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Mr. Jim Martin, SE  
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Dear Mr. Martin,

As you know, I was the lead Visitation Specialist for the visitation to Camp Cody on July 31. I was joined by Ed Gee, Miwok District Camping Chm., his son Gavin and Danielle Ing, District Director for the Redwood Empire Co. who is also National Council Certified Climbing Instructor.

I don't mind telling you, that the walk in to the camp reminded me of the hike into Camp Echo, later to be called Harvey West, back when it belonged to the Silverado Council, and I was a little younger.

The whole camp was alive with activity, the water front, the axe yard, the handy craft area and the rifle and archery ranges. Everywhere Scouts were having fun. Scouts having fun under the guidance of some obviously very dedicated Scouters. The spread of ages from the Tenderfoot to the experienced junior staff to the seasoned old timer, the commitment to having a good Scouting experience was evident.


Due to the location of the camp, there were no distractions from TV or Game Boys. This camp was all about Scouting. Roughing it in the outdoors is an attitude that is lost in society today and in many of our scout camps.

After lunch when we sat down to review the camps compliance with the standards, it became quite oblivious the staff had worked very hard to fulfill the spirit and intent of those standards. Due to the rustic nature of the camp and the modernized nature of the standards, it was necessary to interpret the standards as they applied to the camp. At no time did that interpretation jeopardize the intent of the standard.

Danielle Ing spent a great deal of time with the Climbing Instructor, making some suggestions that will insure a more complete compliance with the standards. Her recommendations are included.

As a team we felt that the staff of Camp Cody has done an outstanding job of providing a "Scouting Experience" to the campers, an experience that will live with them for ever. We had no reluctance to present them with the flag showing that they were a "Nationally Accredited Camp".

Respectfully,



Lee O. McCann  
Visitation Team Leader

cc,  
Jim Rushton  
Martin Webb  
Danielle Ing  
Ed Gee  
Ed Cargile