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**\$3,500 Sierra Grant Awarded to
R.M. Pyles Boys Camp**

PORTERVILLE, CA — Bank of the Sierra is pleased to award a \$3,500 Sierra Grant to the R.M. Pyles Boys Camp. For 60 years the programs provided by this camp have helped 25,000 disadvantaged boys with positive mentoring and skills needed to succeed in life. The funding will provide sponsorship for Bakersfield area boys to attend Pyles Summer Camp. This will enhance their odds of staying in high school, attending college, staying drug free, a future without gang involvement, and staying out of the criminal justice system.

“At Bank of the Sierra, we are happy to help enrich the futures of the youth in our community. R.M. Pyles Boys Camp offers this opportunity,” stated James C. Holly, President and CEO of Bank of the Sierra.

About The Sierra Grant Program

The Sierra Grant Program is designed to improve the quality of life for the families, especially the children, who reflect the diversity within Bank of the Sierra branch communities. The Sierra Grant Program is focused on three areas: community services, park preservation, and education. Anyone involved in a non-profit program that is interested in a Sierra Grant can pick up an instructional brochure at any Bank of the Sierra branch.

About Bank of the Sierra

With over \$1.3 billion in assets and strong performance ratios, Bank of the Sierra is the largest independently owned community bank headquartered in Southern San Joaquin Valley’s Heartland. The bank serves 15 different communities with 23 branches, two Ag Centers and one SBA Center. For more information visit the web site at www.bankofthesierra.com or call (888) 454-BANK.

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