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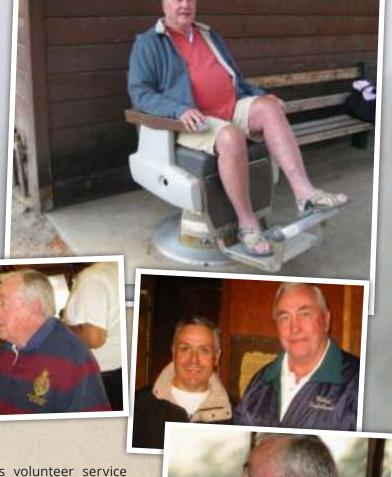
WE KEPT THE LIGHT ON FOR YOU.

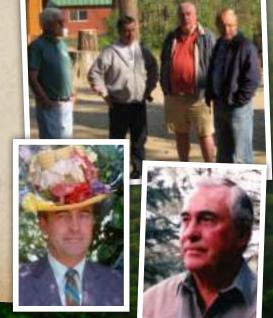
DEDICATION

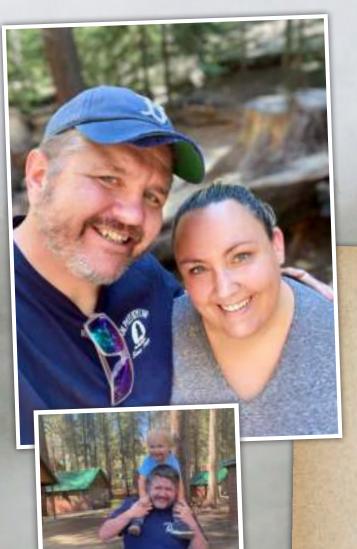
THIS YEAR'S PYLET IS DEDICATED TO JACK KNOWLTON.

John Warren "Jack" Knowlton was born in Palo Alto, California, on June 21, 1926. Jack attended Greenbrier Military High School in Lewisville, West Virginia, joining the Merchant Marines in 1944. After serving in World War II as a Deck Officer on Liberty ships, Jack attended Stanford University, graduating with a degree in Petroleum Engineering. Eventually settling in Laguna Beach, California, Jack had a successful career as President of Martin-Decker, which under his leadership, became a worldwide leader in drilling instrumentation. He completed his career as Senior Vice President of Mergers and Acquisitions for Smith International, a Fortune 500 company specializing in gas and oil exploration. After retirement, he continued to work as an independent consultant.

Jack began his volunteer service to R.M. Pyles Boys Camp as a member of our Board of Directors in 1971 and was actively involved until his passing in 2022. Jack was a larger-than-life character who forged lifelong friendships and enduring memories with all those he met. Jack allowed anyone to sit at his table and made everyone feel welcomed and loved. Over 20,000 campers came through the doors of Pyles Boys Camp during his service. In 1996 and 1997, he served in a leadership role as the President of the Board. The Pyles mission was at the heart of lack's belief in helping those who need a leg-up. Thank you for the memories lack! You will be missed...









Welcome to the 2022 Pylet! This past summer was our homecoming to our magic mountain in the Lloyd Meadow basin. Pyles Camp has always been a welcoming community for me. Like many of our staff, I found myself and my home at Pyles Camp. I hope you too found yourself and your new home at camp. Let me be the first to say, "Welcome Home!"

Unfortunately, the summer is over, camp is now closed, and winter is coming. Just as the seasons change at camp, you have also changed during your time at Pyles. Think of the challenges you faced at Pyles Camp while on outcamp, the lessons you learned during the different activities, the "Thoughts of the Day," and all the other tools you gathered from your counselors and Pyles staff to put in your "Toolbox." All those challenges, lessons, and tools are now there for you to use for the rest of your life.

We hope that the Pylet helps to keep that flame going inside of you, and that you strive to always do your best in everything you set your mind to do. You are already a success story.

In the Pyles Camp Spirit,

- BAMM-BAMM
CAMPER 1995







MESSAGE FROM STRIPES / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"IT'S GOOD TO BE TOGETHER!"

The last few years have been a challenging road for everyone, but that road eventually led us to all be together in Lloyd Meadows this summer. Whether 2022 was your first summer or 50th summer at Pyles Camp, you were meant to be there, and I'm glad that you were.

2022 was a big deal for our team, as we hadn't been able to run camp in Lloyd Meadows since 2019. I could not have asked for a better group of Campers, Lioneers, Voyagers, staff, selectors, and volunteers to help rebuild the program that was started over 70 years ago.

Just before our first session, I heard the Lads from Liverpool echoing in my head:

"Little darlin', it's been a long, cold, lonely winter Little darlin', it feels like years since it's been here Here comes the sun, doo-doo-doo Here comes the sun, and I say It's alright" -The Beatles

It had been years since we were home, but the sun came back, and it certainly was alright.

To all of our 2022 Campers, Lioneers, and Voyagers, I sincerely hope you are working towards the goals you set during your time with us. Keep working hard and changing the world for the better! I cannot wait until we are all together again.

- STRIPES







MESSAGE FROM NAVI / PROGRAM DIRECTOR

"OUR COMMUNITY CAME TOGETHER"

I've always thought that the best way to say thank you for a present is to take good care of it. We were all given a gift this year. This past summer was my first summer at camp since 2019. A new cohort was able to experience Pyles Camp in our basin. A new group of campers was introduced to the philosophy of Pyles. A new group of Lioneers and Voyagers were given a chance to challenge themselves at Lion Meadows. New workers earned their nicknames by working their first session, new counselors discovered the joy of mentoring young men, and so forth. Whatever stage of the Pyles journey each of us may be in, it's important that we appreciate that we were able to experience it in our home. Our community came together to get Pyles Camp running again. Many people put in time and energy to make sure Pyles Camp operated as close to normal as we could. We've been given the gift of Pyles Camp, and it's up to us to take good care of it. Camp runs when we all come together. We all have things we need to do in order to make sure we can come together again next year and make Pyles happen again. I am eagerly awaiting the time I can see you all again.

-NAVI PROGRAM DIRECTOR









1ST SESSION





1ST PICK PATRIOT & TACO'S CUSTERS

Nathaniel Bristol Brady Esparza Saevion Miller Juan Serrano Ritchy Toscano

2ND PICK RHINO & RONIN'S DARK KNIGHTS

Kolton Annan Anthony Armenta Johnathan Bentley Richard Brewton Tanner Colby Isaiah Robinson Ilias Robles David Rodriguez



5TH PICK KIRBY & ACTIVE'S NINJA TURTLES

Benjamin Gerber Ivan Guerrero Michael Kelley Abel Plascencia Jimenez Matthew Robinson Isaiah Ruiz Bradley Still



6TH PICK SIMBA & COUNT'S DUBZ

Shane Bowles
Quinton Boyer Gauthier
Michael Cordero

James Justice Anthony Portillo Ismael Ramirez





3RD PICK MATRIX & CHEETAH'S DIAMONDBACKS

Jose Del Muro Brandon Gage Isacc Martinez Jeramyah McKinley Alejandro Nevarez Ezekiel Pompa **Ricardo Zepeda**

4TH PICK FLINT & UNION'S GOLDEN GOATS

Jon'tavious Herring Kade Marshall Brandan McElvaine-Marshall Sebastian Nevel Evin Perez Julian Perkins Kingston Vasquez



7TH PICK CROSSOVER & CHECK'S TOMAHAWKS

Nathan Aldaco Leonardo Campos Esequiel Esparza Carlos Morales

Julian Partida Jaxon Touchkov Nigel Truitt

WORKER PROGRAM

Chaos Coldfoot Tex Mex Bloodhound Fives Takora

SPECIALISTS

Billy Bear Sniper Havoc Parce Freight Train Carebear Red FoxLad Big Al Dendro Jaro

LEADERSHIP

Stripes Bamm-Bamm Maverick Navi Commando Aztec Draco

2ND SESSION





1ST PICK SNIPER & CHEETAH'S CICADAS

Mathew Banda Kevin Bermeo Mario Casica Trace Gomez Addiel Hernandez Roman Mehtonen D'Sani Pogue DeWayne Stephens

2ND PICK CROSSOVER & TACKO'S COYOTES

Brandon Anderson-Brown **David Asturias**Joseph Bewick

Mark Collazo

Anthony Frescura Travis Ross Koran Rudd Sean Toomey



5TH PICK ROCKET & INDIO'S MIGHTY BADGERS

Aiden Bravo Vincent Franco Andrew Guerrero Antonio Lupercio-Rocha

Julian Naranjo Billy Stone Fernando Uriostegui Aldo Vidaurre

WORKER PROGRAM

Fives Takora
Nova Tex Mex
Golden Boy Freeze
Soldado

SPECIALISTS

Billy Bear Xena
Aztec Union
Patriot Shortcut
Havoc Hermano
Freight-Train Parce
Herring Jaro
Spirit

LEADERSHIP

Stripes Commando Bamm-Bamm Simba Maverick Draco Navi







3RD PICK RHINO & CHECK'S THUNDERBOLTS

Caleb Bean **Giovanni Carrisosa**Jerry Dollison **Shane McFadden**

Armando Padilla Brandon Perez-Monroy **Francisco Sortman**

4TH PICK FLINT & POSEIDON'S BLACK BOARS

Nicholas Cheung Deon Culberson William Dabney Fernando Dominguez Kanai Johnson Darlann Rivera Sir Anthony Taylor Deshaun Walker

SHOTGUN DEDICATION

Darren "Shotgun" King has been synonymous with R.M. Pyles Boys Camp for overthree decades. From the early days of directly serving our boys as a counselor to his time impacting our campers year-round as a full-time team member, to his work in keeping camp running smoothly as Facilities Manager, Shotgun brought excellence to every aspect of the job. He could be counted on to do what was necessary to ensure the mission of Pyles was possible.

Through the many miles on the trail, the long hours supporting our boys with outreach programming, and the sacrifice of living in the mountains for many

months each year, Shotgun ate, breathed, and slept Pyles Camp. As society changed and nature found powerful ways to reshape the forest, one thing remained constant-Shotgun.

Author Mandy Hale says, "To make a difference in someone's life, you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful, or perfect. You just have to care enough and be there." Shotgun had been there and cared for thousands of boys at Pyles camp, and in doing so, has made a world of difference to so many.

Thank you, Shotgun! Enjoy your next adventure!



SUMMER REFLECTIONS







"WITH LOVE" - COMMANDO / ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

I would like to start by saying hello to everyone that came up to camp this summer. I hope to find you all doing great things in your life, whether you are in school, working, or both. I also want to thank everyone who opens their heart and mind to Mr. Pyles' dream. For the first time in my life since 1984, I spent all summer at camp. I want to say it was a beautiful thing to see all of you young men grow. From 1st session to 4th, especially all the young men that were up at camp all summer, I think about you guys all the time. I am so

proud of the growth and the great job you guys did for the boys. I hope you all find yourselves doing well and using all the positive lessons we preach and practice in camp with love! Once again, with lots of love to all for keeping the dream alive. Thank you so much!

I wish you all success and happiness.

Yours Truly,

- COMMANDO



"THE ONE YOU FEED." - AZTEC / WORKER COACH

The summer has passed and we have all returned to our city life. I hope all is well and you are applying what you learned on our magic mountain to your life. First, I want to thank everyone for doing their part at camp. To the campers, Lioneers, and Voyagers: thank you for attending Pyles Camp and becoming part of our family, and challenging yourself to learn and grow. Remember to keep in contact and take the next steps in your journey at Pyles and in life. To the staff and volunteers: thank you for all your hard work and sacrifices to keep Mr. Pyles' dream alive. Thank you for the early mornings working in the kitchen, the late nights doing evals, and your dedication to the program. Whether it was your first summer or your 35th, your work has made more of an impact than you know.

I leave you with my favorite Thought for the Day:

An old Cherokee is teaching his grandson about life: "A fight is going on inside me," he said to the boy. "It is a terrible fight, and it is between two wolves. One is evil-he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, selfpity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego." He continued, "The other is good-he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. The same fight is going on inside you-and inside every other person, too." The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather: "Which wolf will win?" The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

The message behind this Thought for the Day is about your choices. Each day we are faced with an array of choices that define who we are. You are in control of your destiny, and each day is a new opportunity

to start again and be reborn into the person you are truly meant to be. To move in the right direction, you must make decisions that feed the good wolf-lend a helping hand, be a light in the darkness, and make a difference in the lives of those around you.

In the Pyles Spirit,





























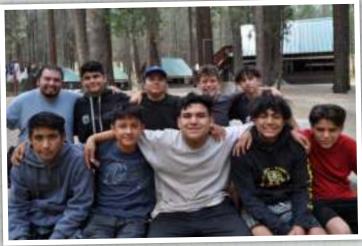






3RD SESSION





1ST PICK CROSSOVER & RONIN'S TOP GUNS

Allen Dorton Aiden Hamilton Anthony Lopez Johnathan McFarlane

Angel Ramirez Hugo Toscano Matthew Venegas Jessie Zuniga-Garcia

2ND PICK ACTIVE & COOKIE MONSTER'S CRAZY 8

Damian Aguilar Christopher Hernandez Mason Manabat Michael Medina Jayden Solis Ulices Soto Alan Tacuba Angel Valencia



5TH PICK RHINO & SKIPJACK'S LUCKY 13

Remii Brown Osvaldo Carranza Roa Daniel Ceja Iker Moreno Sanchez Joseph Ramirez Justin Solis



6TH PICK KIRBY & ROCKET'S BLACK BEARS

Mauricio Adams Emmanuel Alcantara Jaysun Cecil Jesus Hererra Daniel Oliveros Daniel Rodriguez







3RD PICK RED & COUNT'S THE RIVALS

Dracko Andrade Russell Ball Erick Moreno Omar Munguia Anthony Rivera

4TH PICK PATRIOTS & SHORTCUT'S GORILLAZ

Dmytro Bondarchuk Joshua Castillo Fabrizzio Correa Noah Isaias Jorge Lara Jesus Macias Sanchez Ahmad Sanders Thomas Torres

WORKER PROGRAM

Fives
Nova
Hercules
Stiletto
Freeze
Tex Mex
Yeti
Golden Boy

Inso

SPECIALISTS

Billy Bear Sniper Gadget Parce Havoc Spirit Xena Union Foxlad Jaro

Freight-Train Lefty

Dendro Poseidon Cheetah

LEADERSHIP

Stripes Bamm-Bamm Maverick Navi Commando Aztec

4TH SESSION





1ST PICK THRILLER & RONIN'S THE RIVALS

Nixon Aubert Alexis Costilla Arismenty Garcia Aidan McKenney

lesus Melendez Miguel Pinedo Jorge Ramirez Lopez Ulise Ventura- Perez

2ND PICK ECHO & CHUNGUS' BLACK BEARS

Matthew Comito Jamar Ginn Everardo Gonzalez Antonio Guerrero

Dawson McDow Frank Melendez Jacob Renteria Aidan Sosa





5TH PICK ACTIVE & TACKO'S ACTIVATES

Mark Jauregui-Wright Alexander Kathan Ismael Lopez-Maya Miguel Marquez Tyler Melendez

Anthony Reyes Nelson Santiago Hernandez Eliseo Zamorano

Izkalli Aparicio David Brill Joseph Fry Heroe Garcia

6TH PICK RHINO & INDIO'S SEQUOIA SCAVENGERS Sebastian Gutirrez-Ortiz Siylas Marquez **Jacob Martinez** Emiliano Zaragoza







3RD PICK GRIZZLY & SHORTCUT'S BEAR BOXER

Santiago Aguilera Gregorio Arce-Lopez Armando Galvez-Uribe Kayden Crowe Franco Garcia Perea Angel Reyes David Samaniego Anner Yague Barrientos

4TH PICK PATROIT & EXO'S VIPERS

Emmanuel Alvarado Benjamin Carrillo Ivan Lizarraga Gabriel Osburn Bear Peterson Jorge Ramirez Robles Nathan Ramos Bodin Rodriguez



7TH PICK CROSSOVER & PARCE'S WILDFIRE

Felipe Alaniz Andres Belmontez Andres Cantrell Victor Hernandez Caleb Kelly Nolen McAdams Ruben Moya James Watson II

WORKER PROGRAM

Fives Kaido
Nova Tex Mex
Hercules Inso
Stiletto Yeti

SPECIALISTS

Billy Bear Jaro
Sniper Cheetah
Cookie Monster Big Al
Havoc Count
Spirit Red
Xena Art-E
Union Hermano

Monsieur

LEADERSHIP

Stripes Navi Bamm-Bamm Commando Maverick Aztec

LION MEADOWS

Lion Meadows is the next step on the journey you began as a camper. Lion Meadows could be the most rewarding experience of your life. This beautiful place is located in the middle of the Golden Trout Wilderness. The meadow contains only a rustic cook cabin, a storage cabin, and three simple shelters. There are no specialists or Draco at Lion Meadows. The Lioneers do all the cooking over a wood stove with wood they cut and gather themselves. The Lioneers and their counselors must accomplish KP, work projects, and activities. This means you will have more freedom and more fun than ever before, but also more responsibility. This rich tradition, which is Lion Meadows, began in 1977. This past summer marked 45 years of the Lioneer Program. Everyone was faced with unique challenges and fears. Though the trail may have been long and the packs heavy, every Lioneer persevered.

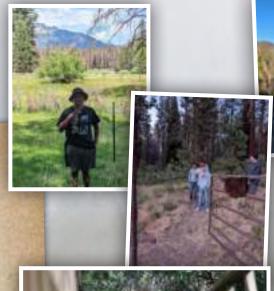
Lion Meadows can sometimes be incredibly intense, as many found out this year. Longer hikes with heavier packs were expected. Those who accepted this challenge were very happy they made the effort. Lioneers quickly pulled together as a team and became as close as a family. If you want to become part of the Lion Meadows Family, there are some things you need to do.

Most importantly, you need to keep in contact with the camp. Write letters expressing your desire to participate in Lion Meadows. Tell us how you are doing at home, what lessons you learned at camp, and how you use those lessons in your life.

We will also require copies of your report cards, so keep those grades up! Even if you were not recommended to come back to Lion Meadows by your counselor, you could still participate if you make positive changes in your life and follow the steps listed above. We hope you will take the challenge and join us in the adventure of a lifetime.





















2ND SESSION LIONEERS & VOYAGERS NAVI, RED, RONIN & MATRIX

Arthur Velez
Angel Mendoza
Lewis Figueroa
Rocco Fernandez
Jayvin Caballero
Nathan Moreno
Evik Garcia

Logan Cotton
Gabriel Peralez
Jake Griffith
Jose Ayala
Moises Garcia
Diego Garcia
Victor Zacarias



3RD SESSION LIONEERS NAVI, MATRIX & TACKO

Ricardo Celis Joseph Hood Gerardo Leal Angel Melendez Logan Panthier

WORKER PROGRAM

The Summer Worker Program are former campers who have been working their way through the program in hopes of counseling their own group one day. The Pyles Worker program is not the most glamorous jobs; washing dishes, cleaning the mess hall, watering the facility, or cooking the food we eat. The Workers, however, make up the "Backbone" of the program. Without a strong group of Workers, the Pyles Camp program would not be as successful. Putting in hard hours daily is no easy task,

but this dedication keeps the operation rolling. This summer, the dedication of our workers was no exception. All of them were first-time Workers. We are so proud of their quick, eager growth this summer. Workers, your hard work is noticed and appreciated. I hope to see you all as counselors in the upcoming summer.

Keep up the great work & Thank You!

-BAMM-BAMM

Workers of 2022: Fives, Kaido, Freeze, Soldado, Takora, Bloodhound, Yeti, Hercules, Nova, Golden Boy, Inso, Chaos, Coldfoot, Tex Mex, and Stiletto





















WINTER OUTREACH

Winter events are always fun opportunity to reconnect. They involve a mix of campers and staff that may or may not have ever interacted with each other before doing things in the city they may or may not have ever done before. Whether it's fishing, enjoying food, or hanging out with entertainment industry professionals in Santa Monica, these events always create lasting memories. It's during these events that the Pyles bonds become stronger and solidify. Please take a look at the memories we made this past year. Keep an eye on your mailbox or reach out to Navi for news about future gatherings!



A MESSAGE FROM SKY ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER

"I BECAME INVESTED IN YOUR JOURNEY!"

The Summer of 2022 was my first season with Pyles Camp. I know that I only got to meet a few of you at certain drop-offs and pick-ups, but through conversations I had with some of your parents/ grandparents and selectors leading up to camp, I feel like I know many of you. I became invested in your journeys this summer and was rooting for you from here in the office. I know you don't know it, but I prayed over each of you. I prayed for you to give camp a chance, for you to open up to your fellow campers and counselors, and that this would be a summer you would never forget. I prayed that you would take the life lessons that you would learn and apply them in your lives back home. Most of all, knowing what some of you were going through, I prayed that the camp could be a place of healing for you and that these people would become your support system. I was lucky enough to be able to come up for the final Pinecone Ceremony of the season and hear that so many of you had found just that during your time at camp. I listened with tears streaming down my face for two hours as you shared stories of incredible pain for what you had been or still were going through, but also stories of beauty and hope as you described your time at camp and how you wanted to apply it to your lives back home. I marveled at your bravery to be so open and vulnerable. What a blessing it was to be able

to be there and see the things I

had been praying for come full circle. I get calls at the office from campers who attended Pyles decades ago, who want to reconnect with us, and still speak of their experience at camp as a pivotal point in their lives.

I look forward to hearing the same from you years down the road. Keep on the trajectory that Pyles has set you on, and I know you will do great things!

-Jessica "Sky" Walter Administrative Manager



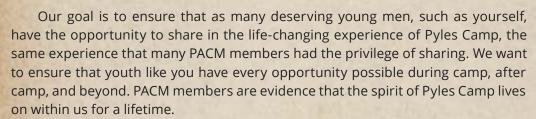
PYLES ALUMNI COMMITTEE MEMBERS PACM

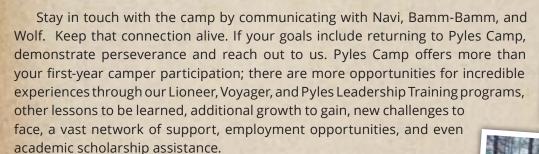
Composed of Pyles alumni/family/friends, PACM was founded on the idea of "Keeping the Dream Alive." Our members share a deep connection to Pyles Camp and work toward keeping Mr. Pyles' dream alive and well. We strive to honor the memory and spirit of Mr. Pyles, Bob "Smokey" McAdams, and our beloved Rose "Nana" Urbina through fundraising, camper selection, volunteering, mentoring, and service.





This summer, you heard many Pyles staff members remind you that Pyles Camp is not just a summer camp and your connection does not end when you get back on that bus. There will be winter visits, activities, events, reunions, and fundraisers, but it still does not end there. You are now part of the Pyles family. We hope and pray that you take the lessons you learned this summer and put them to use in your daily life at home and in school. Should you need us, Pyles Camp and PACM will be there for you. We will be there if you need assistance, guidance, support, or even someone to lean on.





PACM members and Pyles staff are here for you to help encourage your growth, to support your efforts, and to remind you that we are always "Daring Boys to Become Men."

In the Pyles Camp Spirit,

Pyles Alumni Committee Members





NANA DEDICATION





On Saturday, July 30th, we were joined by over 50 guests to dedicate "Nana's Kitchen." For 50 years Nana cooked with love for countless campers and staff, or "her boys," as she would say. "Nana" was introduced to camp in 1958 and served as a camp cook until her retirement in 2008. While Cook was her title, she was so much more. Preparing food only scratched the surface of what she accomplished during her tenure.

We do not doubt that her legacy is still alive today in all of the campers, staff, and friends who were lucky enough to spend time with her. She was loved by all and will live on in our memories.

"Nana, Nana, listen while we sing to you..."































SUMMER REFLECTIONS

































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STAFF ROSTER

Active Jessie Garcia Aztec Jonathan Ramos Bamm-Bamm Dale Decker, Ir. Big Al Allen Shelby Billy Bear Jose Romo **Blood Hound** Joel Sandoval Care Bear Kari Khan Chaos Carsyn Castellon Check Roman Guevara Alpirez Cheetah Adrian Tellez Chungus Alexander Ayres Coldfoot Michael Garcia, Jr. Commando Eduardo Salas Cookie Monster Devin Vasquez Count Andrew Jarero Fernando Ochoa Crossover Dendro Michael Naaman Draco Julio Alvarez Echo Francisco Saldana Exo **Austin Williams Fives** Miguel Herrera Flint Jose Ojeda Rei Josiah Van Noort-Hinsley FoxLad Freeze Joseph Arrieta Freight Train William Patterson Gadget Monica Mendoza Golden Boy Adrian Diaz Grizzly Cesar Ramos Havoc lose Becerra Hector Jimenez, Jr. Hercules

Kim Robinson

Michael Garcia

Moises Garcia

Jill Granquist

Iulio Chavez

Christopher Orozco

Jared Hernandez Jimenez

Alberto Damian-Sanchez

Julian Haas

Jaime Rios

Maverick Monsieur Navi Nova Parce Patriot Poseidon Red Rhino Rocket Ronin Shortcut Simba Skip lack Sky Sniper Soldado Spirit Stiletto **Stripes** Tacko Takora Tex Mex Thriller Union

Xena

Yeti

Ivan Trigueros Darian Moreno Iose Dorado Quinonez Diego Medina-Islas **Edgar Sandoval** Paul Sturmer Brian Lopez Pedro Celis Ronan Lauber Alexis Moreno Jess Cobos Griffin Johnston **Jessica Walter Idris Gant** Alotl Aparicio Frankie Cueva

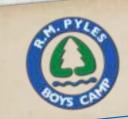
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Mario Ramirez

Eduardo Dominguez Adam Bell **Keaton Rodgers** Dominic Maddan James Torres Tejon Hayes Mario Hernandez Salinas

Jennavie Ramirez

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Hermano

Herring

Indio

Inso Jarro

lester Kaido

Kirby

Lefty

Matrix









