest gratitude and appreciation for the wonderful reception we experienced throughout this incredible journey and more importantly, for all your dedicated efforts to Grow Elkdome in your Lodges and across all the 2000+ communities we serve. It has truly been an honor and a pleasure to serve our Order this year and to represent you, the "Best People On Earth"!!

While my time is up as your leader, the task before us is certainly not done. New leadership may bring new and perhaps even better approaches to our efforts, but the job remains to build a bigger, better, stronger Order through improvements in each and every Lodge and by increasing our presence in the Lodge communities through our national and local programs of service, support and aid.

As I have expressed many many times this year, each Lodge must continue to work on building a lasting relationship with its Members — not just the new Members, but also the current 80% to 90% we never see or, for the most part, are not involved in anything we do. We need to show those uninvolved Members who we are, what we stand for, and what great things we do. We must enlist more Elks to take an active role in our efforts and not just pay dues and carry an Elks Card! Just imagine what we could accomplish with as little as 10% to 20% more of our Members involved in our efforts. Just think what your Lodge could do if you could double the number of Members involved in the day-to-day operation of your Lodge and programs!

Jane and I thank you once again for a most exciting and wonderful year, thank you for your service, thank you for your continuing efforts to *Grow Elkdome*, and best wishes for a successful 2009-2010 year.



CHEA Major Projects
Purple Pig Donations

Mike Cook - Dave Olsen - Cheryl Grimm - John Donovan
Purple Piggies in the Lounge

BUNCO

Wednesday July 15th
7:00pm
In The Elkove
All Welcome



Tuesday Night Dinner Specials

7/7 Ground Sirloin
7/14 Teriyaki Chicken
7/21 Meatloaf
7/28 Chicken Pot Pie

Friday Night Dinner Specials

7/3 Chicken Fettucini Alfredo
7/10 Steak & Lobster
7/17 Rib Eye Steak
7/24 BBQ Ribs
7/31 Rack of Lamb

Saturday Night Dinner Specials

7/4 Lodge Closed
7/11 Karaoke & Italian Dinner
7/18 Dinner served 5 - 8PM
7/25 Karaoke & Italian Dinner

A Reminder...

There will not be any breakfast served on Sunday September 6th, instead we will be having a Champagne Brunch on the following Sunday, September 13th from 10:00am to 2:00 pm. Please plan to be at this special Lodge event.



Get Ready!!

It's the Annual San Gabriel Valley Elks District Picnic
Hosted by your Past Exalted Rulers from the San Gabriel Valley District Lodges
Date: August 16th, 2009 Time: 10:00am to 5:00pm
Location: Arcadia Park under the Big Oak Tree

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July 2009 Elktivities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1. E R . Cocktail Party Taco Nite PER Mty.	2. Dinner 5-9p Bingo	3. Lunch 11-2p Dinner 5- 9:30p Chkn Fettuchi Afredo	4. MDA Breakfast at Hurst Ranch LODGE CLOSED
5. Lodge Closed No Breakfast GL Conv.	6. Steak Nite Investigation ACC Cabbage GL Conv.	7. Lunch Lodge Mty. Bulletin Deadline Ground Sibh GL Conv.	8. Taco Nite SGVHOGS BOD GL Conv.	9. Dinner 5-9p Bingo GL Conv.	10. Lunch 11-2p Dinner 5- 9:30p Steak & Lobster Gbbal Affair	11. Italian Dinner Karaoke Bingo Dinner E kove
12. Par 3 Golf	13. Steak Nite ACC Cabbage	14. Lunch Lodge Mty. Balting Teriyaki Chicken	15. Taco Nite BUNCO	16. Dinner 5-9p Bingo	17. Lunch 11-2p Dinner 5- 9:30p Rib Eye Rex Bery DD Jewel Presentation Camps	18. Dinner Served 5-8p Hall Lease Out Weekend
19. Lodge Closed	20. Family Nite Dinner ACC Cabbage Indoctrination	21. Lunch Lodge Mty. Meatbaf	22. Taco Nite BOD	23. Dinner 5-9p Bingo	24. Lunch 11-2p Dinner 5- 9:30p BBQ Ribs Jon Destry	25. Scout Training 9:30a Italian Dinner Karaoke
26. Lodge Closed	27. Steak Nite ACC Cabbage	28. Lunch Lodge Mty. Initation Chicken Pot Pie	29. Taco Nite	30. Dinner 5-9p Bingo	31. Lunch 11-2p Dinner 5- 9:30p Rack of Lamb Dana Williams	