

TROOP 726 FLASH

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Upcoming Events

Kyle Avery's Life Project – Sept 8

Car Wash – Sept 9



Family Camp/Fall Court of Honor - Sept 15 - 16

AdvanceCamp to Earn MB (District) – Sept 28 - 29

Outdoor Troop Meeting at Canyon – Sept 26

Webelos Skills Night at Troop meeting – Oct 3, Oct 10

Fleet Week and Alcatraz - Saturday, October 6

Miramar Air Show, San Diego – Oct 12 - 14

Shooting Sport (District) – Oct 6 - 7



Scouting for Food – Nov 10, Nov 17



Meeting Dates

PLC Meeting – Saturday 15 pm at 11am (Family Camp. Hawk ridge, Lake Chabot Regional Park), Oct 28th, at 7:00 p.m. 7:00 pm (Faith Lutheran Church)

Board of Review – Oct 15, Nov 26

Troop Meetings –Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm sharp at Masonic Center, **Outdoor meeting on Sept 26, 2012. No Troop meeting on Oct 31**

Website

Don't forget to check out our Troop's awesome website <http://troop726.scoutlander.com>

Raymond Akagi is our Troop Website master. Please send photos from recent events to him. Please include dates and locations when you're sending pictures if possible.

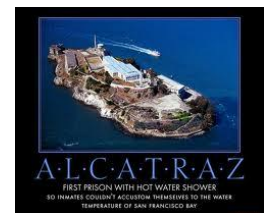
Also please send him any and all permission slips for upcoming events in .doc format so they can be uploaded to the website for all to download.

Fleet Week and Alcatraz - Saturday, October 6

Scout in Charge: Bryant Ling, Adult in Charge: Mr. Avery, Mr. Siu, Mr. Andrews

We will meet at **Masonic Center at 8:30 am on Saturday, Oct 6** for this once in a life time event. The plan is get an early start to see the parade of ships and take tours of Navy ships. Then take the ferry to Alcatraz, get our tour in, and then enjoy the airshow from Alcatraz culminating with the Blue Angels from 3:00 - 4:00. We will have the best seats in the entire Bay Area.

The cost is \$35 per scout. Bring Class A uniform, jacket with hood, day pack with sack lunch, snacks and water. Permission slips are available and there are only limited spots available. Please get the permission slip from Bryant Ling, sign up and turn in your money to guarantee a spot.



Kyle Avery's Life Project – Sept 8

Scout in Charge: Kyle Avery, Adult in Charge: Mr. Avery



The date of my life project is **September 8th From 9:00 Am-1:00 PM**. We will be painting the lower level of the main meeting room inside the **Masonic center**. Wear class C uniform (clothes that can get dirty). There will be fantastic food at the end. Please come and help. Thank you.

Car Wash - Sunday, Sept 9

Scout in Charge: Curtis Werning, Adult in Charge: Mr. Strand and Mr. Fusinati



Curtis Werning is the scout in charge for Car Wash on **Sept 9**. We will be pre-selling tickets for the car wash but folks can pay that day also. We ask each scout to try and sell 5 car wash tickets. They need to return either money or tickets. Everyone in the troop is expected to pitch in and help wash cars that day. Boys and Adults (we need lots of help) will be assigned 2 1/2 hour shifts to work on that day. Scouts must wear their RED troop shirt and closed-toe shoes that can get wet. We also need the following supplies. If you can loan them please get them to Pat Schultz by that morning or the meeting before. Step stools, hoses, long-handled sponges for washing the tops of cars, Squeegees for the windows, hose nozzles.

Permission slips have been passed out. Please sign up. We need everyone to help!

Miramar Air Show, San Diego – Oct 12 - 14

Scout in Charge: Kyle Avery, Adult in Charge: Mr. Siu and Mr. Andrews

Troop 726 will be going camping and watching an air show on **Oct 12-14 at the Miramar Air Station in San Diego**, the "Top Gun" base. On Friday, we will be camping in Angeles national Forest. On Saturday, we will drive to San Diego and watch the air show, and camp at Camp Pendleton Marine Base.

The cost is \$61 which includes gas, camping, and admission. Money for food will not be provided. You need to prepare for 2 breakfast, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners. The space is limited to 15 scouts and 3 adults. Come see the Blue Angels, Canadian Show Birds, and many many more exciting flights. Sign up now!

Family Camp/Fall Court of Honor - Saturday, Sept 15 - 16

Scout in Charge: Mitch Avery, Adult in Charge: Mr. Avery and Mrs. Lozano

Join us for the annual family camping, Court of Honor and celebration of the Troop's birthday. This special will take place **at Hawk Ridge at Lake Chabot Regional Park, Sept. Sat. 15th to Sun. 16th**. The activities will start at 12 noon, **Court of Honor at 3 pm**, cooking by Patrol at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm, campfire and cracker barrel to follow. Breakfast the following morning and check out at 11:00 am. Please RSVP by Sept 5 with number of people attending so each patrol can have an accurate count of people attending and plan their menu/food accordingly. The cost will be \$10 per person (for dinner and breakfast). Don't miss out on the fun. Come see what our Scouts can cook up! Contact Phyllis Lozano by email with any questions, phyllis@qantel.com.



Training

By Randy Wright, Tres Ranchos District Boy Scout Training Chair and Troop 726 Training Chair.

Online Training from your computer is available for many trainings. Please check out all the online trainings. These are all free. Please go to www.SFBAC.org, and then go to training or My Scouting and then select online training for the above. You will need to register.

EVERY SCOUT DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER!

Please, inform me of your trainings. *You can email the info, mail it, put it on the sheet in your troop mailbox, place it in my troops mail box or fax it to 510 -521-7473.*

From time to time new trainings are added to those on-line. Please check often.

Need info about future trainings? Have questions about training? Call Randy Wright at 510-885-0527 or email wright-s@comcast.net. All fliers are on the Tres Ranchos District Web page via www.sfbac.org.



Bobby Paiz	04/04/12
Steven Davidson	08/26/12
Benjamin Andrews	05/10/12
Allen Saylor	07/21/12
Seamus Guerin	10/14/12
Bryce Fong	10/10/12

(from left to right)

Commencement

Congratulations, Owls!
June 6, 2012, Castro Valley, California

Scout Master Minute

By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Scout Master

It occurred to me this summer that just as there are seven days at summer camp there are also seven years in a typical youth scout program. Just as each summer camp has a beginning, middle, and end, so does the seven years of the scouting program.

When a scout joins our Troop it takes a little time to become oriented and to learn the lay of the land, much like the first day of summer camp. Very quickly however most scouts catch on and dive into the program and participate in the fun stuff.

Towards the middle some of the work kicks in and scouts need to start working. At summer camp they may have Merit Badge homework and in the Troop this is their time to lead events as Scout in Charge and take on intermediate leadership positions such as Troop Guide, Instructor, Quartermaster, etc.

At the end the scouts start to diverge in their paths. Some scramble to finish their work before the calendar runs out while others find activities to enjoy knowing that their work is done.

Sometimes the work does not get done on time. For a summer camp Merit Badge a partial may not be critical because a scout can complete the merit badge after summer camp, although that task becomes much more difficult. For the program however, there is no chance to complete your Eagle after age 18. You have to ask yourself what kind of scouting career do you want to have? Do you want to postpone your last 5 Eagle required Merit Badges until your final year along with your project and perhaps earn your Eagle Rank a few days before your 18th Birthday or do you want to stay on target and enjoy the trail to Eagle and reach the top of the mountain with a little time to enjoy the view before you age out?

Remember too, you are not the only person involved in your journey to Eagle. For your Eagle Project you need to show leadership in service which includes rallying others to give their time to your project. There are Troop leaders who you will need to go to for guidance, conferences, and signatures. You will also need to make appointments with people at the Council level. A scout is Courteous and will allow time for adult type people who volunteer their time to help them in a non-crisis timeframe.

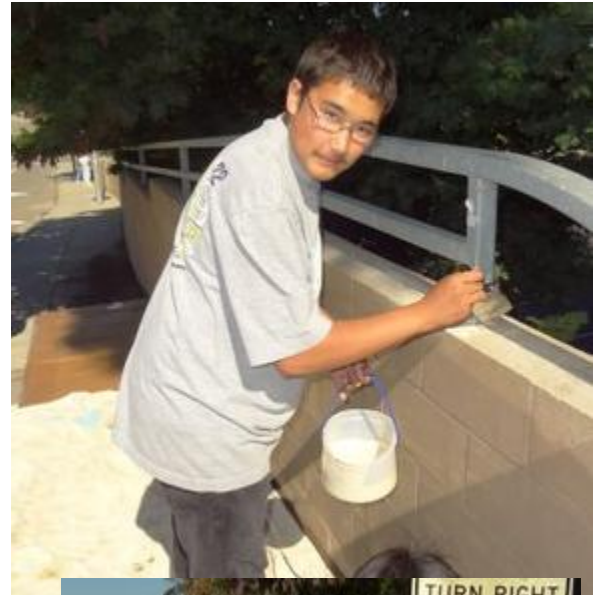
Contrapositively, I would also like to ask that everyone associated with the Troop, youth and adults, to mentally prepare yourselves for a year of service. There may be as many as 11 Eagle Projects between now and June. These events are always extra to the published calendar and often planned only 4 – 6 weeks out. These scouts have given their time and leadership to the program and will now be asking for your help for them and the various beneficiary organizations. While giving service to an Eagle project is a reward in itself, there is a circle of Eagle projects as the younger boys help the older boys, so too will the future members of Troop 726 help those who are the younger boys now.

Please join us in another fun year filled with fun events and Eagle Projects – Mr. Avery

Journey of Scouting

Keane Hubbard's Life Project

On Friday, June 8, my dad and I power washed the retaining wall at Masonic Center, getting all the dirt off of it, preparing it for paint. On Saturday, June 9, with many scouts' help, we all got rollers and painted the wall. A few scouts got brushes to paint around the metal bars and touched up. Afterward, we had pizza and sandwiches. Thank you to all the adults and scouts who came to help with my project.



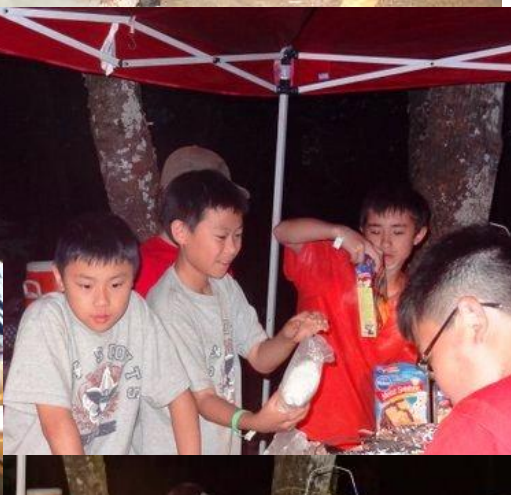
Troop 726 – Summer Camp at Wente 2012

Photo by Mr. Siu

Troop 726 went to Wente Scout Reservation June 17- 23, 2012! Wente Scout Reservation, one of the most popular Boy Scout camps in Northern California, is located among the rolling hills and woodlands about 10miles east of the town of Willits near the headwaters of the Russian River.



Summer Camp 2012 – Hanging Out



Summer Camp 2012 – Troop 726



Summer Camp 2012 – Fun, Fun, Fun!



Summer Camp 2012 – Making Memories



Troop Overnight Meeting – July 27 - 28

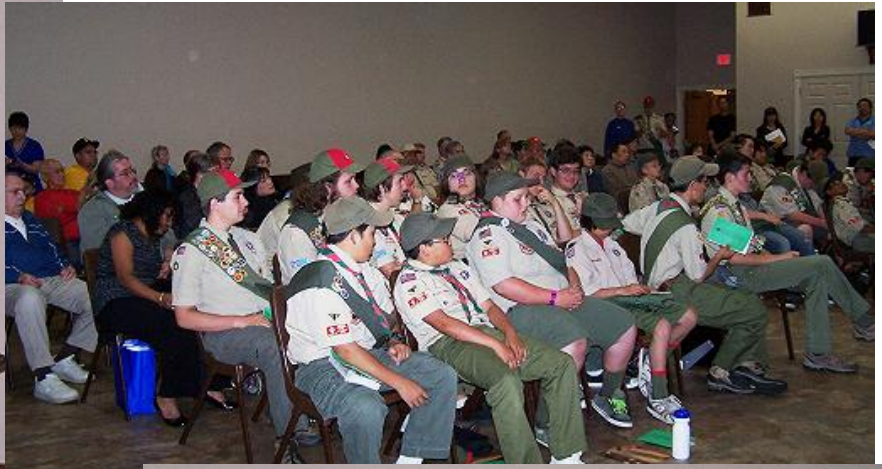
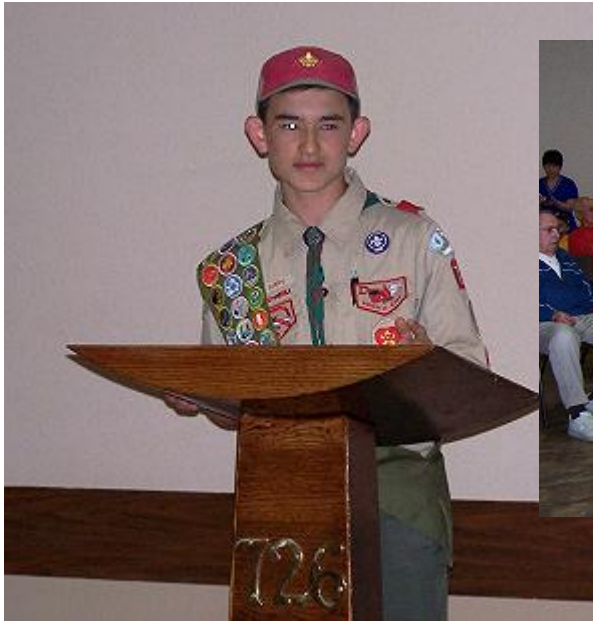
Scout in Charge: Jeffrey Jiang, Photo by Mr. Fong

We had a summer PLC meeting at Garin Park in Hayward on Friday, July 27th. We slept under the stars and everyone had a great time.



Summer Court of Honor – June 6

SPL: Mitch Avery, ASPL: Raymond Akagi



Summer Court of Honor – Recognitions



Summer Court of Honor – Rank Advancement



Justin Raynor - Scout



Matthew Kuan - Scout



Jeffrey Jiang - Tenderfoot



Michael Yi – First Class



Seamus Guerin – 3rd Bronze Eagle Palm



Keane Hubbard - Star



Larry Whitmeyer – Bronze Eagle Palm (not pictured)



Philmont

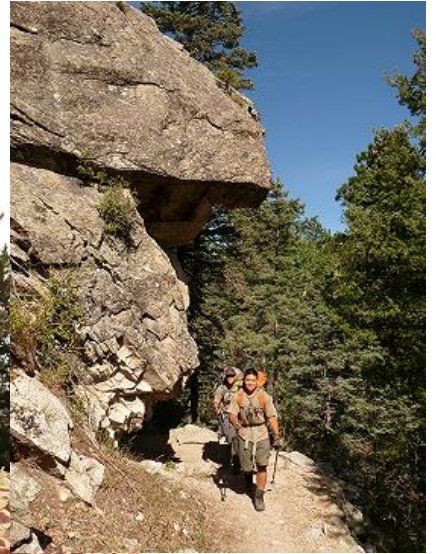
Photo by Mr. Andrews

Philmont Scout Ranch is the Boy Scouts of America's largest national high-adventure base. It covers 137,000 acres - about 214 square miles - of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo (Blood of Christ) range of the Rocky Mountains in northern New Mexico. Thirty-four staffed camps and 55 trail camps are operated by the ranch. Philmont has high mountains dominating rough terrain with elevations ranging from 6,500 to 12,441 feet.

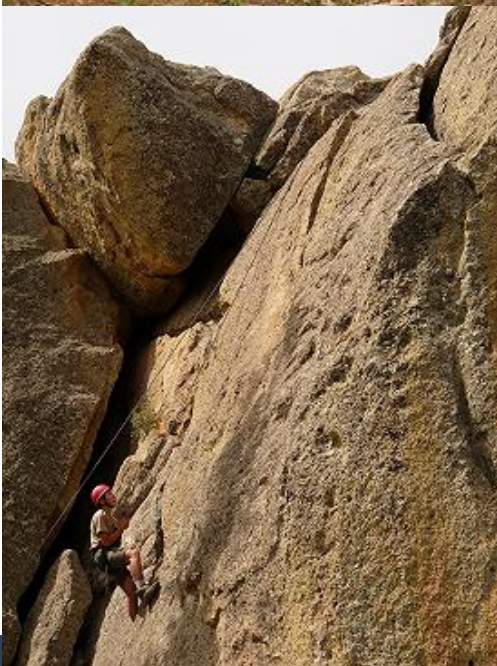
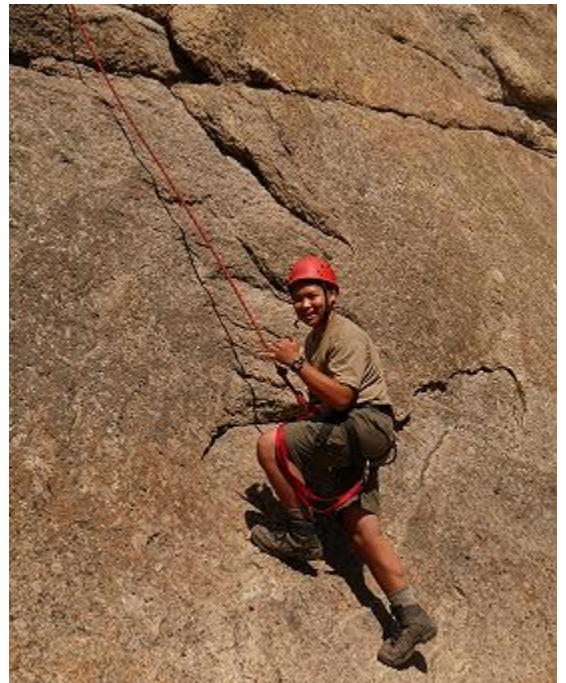
Kenji Pinzon, Mitch Avery, and Raymond Akagi and Mr. Andrews joined members of Venture Crew 168 for a 14-day long (July 26 through August 8), fantastic, once-in-a-life time high adventure trip in the sky-high backpacking country. They participated in program features combine the best of the Old West - horseback riding, burro packing, gold panning, chuckwagon dinners, and interpretive history - with exciting challenges for today, such as rock climbing, burro racing, mountain biking, and .30-06 rifle shooting. It was an unbeatable experience of fast-moving fun and the outdoors.



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Seamus Guerin's Eagle Scout Court of Honor – Aug 10

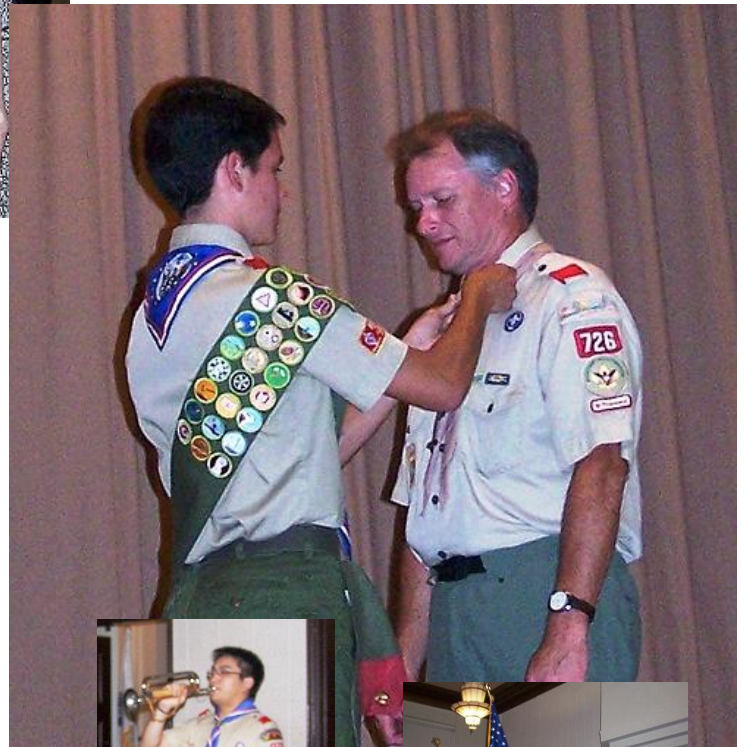
Troop 726, friends and families celebrated Seamus Guerin's achievement as Eagle Scout on Aug 10, 2012 at Hayward Veteran's Memorial Building on Main Street in Hayward, California. Congratulations!



Seamus Guerin's Eagle Court of Honor – Congratulation!



Seamus Guerin's Eagle Court of Honor – Celebrate!



Masonic Center Flag Presentation – July 5

By Scout in Charge: Mathew Kuan



The **Masonic Center** hosted an Independence Day dinner on July 5. Matthew Kuan, Sam Kim, and Josh Siu presented and retired the flags. Tall of the organization that rent Masonic Center retired flag. We had dinner afterward.

Fishing Overnight – July 20-21

By Scout in Charge: Kiyoshi Ito



For this event, our intention were to help the younger scout try and achieve the fishing merit badge. We did all of the fishing requirements and were able to go fishing the night we arrived (July 20) and the following morning. We camped at the El Venado camp ground at Lake Chabot. This was a great event and we had about 20 scouts attending. It was a fun experience for all. Thank you Mr. Pinzon and Mr. Wilson for being the adults in charge.

Austin Le's Life Project – Aug 26

By Scout in Charge: Austin Le

I want to thank the following scouts and parents that came out on Sunday August 26, from 9 AM until 1:30 PM, at the Masonic Center. Raymond Akagi, Kyle Avery, Mitch Avery, Kiyoshi Ito, Jeffrey Jiang, Zuvohn Maloof, Kenji Pinzon, Joshua Siu, Michael Yi and Steele Eubanks. The adult in charge Mr Markison, and Mr Pinzon, also helping Mr Avery, Mr Jiang, Mr Maloof, and Mr Siu.

My life project was for the Masonic Center, to repaint the graffiti-ridden cyclone fence facing the Castro Valley Blvd. Also we helped rake up excess leaves from the hillside in the parking lot.

Mr Life Project is complete, now I am looking forward to my Eagle Project as soon as possible.

Attention All Scouts!

Is your Scout due current? Scout due is \$5.00 per month, payable by the first meeting of the month. You need to keep your due current in order to participate in outings!

Also, **please check your garage for Troop equipment, clean and return them promptly.**

Want to Earn more Merit Badges? Check out this District Event!

AdvanceCamp 2012 is set for September 28-29, in Antioch. We will have over 50 merit badges including Chess, Geocaching, Inventing, Robotics and Welding. For more information check out our website at www.advancecamp.com. - This year we will offer online registration beginning in July.

Troop News

Troop T-Shirt Order – By Mrs. Lozano

Our inventory of troop tee shirts has been depleted and therefore we will be placing an order for more. At this time we have the opportunity to offer long sleeve tee shirts and crew neck sweatshirt. This is a one-time pre-paid order opportunity. We will continue to have short sleeve t-shirts available thought out the year. However, long-sleeve tees and sweatshirts are only available by special order.

If you want a troop tee, long-sleeve tee or crew neck sweatshirt, please fill out the attached order form and return by Wed Sept 12 Troop meeting. Thank you.

Jamboree on the Air – By Mr. Avery

Troop 726 - although this is not a Troop function, I wanted to make you all aware of the **Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)** on **Saturday, October 20, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the San Leandro Scout Office. \$5 will get you a patch and lunch and time on the rock wall from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

A flyer may appear on the SFBAC website. The contact info is cindysiehjeans@sbcglobal.net and kd6yst4577@att.net

Mr. Wright in our Troop is a **Radio Merit Badge** Counselor and can advise you if attending will help you achieve your Radio MB. Have fun.

Mr Wright Won First Place in the adult category at the first annual Tres-Rancho Archery Shoot. Congratulations! Prize for first place winner is \$20 gift card to the Scout Shop. Next year promises more participants and better prizes so look out for announcement of the event date in August 2013!

Memorial Day ceremony,
May 28, 2012, Lone Tree Cemetery.



San Francisco Bay Area Council 2013 National Scout Jamboree

The National Scout Jamboree will be held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. This is an all new National Jamboree emphasizing high adventure activities. Be one of the first Scouts to experience all this site has to offer including whitewater rafting, zip-lining, rappelling, mountain biking, hiking, and more.

Dates: including tour, Jamboree dates are July 13 - July 24, 2013

Cost: \$2,800 for Scouts (same as 2010 National Jamboree)
\$2,400 (estimated) for Leaders

Please contact Mr. Andrews for more information.

SHOOTING SPORTS CAMP FOR BOY SCOUTS AND VENTURERS

Safety Instruction - .22 Rifle Marksmanship - Archery - Tomahawks - Wildlife Conservation Class - Trapshooting/Shotgun Course - BIG FUN ! This is a great camp for older Scouts and Venturers. Participants will sign-up and camp by Troop/Crew, with at least two registered adults per unit in camp at all times. Camp is limited to 144 Scouts!

Merit Badge instruction will be provided, however award of archery, rifle and shotgun merit badges is in part dependent upon individual Scouts marksmanship abilities and past experience.

Session Dates are **Saturday to Sunday, October 6-7, 2012** at Rancho Los Mochos, 18450 Mines Rd Livermore, 94550: If arriving Friday night, arrival time is after 6PM (no dinner provided) Cost is only \$45 per Scout and \$20 per adult.

Register online at our website at <http://www.sfbac.org/camping/boyscout/shooting> Questions? Contact Emily at (510)577-9218 or Emily.Determan@

Patrol News



Patrol leaders please submit your article to Ms. Chang by the Last Friday of the month by phone 317-9179 or email SandiaChang@comcast.net, or if you prefer, put the article in her mail slot by the Wednesday before the end of the month.

Fox

Curis, Robert, Vincent, Patrick, Aaron, Justin went to Camp Wentle. All of us got Fireman Chit and Tottin Chit at Camp Wentle. We went to camp to get merit badges. Almost all of us got all of the ones we were going for!

By Justin Raynor

Bats

Josh, Zurvohn, Mac, and Mathew went to summer camp at Wentle and earned many merit badges. We had lots of fun. I want to do it again. Mac and Josh are advancing in ranks.

By Mac Strand

Ravens

This month, our patrol was not very active but helped out at the container meeting at Independent.

By Jeffrey Jiang

Cobras

We went to summer camp, we earned some merit badges and had a great time. A couple of scouts went on a kayaking field trip.

By Michael Yi

Scorpions/ Dragons

No submittal

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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BE PREPARED



Our newsletter goal is to provide information to scouts and parents at the 1st meeting of the month. Dates and information for this newsletter are due by the last Friday of each month.

Committee Chair's Corner

By Phyllis Lozano, Troop 726 Committee Chair

Each year as Family Camp rolls around I look at my family life, my scouting life, my church life and my work life, and each year I find a well balance wonderful life. This year, I find that life has thrown many curve balls at me and many left turns. In February, my employer for 32 years had to lay off ½ of the company and my position was eliminated. In June, I accepted a full time position with The Latino Commission of Alcohol and Drug Abuse. With this new position my daily compute and my availability has been drastically impacted.

Scouting and Troop 726 has been a big part of my life and at this time, I regret to inform you that I must retire for the position of Committee Chair for Troop 726. Last year as our new scoutmaster took over, I committed to him that I would continue for his first year, the transition is complete and he is off and running on his own. It is now time for me to take life's left turns and follow them it to where ever they lead.

I will continue to handle the duties of Committee Chair until the December Court of Honor. If you allow, I would like to open the court and have our new chair close the court.

Thanks!

Troop Items for Sale

The following items can be purchased from Mrs. Lozano.

Troop Mug = \$5.00

Troop T-shirts = \$10.00

Duffle Bag = \$26.00

Mrs. Lozano. Email: Phyllis@gantel.com.

Uniform Bank

All items in the uniform bank are first come first serve. Please call Mr. Pica to check for availability. Also, if you think you can donate any items, please bring them to the meeting. Thank you!

Lost Equipment

Please check your garage for Troop equipment. Look for any tents and pans, stoves, etc, that you may have taken home to clean but forgot to bring back. Equipment is very expensive!

Thrifty

A Scout works to pay his own way and to help others. He saves for the future. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

Thank you, Mrs. Lozano, for 14+ years of dedicated service to Troop 726.

