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KERN BRIDGES YOUTH HOMES

## FFA SUMMER CAMP



KBYH's annual FFA Summer Camp is always one of our favorite events of the year and consists of four days of camping, zip lining, ropes course, Avila beach, water park, outdoor movie, great

food, scavenger hunt, and obstacle course. This year's group of foster youth were amazing and made the experience fun for both their peers and for us adults who got to see them make memories, try new adventures, and form friendships we hope will last a lifetime. As always, we are deeply indebted to the

AT&T Golden Empire Telephone Pioneers for volunteering their time and efforts to make this happen. In particular, we would like to thank Jay and Vicki McCabe for heading up the volunteer efforts and for having done so for many, many years. Thank you!



# Congrats!!

- \* Haley C., Lindsay P., and Marcos R completed the RAMP program
- \* Bradley C. is enrolled at Bakersfield College
- \* Marcos and Lindsay completed summer school classes



## Upcoming Trainings

(please RSVP)

**August 18, 6-8PM:** "Managing Aggressive Behavior" with Mark Dominguez

**September 10, 9-11AM:** "Positive Discipline/Self-Esteem" with Ruth Jackson

**October 12, 6-8PM:** "Attachment" with Jessica and Carrie

## Ongoing Trainings

Mark Dominguez will be offering the following trainings on an ongoing basis (participants must RSVP by the Monday of the week of training):

**CPR/1st Aid Recertification** *(for anyone who has previously had CPR/1st Aid training):* First Thursday of every month from 10:00am-Noon and from 6:00-8:00pm.

**CPR/1st Aid-Initial Course** *(for those who have never had the training before):* First Saturday of February, May, August, and November, 10:00am-3:00pm.



BCCHS students at it again! 5hrs worth of sorting through Legos & making individual boxes/baggies of Lego fun!



Tommi Jo, Loryn, Alexis, & Kyle of Bakersfield Christian High School



Haley,  
Marcos,  
Lindsay and  
Cheyanne  
with the  
Cortez family



### Child Birthdays

- September 4: Courtney S.
- September 7: Cloe G.
- September 12: Emmett P.
- September 14: Matthew L.
- September 18: Bryan S.
- September 20: Zechariah L.
- September 30: Juanita M.



### Foster Parent Birthdays

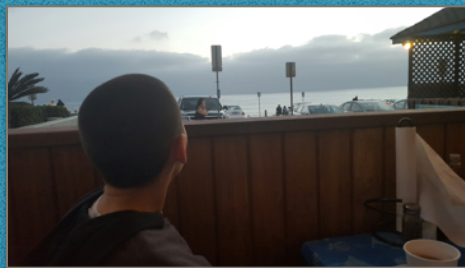
- September 9: Michael Suszycki
- September 18: Hortencia Salas
- September 20: Sue Gonzalez

### KBYH Staff Birthdays

- September 3: David DeLaRosa
- September 5: Abel Carlon
- September 15: Ana Landeros
- September 16: Vernetta Carter
- September 23: Clark Weathers

### KBYH Staff Anniversaries

- Keisha Davis: 14 Years
- Kathy Irwin: 19 Years



Nathan visited Legoland and Carlsbad beach with foster mom  
Petrina Williams



Aydin and Fabian had a great  
time at Disneyland with David  
and Arturo Espinoza.

## Foster Child of the Month: Rhiannon W.

This month's Child of the Month resides in the Mayes Home. We take great pleasure presenting Rhiannon W. as Child of the Month for August. Rhiannon is a beautiful little girl who enjoys playing with toys, playing at outside activities and keeping mom busy. She is an intelligent little girl who engineers ways of getting what she wants. She has frequently out-smarted her older brother and the family dog, "Tuck". Rhiannon is a polite and hospitable young lady who enjoys taking visitors to see her room which she typically keeps neat and clean. Congratulations Rhiannon, you are celebrated as Child of the Month!

## Foster Family of the Month: Patrick Kennedy

This month we honor Patrick Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy is the caretaker for one teenage client of KBYH. He lives in an attractive home in Frazier Park. Mr. Kennedy is involved in school and community activities year round. Often he has helped coach athletics at Frazier Mountain High School. He enjoys participating in activities as a family. During the latter part of July, Mr. Kennedy took his foster child on an almost 2 week vacation to Oregon. We thank Mr. Kennedy for being part of the Kern Bridges family.

## Adoption Spotlight: Maestas family Adoption

KBYH would like to congratulate Glen and Tina Maestas (as well as their sons, Cody and Bradley) on the finalization of their adoption of Andreyra Maestas on July 15, 2016. The

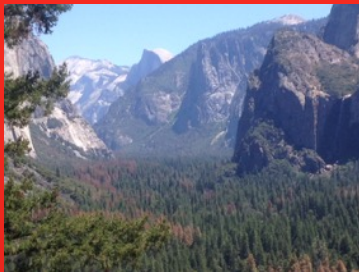
Maestas have been Certified Foster

Parents with KBYH since 2013. They became foster parents with the hope of one day being able to adopt. They found their hope in Andreyra, whose adoption day was Princess-Perfect! Even Princess Ariel was in attendance! Congrats Maestas family!

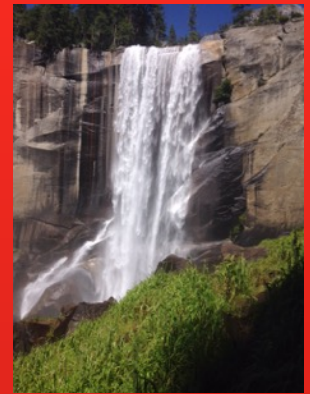


# Mission Accomplished-We All Reached the Top!!!

## Yosemite's Vernal Falls



With school just around the corner, the group home boys geared up for one last summer hiking trip. However, this wasn't your typical hike! The boys explored Yosemite National Park in California. The task at hand was getting to the top of Vernal Falls. But before the hike even began, the boys ran into a small bear that was in very close proximity. The trail



began at the Happy Isles trailhead in Yosemite Valley and traveled generally

west. It is known as one of the shortest hikes but requires great physical and mental

As the boys hiked upward along over 600 granite steps, they climbed a tremendous amount of waterfall spray were soaked! At the same time, there was a lot of patience, common courtesy, and

Once at the top, the boys experienced



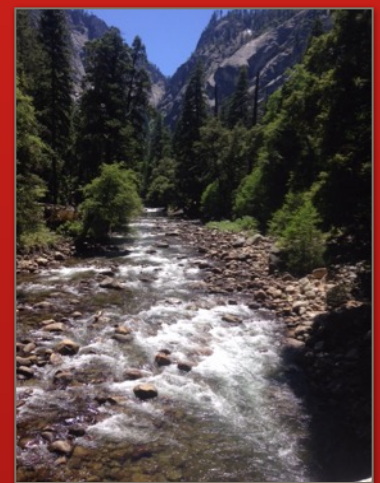
Yosemite southeast. In Yosemite

effort to accomplish. Vernal Falls is a you reach the base of the waterfall, nature's giant steep staircase, with on slippery footing and had a hitting their bodies. Some of the boys was only one way up and one way the park. So the boys had to learn teamwork while climbing to the top. jaw dropping views straight down the

length of the 317- foot waterfall. The boys

were also rewarded with close-up views of

Vernal Falls and numerous geographic features. On the way down, the boys were able to see a rainbow in the spray of the fall. The scenery was extraordinary and has left a memorable image that will last a lifetime. All 12 boys reached the top of Vernal Falls!



# SAFETY

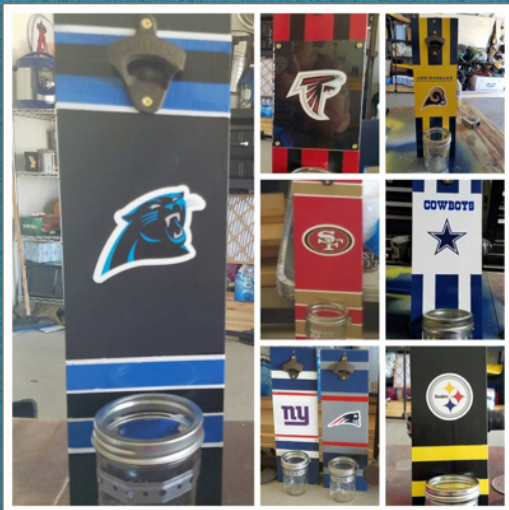
This is a new section added to our Monthly Newsletter. Separate from the Safety article, this section is for the benefit of employees as a measure to satisfy the requirements of our Worker's Compensation Policy carrier through Berkshire Hathaway Homestate Companies.

### Safety Notes

As a reminder, Kern Bridges convenes a Safety meeting each quarter. The last meeting was held on 8/9/16. Anyone is invited to present safety related matters/issues to be evaluated by the committee. Group homes may submit concerns/suggestions to their supervisor. Foster Family Agency and Adoptions may submit to their director. Submissions may be made also directly to the Safety Officer, Joe G. Ortega (619-5335).

## KBYH Classifieds

Wall Bottle Openers for Sale: \$25 each  
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