

JUNIOR AUTHORS PROGRAM

How to Be Brave



Brothers and friends Maverick (left) and Stallone Wood.

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Congratulations to Stallone (11) and Maverick (8), Junior Authors of the Week! In this interview, the Wood brothers talk to Susie about going back to school, skiing, and life since the Creek Fire.

You both ski. What would you tell kids who haven't skied before?

Stallone: If you haven't skied, you should probably go on the bunny hill. I didn't ski for a whole year and I kind of forgot how to, but then I went on the bunny hill a few times and I got that rhythm back. Now I'm going down the big mountains and it's pretty cool. Once I went on this black diamond. My dad said, "Come on, do you want to go on this path?" and I said, "Yeah sure." I'm never going to do that again. It was way too hard.

So you were really brave in that moment.

Yeah, I was trying to be.

Do you think it's possible to be brave and nervous at the same time?

You have to be one thing,

mostly brave. Being brave is better. Being nervous you just won't do it ... you just gotta be positive. I mean I got hurt hundreds of times and I just got back up and kept skiing.

Who are some of the bravest people you know?

My mom and dad. Our whole family is brave. It's cool to be brave. [Mom Annie works at Pine Ridge Elementary, dad Seth at SCE]

Since the fire, what's one thing your mom has done a good job with?

Helping us with home school. It was really really hard.

What did it feel like going back to school?

It's been fun. My mom asks me about my day, like if anything bad happened and I always say, "Nope. Everything is all good. It's an all-good day."

What should friends say to help?

"I'm sorry that your house burnt down. We're gonna keep you in our prayers." That's nice. We said that to a lot of people.

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Stallone and Maverick Wood on the slopes with their father, Seth.

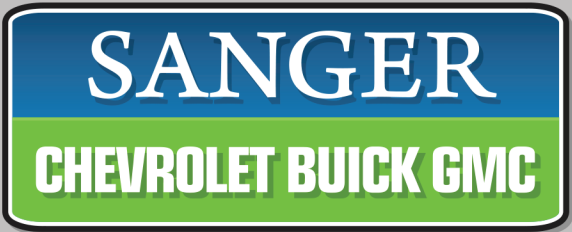
Winter storm map identifies Creek Fire risk zones

The damage caused by the Creek Fire has caused several areas in the foothill and mountain communities of eastern Fresno County to become unstable.

Severe winter storms may contribute to dangerous mudslides and flooding across scarred land. In preparation for potential

natural disasters, the County of Fresno and the Sheriff's Office have collaborated to develop a map to help residents identify high risk zones. Much like the evacuation map accessed by the public during the Creek Fire, residents are able to enter an address into this "Creek Winter Storms" map to see the

different risk levels. If a storm occurs, the map will activate to display evacuation zones. These areas will be listed under three headings: evacuate, warning and no evacuation. Go to <https://maps.fresnosheriff.org/gisportal1/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=72a6b606cb4148c7b54c700812d37534>



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