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**Jewish Eagle Scout leads camp religious services.**

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Eagle Scout **Cameron R.** of Northridge led Friday night religious services every week this summer, while on staff at Camp Whitsett near Kernville, on behalf of the Jewish Committee on Scouting (JCOS) of the Western Los Angeles County Council, Boy Scouts of America.



Cameron R. in his Venturing uniform at Camp Whitsett  
Provided by: Cameron R.

Cameron is a member of Encino's Valley Beth Shalom Synagogue Boy Scout Troop 351. He is also the president of Sherman Oaks' Temple B'nai Hayim Venturing Crew 824, where he and his family are congregants.

Cameron has served on staff at Camp Whitsett for several years.

"The Shabbat services held Friday nights at Whitsett were astounding successes," Cameron said. "Each week, 20 to 30 people attended the services. Attendees included staff, Boy Scouts and adult leaders."

Non-Jews attended as well as Jews for the experience.

For all attendees, Cameron explained in English what each prayer means and how it corresponds to Jewish beliefs.

In so doing, Cameron opened up a risk-free environment for questions from Jews and non-Jews, who took advantage of the opportunity.

Cameron answered questions that ranged from inquiries about the service itself to clarifications of Jewish beliefs and customs.

Non-Jewish participants praised the experience, offering that the service did not press Jewish beliefs but gave them the opportunity to see how the Jewish religion works.

Cameron even inspired another staff member at camp to lead services for members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and their invitees.

Because reverence for one's faith and respect for others is a central theme in Boy Scouting, the camp staff embraced the opportunity and fully supported it.

Cameron starts as a freshman at the University of Southern California in August. If Cameron returns to Camp Whitsett next year, he plans to continue leading Shabbat services for the JCOS.

The Western Los Angeles County Council JCOS provides support for local Jewish Institutions that use Scouting as a resource for youth development and provides religious opportunities for Jewish youth in the program of the Boy Scouts of America.

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Hey! I was at Camp Whitsett last week! We were unable to attend services, but held our Scout's Own in our campsite. Good luck to Cameron at USC!

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