



## Scouting Made Them a Family

By Bryan Wendell, April 3, 2019, "Bryan on Scouting"  
Submitted by Asia Evans-Preciado

Asia Preciado was a "clueless but excited den leader" when she and her family began their Scouting journey six years ago. Asia's son, then 6 years old, was an eager Tiger Cub Scout. Her daughters, then 2 and 8, couldn't officially join Scouting at the time, but they tagged along at every camping trip, meeting and pack outing.

"They learned valuable skills, went on adventures and made new friends," Asia says. "Being a single mom, these little adventures made a huge difference for us all."

Asia's assistant den leader was a single dad named Juan Evans. His son was a Tiger, too. Asia and Juan became best friends as they watched their boys advance through the Cub Scouting ranks. They laughed together through their sons' many Scouting successes — and occasional failures. "We have supported each other through personal struggles and celebrated awards our boys earned in Scouts," Asia says.

About a year ago, Asia and Juan started dating. In November, they got married, and Asia and Juan Evans are now a family of seven. This blended family, brought together through Scouting, is a testament to the way the BSA can help families make the most of their time together.

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### Important Dates:

[Jun 1: District Pinewood Derby](#)

Jun 1: Solano County Cleanup Day

Jun 13-15: Shooting Sports Weekend

Jun 19-22: Cub Twilight Camp

Jun 28-30 & Jul 5-7: [NYLT](#)

Jul 19-21 & Jul 26-28: [NYLT](#)

Jul 20: Pack-O-Ree Picnic/Cub Recruitment

Jul 22-Aug 2: [24th World Scout Jamboree](#)

Sept 20-22 & Oct 4-6: Wood Badge

Sept 27-29 & Oct 11-13: [NYLT](#)

Sept 28: Web-O-Ree

Oct 18: Autumn in the Park: Scouting/Community Event



L-R: (back row) Avery Evans T897, Juan and Asia Evans, Sarah Rothstein T191, Aidan Rothstein T897  
(front row) Grant Evans P191, Becca Rothstein P191



## A true Scouting family

Everyone in the Evans family is involved in Scouting as members of the Sacramento-based Golden Empire Council. Asia is her district's program chair and a committee member for three different units. Juan is a den leader. All five of their kids are in Scouts: a 14-year-old girl in Scouts BSA, two 12-year-old boys in Scouts BSA, an 8-year-old Bear girl and a 7-year-old Tiger boy.

"Six out of seven days we are involved in Scouts," Asia says. "Monday to Wednesday are den or troop meetings. Thursdays are leader meetings, and the weekends are packed full of Scout events."

## How they make it work

Asia says getting to all these events and meetings takes "a great deal of strategic planning, time management, cooperation ... and a little bit of luck." The key, she says, is teamwork.

"Make everyone feel like they have a pivotal role that will allow the adventure that you're on to be completed," she says. "These kids know the value of hard work and a good deed — even if it doesn't result in a patch or reward."



## Making magical memories

Scouting offers an unrivaled opportunity for blended families, Asia says. It empowers everyone in the family to feel like part of something special. "Especially now that girls are a part of Scouts BSA," she says. "It enables kids to connect and share so many moments together." Moments like an overnight trip to Santa Cruz — a place Asia hadn't been before joining Scouts. Or Wood Badge training, which helped Asia learn about all the resources available to help volunteers get the most out of Scouting. Or the fact that "every one of our kids is known and respected in the world of Scouting," Asia says.

No matter what your family looks like, Scouting's for you. Scouting helps you discover memories you simply won't find anywhere else.

# Order of the Arrow

By David Grundler, Yolano District Chairman

The Curahee Chapter (Western Yolano) and the Tito Wa Chapter (Eastern Yolano) held a joint 'call-out' ceremony on the evening of April 27th to publicly distinguished those Scouts and Scouters who have been selected by their peers as candidates to the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society.

The following Scouts and Scouters were recognized:

Curahee Chapter		Tito Wa Chapter	
Blackstone, Tyler	Troop 484	Ceppos, Matthew	Troop 111
Bossi, Paul	Troop 180	Chen, Iho	Troop 139
Cook, Liam	Troop 897	Chilamkur, Vamsi	Troop 139
Disharoon, Evan	Troop 180	Clark, Scott	Troop 66
Duggan, Daniel	Troop 180	Fineberg, Dennis	Troop 139
Eck, Jordan	Troop 180	Hutchings, Henry	Troop 139
Kuch, Garrett	Troop 484	Kamisky, Jaxon	Troop 111
Lee, Aaron	Troop 484	Layman, Diane	Troop 139
Linton, Marcus	Troop 180	Layman, Sean	Troop 139
Moraga, Anthony	Troop 897	Lovitt, Ian	Troop 111
Penrose, Jacob	Troop 897	McCaffery, Finn	Troop 466
Pihl, Liam	Troop 180	Sheppard, Owen	Troop 66
Zilz, Ben	Troop 180	Smith, Howie	Troop 66
Zilz, Joey	Troop 180	Stanley, Taylor	Troop 69
		Strickland, Jack	Troop 111
		Taomino, Joseph	Troop 139
		Trygstad, Robbie	Troop 111
		Welsh, Brody	Troop 139
		Wilcox, Austin	Troop 139
		Wong, Andrew	Troop 139



# June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 -District Pinewood Derby -Solano Cleanup
2 -Wood Badge -NorCal Open House	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 -Shooting Sports	14 -Flag Day -Shooting Sports	15 -Shooting Sports
16 -Father's Day	17	18	19 -Cub Twilight Camp	20 -Cub Twilight Camp	21 -First Day of Summer -Cub Twilight Camp	22 -Cub Twilight Camp
23	24	25	26	27	28 -NYLT	29 -NYLT
30 -NYLT						Submit newsletter corrections and articles to Diane Disharoon at <a href="mailto:newsletter@yvdbsa.org">newsletter@yvdbsa.org</a> .