



# Troop 57 Alumni News

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## Alumni Reunion Celebrates 77 Years, Kicks Off Next 100 Years

### Troop 57 Celebrates Reunion

On Sunday afternoon July 25, 2010, Palo Alto Boy Scout Troop 57 celebrated 77 years of outdoor adventure and service. Alumni, families and friends gathered for a reunion at the Fire Circle in the Lucie Stern Community Center where the troop regularly meets. A great time was had by all and the consensus was that the reunion should be an annual event. All alumni and their families are invited to the next reunion, tentatively scheduled for June 26, 2011! But we can't contact most. If you know anyone who was connected to the troop in the past, please email their contact information to [dolson5@yahoo.com](mailto:dolson5@yahoo.com).

### About Troop 57

Established in 1933, the troop is sponsored by the Parents of Troop 57. Over the years, 222 scouts have earned the Eagle Scout Award - the highest award in scouting. [Click here](#) for a list of Troop 57 Eagles. Over the 77 years, Troop 57 has been led by thirty-four dedicated [Scoutmasters](#). Today, Troop 57 is very active, perhaps stronger than ever. The roster now includes well over 100 Scouts and 48 Assistant Scoutmasters. You can read the current "State of the Troop" report by [clicking here](#). Please go to the [Troop57.net](http://Troop57.net) website to learn more about what

the troop is doing today.

Troop 57 has been one of the most generous troops in the Pacific Skyline Council, the peninsula's scouting organization. Troop 57 restored the [Lucie Stern Fire Circle](#) (2002), refurbished the Palo Alto Scout House (2003), raised \$150,000 from active troop families to build a new [Handicraft Lodge at Camp Oljato](#) (2003-2007) and refurbished the [Lucie Stern Apartment](#) (2009) across the courtyard from the Scout House.

From 1940 until 1994, Troop 57 was a part of the Stanford Area Council. Of the original fifteen troops that formed the Stanford

Area Council in 1940, Troop 57 is the only troop that continues today. In 1994 the San Mateo County Council and the Stanford Area Council merged to form the Pacific Skyline Council. Stanford Area Council's Camp Oljato and Boulder Creek Reservation and San Mateo County Council's Cutter Reservation became the three camp assets under the newly formed PacSky Council. The Stanford Area Council history is chronicled in newspaper articles and photos displayed in the newly refurbished Stern Apartment. Drop by and take a look. Keys are available at the Palo Alto Scout Shop across the courtyard from the Apartment - ask for George.

Recently, the Palo Alto Weekly published, "Life as a Scouting Mom" by Nancy McGaraghan with input from her four Troop 57 Eagle Scouts and husband, Patrick - also an Eagle Scout. We thought you would enjoy reading it. [Click here](#) for "Scouting Mom" article.



*Lucie Stern Fire Circle Refurbishment - Summer/Fall 2002*



*Troop 57 Standing on the Future Site of the New Handicraft Lodge - July 2003*



*Troop 57 Handicraft Lodge at Camp Oljato - Dedication July 2007*



*Old Handicraft Lodge, built 1946*



*Lucie Stern Apartment - August 2008*



*Lucie Stern Apartment - Chronology of the Stanford Area Council*

## 100th Anniversary of Founding of Boy Scouts of America

This year, the Boy Scouts of America celebrates its Centennial Birthday (1910-2010)! To mark the occasion, the Pacific Skyline Council has embarked on an ambitious goal to raise \$1,000,000 to create a permanent

endowment to support our three LOCAL Scout Camps – Camps Oljato, Boulder Creek and Cutter. The goal is to find 10,000 friends to make a contribution of \$100 or more to “Endow Scouting’s Next 100 Years.”

An alumni group of former Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters and Committee members have come together to form the Troop 57 100th Anniversary Endowment Committee. Their goal is to continue the generosity to Scouting first demonstrated by Lucie Stern in 1944. Please take a look at [this flyer](#) which includes the note that Lucie Stern wrote to permanently endow a portion of the Palo Alto Community Center to the Boy Scouts. Lucie Stern also donated the land for Camp Oljato.

We are asking you to make a once in a lifetime donation to support our camps for current and future scouts. To make a tax deductible donation, either go online to the Troop 57 Endowment web page by [clicking here](#) OR download the pledge form [here](#), complete it, and mail it to the Council office. In the space at the bottom of the form you are asked to identify your “endowment ambassador.” Please write “Scoutmasters of Troop 57” in the blank for “My Ambassador is: \_\_\_\_\_.” Thank you!

Your Troop 57 Endowment Committee:

- [Dave Olson](#)
- [Larry Christenson](#)
- [Eric Keller](#)
- [Bob Dilfer](#)
- [Gary Grant](#)
- [Sandy Wilbourn](#)
- [John Scandling](#)
- [Catherine Magill](#)
- [Jeff Harmon](#)

If you’d like to see the current list of individual donors, [click here](#). If you know someone who cherishes the values of Scouting and would like to be included, please pass on the word.

