

TROOP 726 FLASH

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Upcoming Events

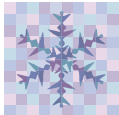
Rim of the Bay, Date to be determined

Tres Rancho Merit Badge Extravaganza, Feb 13

Ski/Snowboard Trip, Feb 21

OA Klondike Derby Weekend, March 5-7

Chemistry Merit Badge Outing, March 28



Model Airplane Competition April 10

100 Years of Scouting April 16-18

Camp Makualla July 3-11

Meeting Dates

Committee Meeting –March 1 and April 1, 7:00 pm (Faith Lutheran Church)

Board of Review –Feb 15 and March 8 (Last one before the March 17 Court of Honor)

ASM Meeting –Feb 8 and March 8

PLC Meeting – Feb 25 and April 22

Court of Honor - March 17

Troop Meetings –Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm sharp at Masonic Center

(No troop meeting on Wed Feb 24, Apr 28, Jun 23, Sep 22 and Nov 10- Masonic center is not available.

Alternative date, time and place will be announced).

Troop 726 Website

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



Sierra at Tahoe Ski/Snowboard Trip, Feb 21

Scout in Charge: Jacob Schultz, Adult in Charge: Mr. Guerin

Ski or snowboard, rent equipment if you need. Spend **Sunday, Feb 21** on the slopes with your friends. The cost consists of \$15 per Scout for gas plus (pick what you need)...

Lift tickets: Youth (6-12) \$16, Teen (13-19) \$40, Adult \$49

Equipment rental: Youth (6-12) \$25, Teen (13-19) \$33, Adult \$33

Lessons/equipment/lift tickets: Youth (6-12) \$77, Teen (13-19) \$85, Adult \$85

We will meet at **Masonic Center at 6 am sharp on Feb 21, returning around 7 – 8 pm.**

Permission has been passed out. Talk to Jacob if you don't have one. We need 20 Scouts to participate to get the group rate listed above. Plenty of snow and great condition this year...Don't miss out on the fun!



Tres Rancho Merit Badge Extravaganza, Feb 13 District Event

Come out for an opportunity to meet merit badge counselors and work on merit badges. Many counselors for different merit badges will be available. The list of available merit badges may vary so come on by to see who is there. Date & Time: **Saturday, February 13, 9:00am – 12pm**. Location: Fremont at the Gatewood LDS Center 42500 Gatewood Street



Rim of the Bay Hike, Date to be Determined

Scout in Charge: Kenji Pinzon, Adult in Charge: Mr. Eversole and Mr. Andrews

Due to the unsettled weather, mudslides, and snow, the rim of the bay hike to Mount Saint Helena has been postponed. This is an 11 mile hike with an 1,400 foot elevation gain. A new date will be announced but it will probably be on a Saturday, meeting at 7:30 AM at Masonic Center and returning between 6 and 6:30 pm. Permission slips are out already. This is a fun but challenging hike. Don't miss out, sign up early!



OA Klondike Derby Weekend March 5-7

By Michael Andrews, Troop 726 Outdoor Program Coordinator

Mark your calendar, March 5 – 7 for the "coolest" camping event attended every year by T726 Scouts!!! Held annually at the Snowflower Preserve and Snow Park off I-80 in the Sierra Mountains, this year's winter storms will ensure plenty of snow for some chilly fun: snow-shoeing, sled-racing, competing at Scout skills, and cooking out under the tall pines. **This event is open to all Boy Scouts and adult leaders who have attended the OA Winter Camping Awareness program**, register by the February 10th Troop meeting, and are prepared for the challenges of winter camping conditions. We will meet **at Masonic Center on Friday March 5 at 5 pm, return around 3 pm on Sunday March 7**. The cost is \$50 per Scout. Permission slips with further details are available. Question? Contact *Mr. Andrews, Outdoor Program Coordinator* (510/728-0774 or sierrascout@sbcglobal.net).



Chemistry Merit Badge Outing, March 28

Scout in Charge: Seamus Guerin, Adult in Charge: Mr. Avery, Mr. Eversole

Ready for some fun with science, enjoy a day at a park, cook/experiment with food, and earn the Chemistry Merit Badge too? Don't miss out on the Chemistry Merit Badge outing on **March 28**. The event will be held at the **Greenridge Park, 6078 Greenridge Rd., Castro Valley, CA, from 9 am to 4 pm**. The cost is \$10 including a hot lunch and Merit Badge Supplies. The permission slip will be available shortly. Make sure you sign up for this fun and productive outing.

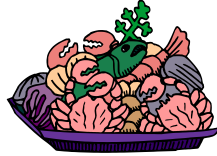


Crab Feed community service, Jan 25

By Scout in Charge: Kenji Pinzon, Adult in Charge: Mrs. Lozano

On Monday Jan. 25, 2010, several scouts helped the Native Sons of The Golden West with their annual Crab Feed. Mitch Avery, Kyle Avery, Bryant Ling, Jack Zhao, Jason Zhao, Michael Yi, Marcos Andrade, Keane Hubbard, and I (Kenji Pinzon) showed up to the Hayward Veterans Memorial Building, eager to help. We served tables and gave out prizes for a raffle. Helping Veterans is very important for they have done so much to serve our country. We all greatly appreciate their efforts toward the good of the country.

This event was both a service activity and a fundraiser. Thanks to all who came to help. We received a lot of compliments about our scout's service. Tips and fees from the organizers added up to \$630, with \$70 to each participant's scout account.



T726 Pet Show, Jan 30

By Scout in Charge: Seamus Guerin

It was a sunny afternoon on the 30th day of the 1st month of 2010th year, according to Gregorian calendar. It was a joyous event full of exciting and thrilling beasts and furies alike. We all wait in eager anticipation to find out the winners of the ballots whose names will be announced during Red and Green dinner. Cheers to all who came and participated in our very first Troop 726 Pet Show!



Special Merit Badge Opportunity for 2010 Only

Do you know a Boy Scout who would like to do something few other Boy Scout will ever do? Yes, I'm sure you do!

This year and this year ONLY...four historic Merit Badges are being offered to help celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the B.S.A. They MUST be done, finished and completed in 2010 and will never be offered again! The four are Carpentry, Pathfinding, Signaling, and Tracking. The actual merit badge itself appears to have gold around the edge too! Find more about it at the National website!



Signaling



Tracking



Pathfinding



Carpentry

University of Scouting, Feb 6

By Adult in Charge: Mr. Markison

The University of Scouting is an annual training extravaganza for all Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity, and Venturing leaders as well as potential leaders and Venturing youth. This year's event was held on Saturday Feb 6, 2010, at Foothill High School in Pleasanton. The following people worked on the Troop Fund raiser, Raymond Akagi, Ryan Flynn, Kenji Pinzon and Steve Davidson. Mr. Markison was in charge and assisted by Mr. Davidson. We sold Hot Meatball sandwiches. The boys worked from 8 am until 1:30 PM. Everyone worked hard and had lots of fun. The total money earned will be available later.



Scout Sunday, Feb 7

Adult in Charge: Mrs. Lozano

A Scout is Reverent... Once again this year, Troop 726 participated and helped with Scout Sunday at Faith Lutheran Church on Redwood road. The service started at 9:00 and last 1 hour. Our troop helped with the flag service and took part in the service. Scout enjoyed refreshments and fellowship time with other scout troops in the area after the service.

Thanks to all scouts, parents, and families who attended the event and show your support.



Feb 7, 2010 at Faith Lutheran Church, Scout Sunday

TROOP MODEL AIRPLANE CONTEST

Scout in Charge: Bryce Fong

On April 10, 2010, there will be an American Legion model airplane contest in which Troop 726 will be competing. Anyone who would like to participate, please contact Bryce Fong at the next troop meeting. We will need people who have skills such as building and painting the model and writing and researching the historical diorama.



100 YEARS OF SCOUTING IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Scout in Charge: Steve Davidson, Adult in Charge: Mr. Fong

On Friday, April 16, 2010, we will be heading to the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton to celebrate scouting's 100th birthday. Among the exciting events planned for the weekend are BMX racing, special music performances, high adventure and a World Record-setting Pinewood Derby Race! You don't want to miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

The cost will be \$45 per scout for 2 nights of camping. Please turn in your permission slips before January 6 for guaranteed admission.

For further information, please contact:

Scout-in-charge: Steve Davidson, (510)581-4567

Adult-in-charge: Byron Fong, (510)567-8963

SFBAC TROOP 726 – SUMMER CAMP WEEK 2010

Troop 726 is going out of state for 2010 summer to Camp Makualla located in the state of Oregon, July 3 – 11, 2010!

Camp Makualla has program opportunities for both younger Scouts and advanced Scouts. 37 merit badges including shooting sports, climbing, fishing, and sailing will be available. For advanced Scouts, the camp has a High Adventure Program which includes caving, whitewater, and climbing that will be done outside of camp. We will also be visiting Crater Lake.

We will be traveling by railroad to camp via Amtrak! **Departing Oakland's Jack London Square at 9:47 pm on Saturday night, July 3, 2010. Returning to Jack London Square at 8:35 am on Sunday morning, July 11, 2010.** Estimated cost for camp is \$275 (this is \$120 less than 2009) and includes; personal spending money, Amtrak rail transportation, troop equipment, leadership fees, and Crater Lake tour.

The initial deposit of \$100 and a signed copy of the parental permission slip are due by Wednesday, Feb 10th. The final balance of \$175 will be due Wednesday, March 10th, and all payment plans can utilize Scout account funds, cash, or checks written to TROOP 726. After March 10, the fee increases to \$325. For further registration information, please contact Mr. Patrick Yi (510) 388-1829.



Camp Makualla, Here We Come!

CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SCOUTING AT THE 2010 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

There are still a few spaces left for our Boy Scouts to join the SFBAC contingent to the 2010 National Scout Jamboree in Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. A Jamboree is always an once-in-a-lifetime event and this Jamboree will be even more special. Many of our scouts are already signed to go. For further info, contact Mr. Andrews (sierrascout@sbcglobal.net) or if you need help with MyScouting contact JoAnn at the council office (510-577-9203).

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!

The following trainings will be held:

1. Roundtable every month. Meet people and have fun learning more about scouting. Second Thursday evening of each month at the Boy Scout Center in San Leandro.
2. Did you complete any training lately? Please let me know. A copy of your training card would be the best. For example, University of Scouting or HAT trainings.
3. Beginning January 2009, leaders will be required to renew Youth Protection, Safety Afloat and Safe Swim every 2 years and training called **"Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather Training"** (this is only available online). These are required on tour permits.
4. **"This is Scouting"** is now on line. If you haven't taken NLE please take this course at www.sfbac.org under adult training. I do have a video for this that I can loan to you.
5. If your HAT training is about to expire, please register for the upcoming HAT refresher course. Your training must be renewed every 5 years.
6. New on-line trainings appear all the time. Check in occasionally and see what's new!

If haven't take Youth Protection in the last two years you need to before you can participate in any outing or programs with our youth. You also are required by National to take the Weather Hazards course if you are a tour leader or are signing the tour permit.

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.

Scout Advancements

By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Advancement Coordinator

This month there was a Pets MB pet show on 1/31 with 7 scouts and 2 Webelos in attendance (Raymond Akagi, Kyle Avery, Mitch Avery, Ben Eckman, Seamus Guerin, Keane Hubbard, Freddie Kao, Will Oliveira, Kenji Pinzon). We had 8 pets including cats, dogs, a hamster, and a parrot. Mr. Kao is our new Pets MB counselor.

On March 28, there will be the first and main part of the Chemistry MB at the Greenridge Park in Castro Valley. Seamus Guerin is the Scout in Charge and Mr. Avery is the MB counselor.

There are four MB's that are being introduced for 2010 only. They are Carpentry, Pathfinding, Signaling, and Tracking. We currently don't have MB counselors for these – but you can look for opportunity to sign up to earn them at summer camp for this once in a scouting career opportunity.

Troop News

Winter Awareness Training is being held in house over the next few Troop meetings. Please make every effort to make it to Troop meeting so you don't miss out on the opportunity to learn how to be prepared for Winter activities. **You must complete this training to go on winter/snow related outings.** The Scout in Charge is Kiyoshi Ito.

Updated Annual Health and Medical Record is due by the **end of January**. If you haven't turned in your form yet, please give the completed forms to Mrs. McGrue (Larry Whitmyer's mom).

U-Waste we received a check from the CVSD for \$1300.54. The money goes toward summer camp.

See's Candy Fund Raiser Chocolate cases will be available at the Red and Green dinner for scouts to take that evening and begin selling. The Adult in Charge is Mrs. Schultz.

Hike-a-thon this year is on May 14th. With agreement of the Troop committee, it will be opened up to the Jamboree troop, as well as incoming Webelos, to join in this fundraising opportunity. The Adult in Charge is Mrs. Schultz

An overnight skills camping session will follow.

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.

Cobras 🤔

The Cobras are trying to plan a Patrol outing but lately many issues have come up. Scouts advanced from the last Court of Honor are:

Mitch – First Class
Raymond – First Class
Austin - Tenderfoot

By Mitch Avery

Scorpions/ Dragons 🤔

We have not much going on. Jack is trying to advance to First Class.

By Will Oliveila

Owls/ Rocks 🤔

Go Saints!

By Steve Davidson

Winter Court of Honor, Dec 9, 2009



Rank advancement of Raymond, Michael, Bryan, and Larry

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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

Once again, I feel like time is flying by; it is February again and time to celebrate the birthday of scouting and reflect upon the scouting program. We will celebrate the birth of scouting at our annual Red and Green dinner on Wednesday Feb 10; which will also be the day you are reading this issue of the newsletter. At the Red and Green dinner, I will present the State of the Troop address and our Friends of Scouting pledge request and it is a time for us to reflect upon the values of the scouting program.

Attached to this month's newsletter are the Aims and Methods of Scouting. This is what we are all about. Please read and remember why our program is so important in today's busy world.



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

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!



Casey Perrault, Dec 16, 2009, Holiday Gathering

Uniform Bank

All items in the uniform bank are first come first serve. Please call Mr. Woo or Ms Huie 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!

Obedient

A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.

Aims and Methods of the Scouting Program

The Scouting program has three specific objectives, commonly referred to as the "Aims of Scouting." They are character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness.

The methods by which the aims are achieved are listed below in random order to emphasize the equal importance of each.

Ideals. The ideals of Boy Scouting are spelled out in the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Scout motto, and the Scout slogan. The Boy Scout measures himself against these ideals and continually tries to improve. The goals are high, and as he reaches for them, he has some control over what and who he becomes.

Patrols. The patrol method gives Boy Scouts an experience in group living and participating citizenship. It places responsibility on young shoulders and teaches boys how to accept it. The patrol method allows Scouts to interact in small groups where members can easily relate to each other. These small groups determine troop activities through elected representatives.

Outdoor Programs. Boy Scouting is designed to take place outdoors. It is in the outdoor setting that Scouts share responsibilities and learn to live with one another. In the outdoors the skills and activities practiced at troop meetings come alive with purpose. Being close to nature helps Boy Scouts gain an appreciation for the beauty of the world around us. The outdoors is the laboratory in which Boy Scouts learn ecology and practice conservation of nature's resources.

Advancement. Boy Scouting provides a series of surmountable obstacles and steps in overcoming them through the advancement method. The Boy Scout plans his advancement and progresses at his own pace as he meets each challenge. The Boy Scout is rewarded for each achievement, which helps him gain self-confidence. The steps in the advancement system help a Boy Scout grow in self-reliance and in the ability to help others.

Associations With Adults. Boys learn a great deal by watching how adults conduct themselves. Scout leaders can be positive role models for the members of the troop. In many cases a Scoutmaster who is willing to listen to boys, encourage them, and take a sincere interest in them can make a profound difference in their lives.

Personal Growth. As Boy Scouts plan their activities and progress toward their goals, they experience personal growth. The Good Turn concept is a major part of the personal growth method of Boy Scouting. Boys grow as they participate in community service projects and do Good Turns for others. Probably no device is as successful in developing a basis for personal growth as the daily Good Turn. The religious emblems program also is a large part of the personal growth method. Frequent personal conferences with his Scoutmaster help each Boy Scout to determine his growth toward Scouting's aims.

Leadership Development. The Boy Scout program encourages boys to learn and practice leadership skills. Every Boy Scout has the opportunity to participate in both shared and total leadership situations. Understanding the concepts of leadership helps a boy accept the leadership role of others and guides him toward the citizenship aim of Scouting.

Uniform. The uniform makes the Boy Scout troop visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. Boy Scouting is an action program, and wearing the uniform is an action that shows each Boy Scout's commitment to the aims and purposes of Scouting. The uniform gives the Boy Scout identity in a world brotherhood of youth who believe in the same ideals. The uniform is practical attire for Boy Scout activities and provides a way for Boy Scouts to wear the badges that show what they have accomplished.