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Orinda Boy Scouts to the Rescue

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Bill Hummer (far right) with Tyler Young (center), Trevor Langum, and Jaikar Beasley (front). Erin Grey not pictured Photo Andrea A. Firth

On a recent backpacking trip the members of Orinda Boy Scout Troop 237 were able to put their outdoor survival skills into practice as they helped to rescue a stranded hiker. Awoken by the man's calls for help at 11:30 p.m., four members of the troop, Jaikar Beasley, Tyler Young, Trevor Langum, Erin Grey, and Assistant Scout Master Bill Hummer set out in the dark and found the lost backpacker with a badly injured ankle and his dog with a serious rattle snake bite. The scouts administered first aid and kept the man and dog warm while activating an emergency GPS transponder to get paramedic assistance. The man was transported to the hospital, and the boys finished out the weekend with an uneventful hike in Little Yosemite. The moral of the story: Be prepared.

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