

TROOP 726 FLASH

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Upcoming Events

Family Camp and Court of Honor
at Lake Chabot's Bort Meadows - Sept 11 – 12

Car Wash – Masonic Center, Sept 25

Miramar UCMC Air Show – Oct 1 – 3

Shooting Sports Camp at Rancho Los Mochos,
Oct 1-3 (District Event)

Santa Cruz Boardwalk Overnight – Oct 8 – 9

Popcorns and See's Candy Fundraisers - Sept
– Oct



Meeting Dates

Committee Meeting –Sept 6 and Oct 4, 7:00 pm
(Faith Lutheran Church)

ASM Meeting – Sept 13, Oct 11

Board of Review –Sept 20, Oct 18

PLC Meeting – Sept 23, Oct 28

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

(No troop meeting on Wed 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
website <http://troop726.scoutlander.com>



Family Camp at Lake Chabot and Court of Honor, Sept 11 - 12

Scout in Charge: Bryant Ling, Adult in Charge: Mr. Guerin and Mrs. Lozano

Join us for the annual **family camp and Fall Court of Honor** on **Sat – Sun, September 11th – 12th at Bort Meadows, Lake Chabot Regional Park**. We will celebrate the Troop's birthday with great food and fun. The activities will start at 12 noon, Court of Honor at 4 pm, cooking by Patrol at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm, campfire and cracker barrel to follow. Please RSVP by Sept 1 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!



Car Wash – Masonic Center, Sept 25

Scout in Charge: Larry Whitmeyer, Adult in Charge: Mr. Ling

The car wash will be on **Sat, Sept 25 at the Masonic Center from 10 am to 3 pm**. Each volunteer (scout or adult – friends are welcome) is asked to sign up for 2 hour time slot. We are asking each scout to sell a minimum of 5 tickets but would be delighted if you can sell more.

Miramar UCMC Air Show – Oct 1 - 3

Scout in Charge: Bryce Fong, Adult in Charge: Mr. Guerin and Mr. Avery

Don't miss out on this awesome outing to **Miramar UCMC air show in San Diego**, to see the U. S. Navy Blue Angels and Canadian Song Birds. We will leave from **Masonic Center on Friday, Oct 1, 4:00pm and back on Sunday, Oct 3, 4:00pm**

The cost is \$55.00 which includes gas, camping, grand stand seating. ***Does not include food.*** Please sign up by Sept 8.

Santa Cruz Boardwalk Overnight – Oct 8 - 9

Scout in Charge: Mitch Avery, Adult in Charge: Mr. Avery and Mr. Wright

Join your fellow scouts and attend the 2nd annual **Boy Scout Overnight Boardwalk Beach Jam** at the **Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk**. We will leave from **Masonic Center on Fri, Oct 8 at 4 pm and back on Sat, Oct 9, at 7:30 pm**. The cost is \$62 per scout which includes: overnight camping on the Boardwalk, dinner under the stars, flashlight tours of the Boardwalk, beach games, free play in the Fun Land arcade, Boy Scout evening program, continental breakfast, pinewood derby, patch, and unlimited rides on Saturday, all-day. In addition, each scout needs to bring either a bagged lunch or \$11 for lunch for Saturday.

Shooting Sports Camp at Rancho Los Mochos, Oct 1-3 (District Event)

SIGN UP NOW!!!!

Where can you get Safety Instruction, .22 Rifle Marksmanship, Archery, Tomahawks, Wildlife Conservation Class, Trapshooting/Shotgun Course, and have lots of BIG FUN? At Shooting Sports Camp! 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 awarding of archery, rifle and shotgun merit badges is in part dependent upon individual Scouts marksmanship abilities and past experience.

Date, **Friday to Sunday, October 1-3, 2010 at Ranchos Los Mochos**, Livermore. Cost is only \$45 per Scout and \$20 per adult and includes meals. Council refund policy applies. Online signups or print/mail signup form are both available at www.sfbac.org/camping/boyscout/shooting Contact Emily Determan at 510.577.9218 for more information.

Mt. St. Helena Hike and Overnight

By Scout in Charge: Kenji Pinzon

On August 13 – 14, several scouts embarked on a trying endeavor which we accomplished with at a blistering pace. The Mount Saint Helena hike is an 11 mile hike with and 1,400 foot elevation gain. The journey was completed in just 5 hours, with only one obstacle, that being the “misplacement” of two youthful scouts.

Thank you, Mr. Guerin, Mr. Yi, and Mr. Fong for accompanying us on the trip.



Setting off for the hike



Happy Birthday to Mitch



Deserts, anyone?

More Photos from Mt. St. Helena Hike and Overnight



Relaxing in the evening



Bagels for breakfast



Fuel up with breakfast before the hike



Camp site - sleeping under the star



Hiking up hills



Above the clouds

PLC Overnight and Troop Meeting

By Scout in Charge: Kenji Pinzon

On July 30-31, only a few very dedicated scouts attended an overnight troop meeting. We accomplished the textiles merit badge and enjoyed a relaxing evening outdoors.



Working on merit badge



Yum!!



Setting up camp



Foil dinner



Sammy enjoying the foil dinner



Camp ground

Summer Camp

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

By Cobras

We earned 112 merit badges and we dominated all of the camp wide games (except the spiciest chili contest). Our awesome counselor David (Christina) did a great job. And since we named him a girl's name, we named all other boy counselors with girl's name.

By Dragons

Our troop had quite an exquisite experience this year at summer camp. Amtrak was a fun, new way to get to camp, although we could not locate platform 9 and $\frac{3}{4}$'s. That downfall aside, the rest of our time in camp was scrumpdiddleumpscious. From our time spent with Christina (aka David) to merit badge classes and furthermore, completely dominating camp wide games. We all had a grand time.



July 3 2010 Departing from Amtrak train station in Oakland



July 3 2010 Owls Patrol at train station



July 7 2010 After lunch relax time

Photos from Summer Camp



July 7 2010 Mosquitoes didn't bother us



July 7 2010 Troop 726 Camp site



July 7 2010 Will wondering how does it feel to be a mosquito



July 8 2010 Cleaning the toilets Marcos, Jose, Kiyoshi



July 7 2010 Homework time for Kyle, Keane Michael and Mitch



July 8 2010 Pinzon Avery Perrault Yi Guerin Pica , Schultz Dave

Photos from Summer Camp



July 8 2010 Tin fold dinner watch



July 9 2010 Our cheerleaders during the Camp Competition



July 9 2010 Seamus and Casey after their race



July 10 2010 Michael & Patrick Yi and Dave



July 8 2010 Mrs. Schultz - Who said the lake water was warm



July 9 2010 Seamus Mitch and Michael entertaining hungry scouts before dinner



July 10 2010 Crater Lake group picture

More Photos from Summer Camp



July 10 2010 Scouts statues in the snow



July 10 2010 High energy on the bus ride to Amtrak station



July 11 Back at Oakland Amtrak Station



July11 welcome home by families

2010-2011 Troop Fundraising Plan

Troop 726 is first and foremost a Boy run organization and we believe that the greatest growth and experience comes with opportunities for leadership and responsibility. There is an inherit cost that comes with any youth/volunteer program and Troop 726 believes that boys who help earn their own way appreciate the experience more, feel proud of what they have accomplished and move a step closer to becoming responsible young leaders. To this end, Troop 726 offers fundraising events to help offset the cost for both the family and the troop while providing opportunities for the boy to master many skills. It is possible for a scout to pay for an entire year of scouting activities by participating in these events. Below are the 2010 – 2011 events:

See's Candy – Fall Sales, Sept 11 through Oct 27, 2010

Car Wash – Saturday, Sept 25, 2010 at Masonic Center from 10 am to 3 pm

Hike-A-Thon – Month of April (seek sponsors), hike on May 14, 2011

Popcorn Sales – Sept 1 through Oct 30, 2010



Scout Advancements

By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Advancement Coordinator

Scouts of T726 have been busy this summer, earning total of 160 MB's since the last Court of Honor. Congratulations to all! Special recognition for Sam Pica and Terrance Tsang who also earned their sash this summer with their first merit badges. Congratulations also to Bryce Fong, Seamus Guerin, and Kenji Pinzon for earning all four historic merit badges this summer.

The rank advancement is listed below,

Scout: *Steven Decker, Terrance Tsang*

Tenderfoot: *Kyle Avery, Ben Eckman, Zachary Eslick, Sam Pica, Terrance Tsang, Sammy Wilson, Michael Yi*

Second Class: *Keane Hubbard*

Star: *Raymond Akagi, Mitch Avery, Bryant Ling*

Life: *Kenji Pinzon*

Eagle: *Seamus Guerin, Casey Perrault*

There are several special awards to be awarded at the Court of Honor so stay tuned!



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 send me a copy of your training card for our records.
3. Please remember you will be required to renew Youth Protection, Safety Afloat and Safe Swim every 2 years and a training called "Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather Training" (this is only available online)." These are required on tour permits.
4. "This is Scouting" and "Boy Scout Fast" are on line and is a required training course. This course is available at www.sfbac.org under adult training.
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!

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING CHANGE IN REQUIREMENT

Effective June 1, 2010 Youth Protection Training is required for all registered volunteers.

-If you have not taken Youth Protection Training within the past two years, please log on to MyScouting and take the training. Be sure to have your member ID number. The number can be found on your Boy Scouts of America membership card.

-If you do not know your member ID number, contact your unit leader or committee chairman. Your council can also assist you.

-If you have taken Youth Protection Training online but did not input your member ID number, please log back on to the Training section of MyScouting and input your member ID so the training will be linked with your records.

-If you have taken Youth Protection Training within the past two years but did not take the course online, log on to MyScouting to ensure your records are up to date, or contact your council and have them verify that your Youth Protection Training records are accurate.

-Finally, please share these important changes with other Scouters.

Youth Protection Training is available online at
<http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>

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.

Troop News

T726 scouts, Bryce, Raymond, Allen, Seamus, Bobby, Andrew, Bryant, Larry, Will, Ryan, and Jacob, with Mr. Andrews departing from SFO for the National Jamboree, July21 – Aug 4, at A. P. Hills, Virginia



Patrol News

Owls/ Rocks

Casey Perrault and Semus Guerin achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Bryce Fong is almost there. Co-Caw!!!!

Shalom. The Owls and Ben Eversole are observing Ramadan. The struggles of fasting will weaken our bodies, but not break our spirits. In fact, we will grow spiritually and men. We encourage others to join us in our trials.

Current event: Please support the building of a mosque in New York City which happens to be a few blocks from Ground Zero. We live in a religiously indiscriminant country – help us keep it that way.

Fun Fact: “Shalom” is a Hebrew word but its roots are Arabic.

By Allen Saylor

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.

Ravens

The Raven Patrol all did first aid and wood carving merit badges at summer camp. In first aid, we did CPR, sprains on the ankles and arms, and more! In wood carving, we learned the safety and how to sharpen a knife. We then carved a carving kit. Our whole patrol also got the toting chip and fireman chit.

Steven and Kyle went on the Mt. St Helena trip. We hiked the weekend. We all passed the swimming test, except Zack.

Patrol position for September- October

PL: Terrance Tsang

APL: Zachery Eslick

Scribe: Sam Pica

Grubmaster: Sammy Wilson & Steven Decker

Quartermaster: Aviram Bhalla & Kyle Avery

Cheerleader: - Ben Eckman

By Ben Eckman

Cobras

Many of the Cobra patrol members went on the St. Helena overnight hike. The trip was good, fun, hot and long. We all liked it and will like to go on a similar hike again

By Michael Yi

Scorpions/ Dragons

This past month, Kenji accomplished his life project. He refinished a table and 4 benches for his church. Jack, Bryant, and Marcos were there to help finish the project in one day.

By Larry Whitmeyer

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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

Hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and are now ready to get back to school, back to scouts and back to a regular routine. This summer our Scouts had a great time at Camp Makualla in Oregon. The fall is a big fundraising time for our troop and your scout accounts. We are providing several opportunities for the scout and his family to participate to raise money for their scout account. You may participate in as many of these events as you want. The fall fundraising is a great time to earn money to pay your monthly dues and to start saving for summer camp 2011.

Please review the front page of this newsletter and watch the email announcements carefully for date or time changes. September and October are always very busy months for the troop; please try to make it to as many outing and events as possible.

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 She will be ordering more **sweat shirt by request** as well. Please let her know if you want one

Uniform Bank

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

Thank You!

Thank you, Mr. Fong and Mr. Yi for the fabulous pictures in this issue of Troop Flash.

Reverent

A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

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!

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!