

TROOP 726 FLASH

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Upcoming Events

Pinnacles Rock Climb – March 24 - 25

Planning Conference – March 31

Model Airplane Contest - March 31

Ben Andrews' Eagle Project – March 31 to April 1 (Tentative)

White Water Trip – April 21 - 22

TLT Overnight – April 27 - 28

Earth day – April 28



Meeting Dates

Board of Review – March 19, April 16

PLC Meeting – Sundays, Faith Lutheran Church, March 18. BBQ PLC at noon on April 28 at Independent School after Earthday event.

Troop Meetings – Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm sharp at Masonic Center, Masonic Center is not available on April 25, June 27 (summer, no meeting scheduled) and Sept 26, 2012. **On March 28, we will meet at Canyon Middle School at 6:30 pm.**

Troop 726 Website

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

Seamus 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.

Pinnacles Rock Climb – March 24 – 25

Scout in Charge: Kenji Pinzon, Adult in Charge: Mr. Eslick

We will be having a one night, two day event at **Pinnacles National Mounment**. This event will consist of hiking and rock climbing. We will **leave on Saturday, March 24 from Masonic Center at 7:30 am and return on Sunday, March 25 at 4 pm**. The cost will be announce shortly. Permission slip is available, please see Kenji for sign up. Don't miss out on this fun and challenging event



Planning Conference – March 31

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

Bring your ideas to our planning conference on **Saturday, March 31** (exact time TBA but in late afternoon or early evening), and the location is Faith Lutheran Church. Each patrol has to start working now on at least five good ideas for events for the **calendar year September 2012 - August 2013**. This includes what **Out of Council Summer Camp** we are going to attend in June or July 2013. All events should be scouting related and are allowed to be fun. Scouts can think about big events like going to Miramar or White Water Rafting or Santa Cruz along with smaller events such as local campouts. We need to have balance among events that are higher in price and lower in price, balance among events that are best done at different times of the year, and balance among skill levels and interests of all the scouts. Scouts who come prepared with information on costs and details of their events will more likely get their fellow scouts on board. Come and have a say in what activities the Troop will have next year. See you there!

Model Airplane Contest – March 31

Scout in Charge – Bryce Fong, Adult in Charge: TBA

Model Airplane Contest will be on Sat, March 31 - 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Oakland Aviation Museum at the Oakland Airport. Bryce will be looking for volunteers for the 3rd Annual Model Airplane contest to work on the F4U Corsair. This event is sponsored by the American Legion, the Chartered Organization for Troop 726, and has been won by Troop 726 the first two years.

Earth day – April 28

Scout in Charge: Ben Eckman, Adult in Charge: Mr. Andrews, Mr. Ling

We will be cleaning up Independent hillside on **April 28th**. We'll need various equipment and tools such as rakes, shovels and gloves. Permission slips and more detail to follow.

Larry Whitmeyer Eagle Court of Honor

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, June 3, 2012



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:** (Tentative) July 13 – July 25, 2013 including Tour Jamboree dates are July 15 - July 24, 2013

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

Please contact Mr. Andrews for more information.

White Water Trip – April 21 - 22

Scout in Charge: Kyle Avery, Adult in Charge: Mr. Maloof, Mrs. Schultz

The trip is to go white water rafting down the American River and camp overnight. We will **leave from Masonic Center on April 21 at 10 am and return on April 22 around 4 pm**. The cost is \$106. Permission slips have been handed out. There are only a few slots open. Please give permission slip and money to Kyle or Mr. Maloof right away if you want to sign up.

Troop 726 – Summer Camp Week 2012



Troop 726 is going 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 10 miles east of the town of Willits near the headwaters of the Russian River. While the actual cost of this trip is \$418 the troop committee leadership has voted to subsidize \$100 per scout from the unit's general fund, therefore the charge is \$318 per Scout (plus special merit badge fees). **The initial deposit of \$150 and signed parental permission slip is due.** The remaining balance of \$168 and the doctor-approved BSA health form is due by March 14. Checks payable to Troop 726, cash or Scout Accounts accepted. **For further information please contact Mr. Yi**, Summer Camp Coordinator: 510-582-1673 or email myschool97@yahoo.com or **Mr. Avery**, Scoutmaster at 925-698-1514 or email pack705@earthlink.net

Spring Fundraiser -- Step up and Hike

Towards the end of March, we will be preparing and distributing our annual Hike-a-thon sponsor forms and information packets. Mr. Pica will be organizing our spring fundraiser. If your scout account is running low on funds, this is the time to step up and hike. The Hike-a-thon is designed so that each scout can get out of it, what they put in. If you are work at it, you can pay for a whole year of scouting with just this one fundraiser.

Grand Canyon Trip

Mark your calendar for an exciting trip this summer. Troop 726 is planning a program for our Grand Canyon trip. The highlights of the trip includes camping and hiking at Colorado River, Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Furnace Creek, Death Valley, and Devil's Postpile. **The dates are August 4 – 12.** The approximate cost to the scouts will be **\$500** - gas, food, reservations, etc. We are limiting this trip to 12 people including the two ASM/drivers, Mr. Avery and Mr. Maloof. Don't miss out, sign up early if you are interested in going.

High Adventure Trip This Summer!!

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.

If you are a Troop Committee Member (1, 3) or an Assistant Scoutmaster (1, 3-4) **please** make sure you take the following on line trainings (all are online):

1. Weather Hazards
2. Troop Committee Challenge
3. Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills
4. Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Training

These are really important for you to be considered trained.

Attached is a list of trainings and how long they are good for (attached at the end of the newsletter). Many are "2" years.

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.

Join us at Good Turn Weekends at Camp Royaneh and Wente Scout Reservation

Good Turn weekends are a time for our units to help improve and make repairs at our camp facilities. The weekend for this spring is **April 13-15** at both camps. We will even provide Saturday dinner for those units participating. Sign up forms can be obtained by emailing emilyd@sfbac.org who will email you the reservation form.

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.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

NYLT National Youth Leadership Training
June 25 to June 30

NYLT is the advanced leadership training for youth. Open to 1st class and above Scouts who will be at least 13 by October 1, 2012, this course provides the basic knowledge on how to become a better leader. The Course is also open to all Venturers and accepts Scouts and Venturers from all Councils. Cost this year is \$275 before May 1 and \$295 after May 1.

This year, NYLT will be held **June 25 to June 30 at Camp Cutter in the Santa Cruz Mountains**. Online registrations are ready NOW at www.sfbac-nylt.org. For further information, contact: info@brownsea-nylt.org.

By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Scout Master

You are the sum total of all the experiences in your life. Do you want that sum total to mostly include endless video games and mindless Family Guy reruns or do you want that sum total overflowing with everything you learn in the classes that challenge you the most along with playing outside and the music you learn to play and the skills you learn and the relationships you keep with your family and friends? You will never be the same age you are today or have the same set of circumstances. Lamenting your current condition and pining for the day when you will have a car, for the day you will be in High School, or for the day you will be in college only serves to rob yourself of the riches you should be enjoying on this day.

Learning = Success



Scout Sunday



Scout Sunday



Snowboard/Skiing Day – Dodge Ridge

By Scout in Charge: Raymond Akagi, Photo by Mr. Siu

We skied/snowboarded At Dodge Ridge Ski Resort on Feb 12. It was a blast. We had an amazing turn out this year. we had some snow. Not as much as previous years but still it was fun. We had multiple new scouts who found out that skiing and snowboarding are not that easy. And I would like to thank all of the adults, Mr. Pinzon, Mr. Maloof, Mr. Siu, and Mrs. Schultz who went on this trip. This couldn't have happened without them and I am very grateful that they stepped up and had fun in the snow.



Snowboard/Skiing Day – Dodge Ridge



Dodge Ridge



American Legion Crab Feed

By Scout in Charge - Sammy Wilson, Photo by Mr. Avery

American Legion Crab Feed was on Sat, Feb 18. Zack, Kyle, Mitch, Matthew, Keani, and some other people (I don't remember exactly) went to the Moose Lodge on Rutledge Rd. in Castro Valley. We all had a grand time serving food. The American Legion is our Chartered Organization.



Mr. Wilson being serenaded at American Legion Crab Feed



Crab
Feed

The Wa Sung Community Service Club Crab Feed

By Scout in Charge: Jose Velasco, Photo by Mr. Markison

On Saturday, Feb 25, 20 of our scouts attended the Wa Sung Community Service Club Crab Feed event in which we gave our service to the San Leandro Community at the San Leandro Boys and Girls Club. Our duty was to service dinner to the guests. The night was a big success.



Military Museum

By Scout in Charge: Jason Zhao

On Feb 4, 12 of Troop 726's scouts went to MVTF (Military Vehicle Technology Foundation). It was slow drive there and back. We toured 4 sheds of military vehicles. It was a good tour and we got to hold RPGs and rocket launchers, and went into some vehicles. And everyone learned exciting facts of the vehicles and their history. All in all, everyone had a fun time.

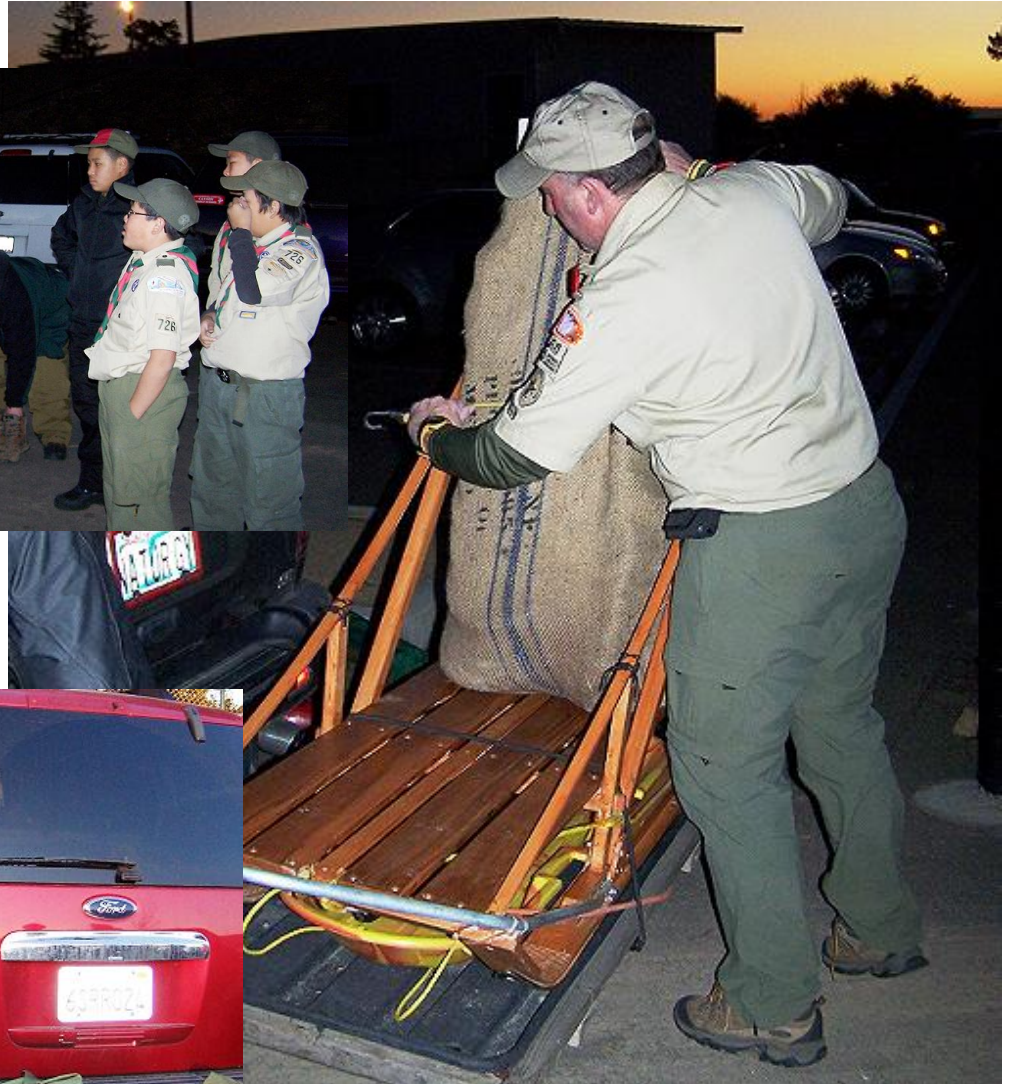


Scouts
sitting on
the original
jeep

Klondike Derby

By Scout in Charge: Ben Andrews

Troop 726! Bryce Fong and Ben Andrews would like to graciously thank all the scouts and adults who attended this event for making it a fantastic last Klondike Derby for the two of us! The troop had a great time bringing many of the newer scouts out to one of the best annual outings we have. Playing in the snow has never been better! Most of our time was spent building snow shelters or waging snow-ball wars against other troops. We concluded the trip with a delicious meal at our favorite restaurant up north, the Sierra Grill. The scouts had a great time, should definitely all attend next year!



Troop News

Crossing Over Ceremony for Justin Raynor Pack 705 - March 1



Welcome to Troop 726

Crossing Over Ceremony for Yuri Overton Pack 708 - March 12



Troop News (Continues)



Working on the sled
during Troop Meeting



Skits at Red and Green dinner – Feb 8



Troop News (Red and Green Dinner – Feb 8)



Friends of Scouting *By Phyllis Lozano*

Each year the council office requests that we present to our troop families the Friends of Scouting Campaign. This year, like in past years, we presented it at our annual Red and Green dinner. Each family was given a pledge card; if you turned yours in last week, THANK YOU, if you haven't please review the information and carefully consider a contribution.

As we always say, we don't know your financial position, but any contribution makes a difference and is deeply appreciated. Be it \$1.00 or \$1000.00, it all helps. It is important that everyone from our Troop give something to show his or her support of Scouting.

You can return your pledge card to me or send your donation directly to the council office. Please mark it with Troop 726 so we get the credit. **If we meet our council-set goal we will receive 15% off our summer camp fees.**



Owls



Our time with the troop is coming to a close as our 18th birthdays approach quickly over the horizon. Bobby will age out in April, and Ben in May while the other scouts get to enjoy a couple more months. Many of our last events have occurred such as Klondike, Summer Camp, and several other of our spontaneous troop events. Graduation, summer and start of our college freshman year are almost here!

By Ben Andrews

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.

Bats



Matthew, Josh, and Zurvohn went to Klondike and had snowball fights. It was March 3rd to 5th. It was in the Sierra Navedas. It was fun to camp in the snow.

By Zarvohn Maloof

Ravens



During the last month, we had a new scout join our patrol. His name is Spencer Vanderpan. Some of the events that members of our patrol attended were the Military Museum, two different crab feeds, and Klondike.

By Jeffery Jiang

Cobras



Justin Raynor Just joined our troop. He was recently crossed over from pack 705. He is now in the Bat's patrol. Justin has visited our troop many times before. Great to have you join our troop, Justin!

By Micahel Yi

Scorpions/ Dragons



We went to several crab feeds this past month. Ryan got 20 bucks, but it hasn't been paid to his scout account yet.

By Jack Zhao

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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

A Scout is **Friendly**.

A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts.

During the month of March we will be welcoming new scouts to our troop. Some of these new scouts will be crossing over from a Cub Scout Pack and some may be new to scouting. Please take the time to introduce yourself to our new scouts and get to know both the scout and his family. In the April Newsletter, we will introduce them officially, but until then when you see someone new at our meetings, please welcome them with an open scouting spirit.

New members -- welcome to Boy Scouts and your new Troop. We're excited to have you join and foremost thank you for selecting Troop 726 as your Troop home. The adventures, leadership values, merit badges, and skills learned and practiced through our program have a positive lifelong impact on our Scouts. There are many items to cover by don't worry, we'll take it one step at a time. Please contact me or our scoutmaster anytime. We are here to help you and your son achieve success in scouting.

Troop Items for Sale

The following items can be purchased from Mrs. Lozano.

Troop Mug = \$5.00, Duffle Bag = \$20.00

You can purchase additional T-shirt (\$10) from Mrs. Schultz. Email: pschultz@mail.com.

Phone: (925) 283-1973

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!

Courteous

A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows good manners make it easier for people to get along together.

Annual Medical Evaluation Form

The Boy Scouts of America recommends that everyone who participates in a Scouting event have an annual medical evaluation by a certified and licensed health-care provider—a physician (MD or DO), nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. For your convenience here is a link to the forms.

http://www.sfbac.org/files/images/pdfs/Annual_Health_part_C.pdf

Please contact me if you are unsure of your status. Also, I will try to follow up with scouts with outdated forms. Please return the forms to me or to Mr. Avery along with a copy of your insurance card. Thank you!

Danielle Wikler (mother of Kendall Law - Bats Patrol)

Attention All Parents!

BSA TRAINING CONTINUUM

	*	Required Training											
	**	Recommended Training											
	#	training good for this # of years					OLC = E - Learning course						
Adult Leadership Courses	Tiger DL	Cub DL	Pack Trainer	Web WL	Cub MC	Cub MC/CA	Troop MC	Troop SM/SA	Venturing Leader	Varsity Leader	OLC / #		
Fast Start											X		
Youth Protection	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	X / 2		
Tiger Den Leader Specific	*												
Cub Scout Den Leader Specific		*											
Pack Trainer Specific			*										
Webelos Leader Specific				*									
Pack Committee Specific					*								
Cubmaster / Asst. Cubmaster Specific						*							
Troop Committee Challenge							*	**			X		
Boy Scout Leader Specific							**	*					
Venturing Adult Leader Training									*				
Varsity Adult Leader Training										*			
Wood Badge	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**			
Scout Parent Unit Coordinator Fast Start											X		
Outdoor Skills													
Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)	**	**	**		**	**							
Webelos Leader Outdoor				**									
Intro. To Outdoor Leader Skills							**	*	**	*			
Supplemental Training	Recommended for -												
Webelos to Scout Transition	Webelos Leaders												
University of Scouting	All Leaders												
Merit Badge Counselor Orientation	Boy Scout or Varsity Leaders and Parents who want to be Merit Badge Counselors												
Physical Wellness	Boy Scout, Venturing and Varsity Leaders planning rock climbing										X / 2		
Weather Hazards	All Leaders										X / 2		
Safety Afloat	Boy Scout, Venturing and Varsity Leaders										X / 2		
Safe Swim	All Leaders										X / 2		
Climb On Safely	Boy Scout, Venturing and Varsity Leaders planning rock climbing										X / 2		
Trek Safely	Boy Scout, Venturing and Varsity Leaders planning rock climbing										X / 2		
Powderhorn	Boy Scout, Venturing and Varsity Leaders												
Trainer's EDGE	Wood Badge Staff and NYLT Staff										3		
Staffing the District Committee	District Committee Members										X		
Visitation Training											2		
High Adventure Training													
Basic Backpacking	Boy Scout, Venturing and Varsity Leaders planning or participating in backpacking outings										5		
Cycling	Any Leader who plans outings involving bicycling												
Wilderness First Aid	Boy Scout, Venturing and Varsity Leaders planning or participating in backpacking outings												
Canoe Wilderness Tripping	Boy Scout, Venturing and Varsity Leaders planning canoeing or kayaking												
Snow Camping Awareness	Boy Scout, Venturing and Varsity Leaders planning snow camping												
BAS Lifeguard	Boy Scout, Venturing and Varsity Leaders										3		
Lead Climbing Instructor	Boy Scout, Venturing and Varsity Leaders										5		
Climbing Instructor	Boy Scout, Venturing and Varsity Leaders										2		
Cope/Climbing Inspector	Boy Scout, Venturing and Varsity Leaders										2		
National Camping School	Boy Scout, Venturing and Varsity Leaders										5		
Paddle Craft Safety	Boy Scout, Venturing and Varsity Leaders										3		
Aquatic Supervisor/Swim & Water Rescue	Boy Scout, Venturing and Varsity Leaders										3		
Chain Saw Safety	Boy Scout, Venturing and Varsity Leaders										2		