

## Summer Camp!



For the past 15+ years, the KBYH FFA has provided a summer camping trip for youth placed in our foster homes. This year's group of 32 youth camped at Lake Lopez and participated in a zip line and ropes course,

Hummer rides on the dunes, boating, fishing, beach trip, water slides, outdoor movie, Minute-to-Win-It games, talent night, and eating lots of great food.



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 10/13/12  
 October 13

The school bells have rung, but our group home boys are still having fun and enriching summertime experiences. Summertime is the ideal time to do unique, adventurous, and inspiring activities both at the group home and away. There have been many studies completed over the years regarding the positive benefits that physical activities have on both your physical and mental health. This month's adventures took our boys to Mondo Beach, fishing in Ventura California and at Shaver Lake, and a field trip to the USS Battleship in San Pedro. In addition, the boys also had many activities at the group home such as swimming, basketball, board game tournaments, and inter-squad football games.



## Upcoming Trainings

(please RSVP)

**September 9, 9:00-11:00AM:**  
 "Administration of Psychotropic Medications, Emancipation and Independent Living" with Joe Ortega

**October 13, 6:00-8:00PM:** "Effects of Drug and Alcohol Abuse on Children and Non-Minor Dependents" with Mike Ramirez

## 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.

## KBYH Staff Anniversaries

Isaiah Jones: 1 Year  
 Miguel Alvarez: 1 Year  
 Lawrence Aspeitia: 1 Year  
 Ana Landeros: 11 Years  
 Keisha Davis: 15 Years  
 Jim VanderZwan: 16 Years  
**Kathy Irwin: 20 Years!!**

## Child Birthdays

September 3: Sarah H  
 September 12: Emmett P  
 September 14: Matthew L  
 September 16: Bentley G  
 September 18: Bryan S  
 September 20: Zechariah L  
 October 5: Marcos R  
 October 6: Hector R  
 October 11: Landon S  
 October 12: Jeremiah L  
 October 13: Brenden R  
 October 17: Billie P  
 October 21: Kaylie C  
 October 24: Giovanni W  
 October 25: Leonor M  
 October 30: Bradley C

## Camping Con't

As always, this trip would not be possible without the help and support of our volunteers, the AT&T Golden Empire Telephone Pioneers, who provided and cooked all the food and drinks for the trip. A big thank you for all their help!



## Foster Parent Birthdays

September 5: Breanna Beavers  
 September 18: Hortencia Salas  
 September 19: Indira Goodwin  
 September 20: Sue Gonzales  
 October 16: Moe Smith  
 October 17: David Mongold  
 October 24: Gabriel Sosa  
 October 28: Rigoberto Perez  
 October 30: Daren Brians



## KBYH Staff Birthdays

September 15: Ana Landeros  
 September 16: Vernetta Carter  
 September 23: Clark Weathers  
 September 27: Leon Smith  
 October 15: Mike Ramirez  
 October 15: Marlon Wilkerson  
 October 16: Jose Soto  
 October 8: Antonio Balderas  
 October 19: Jill Howard  
 October 31: Steve Kresha



## Foster Child of the Month: Jason M.

We would like to congratulate Jason M. as foster child of the month. Jason loves to play sports. He attends high school and is on the varsity football team. Jason M. is not only a great individual, but also a great role model to others. Jason consistently goes out of his way to help others and is an individual you can count on. We here at Kern Bridges are proud of Jason's efforts to better himself and others around him.

## Resource Family of the Month: Mario and Anita Caudillo

The Caudillo's are one of Kern Bridges' longest-term families who continue to make a positive impact on the children's lives placed in their home. The Caudillo's have wonderful qualities which allow each child placed in their home the opportunity to assimilate into the family. They believe that every child deserves an opportunity to belong to a family that has a very loving, structured and stable environment. The Caudillo's are actively involved in the educational and mental health needs of each child placed in their home. They continue to receive many accolades from the Department of Human Services and county social workers often hand select their home for their children. The Caudillo's home is filled with love as evidenced by taking legal guardianship of 4 children and often remaining connected to the children long after they have left the home.

Thank You, Caudillo's, for your many years of service and dedication. We appreciate ALL you do.

## Social Worker Spotlight: Matilda Briones

This month we would like to recognize KCDHS Family Services Social Worker, Matilda Briones. Matilda has been in the Permanent Placement Unit for just under two years after being in Employment and Financial Services for over 10 years at the Department. Matilda is also in her second year of the MSW Program at CSUB. Matilda works primarily with teens and said she truly loves working with youth, watching them transition into adulthood. Matilda reports that although sometimes her work is challenging with this population, she truly cares about each and every youth and wants what is best for them. Matilda is very well liked and respected by youth, KBYH staff and resource parents-one of whom recently said she looks forward to Matilda's visits to the home because she is so friendly and easy to communicate with. Thank you, Matilda, for your hard work and knowledge, we really appreciate you!