

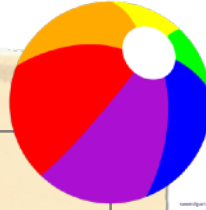
## Summer Recap



The boys living in our group homes are having yet another amazing, adventurous summer. The sky is the limit at KBYH when it comes to adventure, fun, life experiences, and journeys. Over the past few weeks, our boys went on several excursions that tested them and pushed them to their limits by getting outside their comfort zone. One of many recent trips was a commune with nature to Yosemite National Park. The task at hand was getting to the top of Vernal Falls. The mission was accomplished, everyone made it to the top. Once at the top, the boys experienced jaw dropping and breath taking views plus numerous other geographic features. In addition to the Yosemite trip, our boys traveled to Coffee Camp. Coffee Camp campgrounds is a cultural feature in Tulare County where our boys spent an entire day having fun. While at the campgrounds, our boys played in the water, climbed rocks, fished, and had a BBQ. The shared experience of this adventure brought the staff and boys together that strengthened important bonds.

## Thank You Salon 33!

On behalf of all of us at KBYH, we thank you, Salon 33, for the generous donation of backpacks, school supplies and monetary donation. This has made a positive difference in the foster children of our community. We are so grateful for your support. Thank you again for your commitment to our agency. It is because of your kind hearts that you have been able to put a smile on a child's face.



## Upcoming Trainings

(please RSVP)

**August 16, 6:00-8:00PM:** "Managing Aggressive Behavior" with Mark Dominguez

**September 8, 9:00-11:00AM:** "Effects of Domestic Violence on Children and Nonminor Dependents" with Marina Hernandez. RSVP to 396-2353

**October 10, 6:00-8:00PM:** "Effects of Drug and Alcohol Abuse on Children and Nonminor Dependents" with Mike Ramirez. RSVP to 978-6538

## Ongoing Trainings

Mark Dominguez will be offering the following trainings on an ongoing basis (participants must RSVP by the Thursday prior to the training to 661-865-2352):

**CPR/1st Aid Recertification** (*for anyone who has previously had CPR/1st Aid training*): First **Monday** 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.



## FFA Camp 2018

KBYH Foster Youth Camp is an annual highlight, for both the kids and the staff who participate. This year 19 foster youth attended the 4 day camp-out that included boating, fishing, rides in a Hummer on the Pismo dunes, water park, Avila beach, and various camp activities (including a late night visit from a bear!). Thank you to our AT&T Golden Empire Telephone Pioneers volunteers for helping make this possible.



### Child Birthdays

None



### Resource Parent Birthdays

- Breanna Beavers: September 5
- Sue Gonzales: September 20
- Susanna Chavez: September 25

### KBYH Staff Birthdays

- Ana Landeros: September 15
- Vernetta Carter: September 16
- Clark Weathers: September 23
- Leon Smith: September 27

### KBYH Staff Anniversaries

- Bianca Ruiz: 1 Year
- Elvia Alvarez: 1 Year
- Sharon Harmon-Fry: 1 Year
- Miguel Alvarez: 2 Years
- Keisha Davis: 16 Years
- Kathy Irwin: 21 Years

## Foster Youth of the Month: Matthew S.

We proudly present Matthew S. as this month's Child of the Month. Matthew is in the Valencia & Hernandez Resource Family Home. He entered Frontier High School as a freshman. He is a handsome, quiet, and polite individual who gets along with everyone. He enjoys participating in activities such as video games and bicycling by himself. Matthew is the oldest of six siblings. One sibling lives with him and the remainder are placed in other homes. During visits, his brothers look up to Matthew and respect him highly. We hope Matthew enjoys high school and we look forward to a wonderful and safe school year. Congratulations Matthew.

## Awesome Supporter Spotlight: Jovi Mongold

Jovi is the daughter of the Mongold resource parents and has proven to be a very special young lady. Jovi recently won the Jr. Miss Kern County and chose foster care and adoptions as her platform. Since winning the crown, she has been very busy speaking to a wide variety of groups, always being sure to champion the cause of foster youth and KBYH. At a recent engagement, she was provided with financial support and opted to give a generous portion of it to support KBYH's summer FFA camp. We would like to congratulate Jovi and thank her for all she is doing in our community to further the support of foster youth. You can follow her journey on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/2018-Jr-Miss-Kern-County-JoVi-Mongold-2079264809011168/>) or on Instagram ([jrmisskerncounty2018](https://www.instagram.com/jrmisskerncounty2018))



## DHS Social Worker Spotlight: Guadalupe Ayon

We would like to recognize Guadalupe Ayon for her over the top dedication to her case load. In 2015, Guadalupe was an intern with Kern Bridges when she was in the MSW program at CSUB. She was hired by DHS in November 2017.

Guadalupe has always put her clients first and has their best interest at heart. We here at Kern Bridges appreciate Guadalupe's efforts and drive to meet all the kid's needs. Thank you for your time and being there for us!



# Safety Notes

## Bus Drivers

Teach children the proper way to get on and off the bus.

- Line up 6 feet away from the curb as the bus approaches
- If seat belts are available, buckle up
- Wait for the bus to stop completely before standing
- Do not cross in front of the bus if possible, or walk at least 10 feet ahead until you can see the other drivers

## Drivers

Don't block crosswalks

- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, and take extra care in school zones
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- Never pass a bus loading or unloading children
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them to safely enter and exit the bus

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