

# TROOP 726 FLASH

NOVEMBER 2014

## Upcoming Events

Veteran's Day Event – Nov 11

Scouting for Food – Nov 8 and 15



Geocaching Campout – Nov 15 - 16



Winter Court of Honor – Dec 3

Holiday Fun/Brown Bag Troop Meeting – Dec 17



Big Basin Hike – Jan 3

Crabbing/Fishing Point Pinole – Jan 10-11



Native Sons Crab Feed – Jan 26



## Meeting Dates

**Board of Review** –Nov 17, Dec 15, Jan 19

**Committee Meeting** –Nov 3, Dec 1, Jan 5

**PLC Meeting** – Dec 7, Jan 4 (Time and location TBA)

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

Exception: Nov 12 outdoor troop meeting, no troop meeting Nov 26, Dec 24, Dec 31

## Website



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

**Yuri Overton** is our Troop Website master. Also please send him ( [yurioverton@yahoo.com](mailto:yurioverton@yahoo.com)) any and all permission slips for upcoming events in .doc and plain text format so they can be uploaded to the website for all to download.

## Attention All

Is your Scout due current? **It is scout's responsibility to see Mrs. Bertetta to pay their \$5 monthly due by the first meeting of the month.** You need to keep your due current in order to participate in outings.

# Scout Due

## 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!

# Help Keep Our Troop Gear Ready for Use

### Scouting for Food – Nov 8 and 15

Scout in Charge: Aaron Bull, Adult in Charge: Mr. Siu, Mr. Smith, Mr. Weavil

Please join Troop 726 in lending a hand with the collecting of food for those less fortunate in our community. Keep the following dates open to participate in this event. Saturday, **Nov. 8** and Saturday, **Nov. 15**. We will **meet at the Rite Aid parking lot on the west side, between 9 am - 12:00 pm on the 8<sup>th</sup>** to drop off flyers at houses in the surrounding neighborhood, **and 8:30 am – 1 pm on the 22<sup>nd</sup>** to pick up food that has been donated. You should bring a water bottle and a snack.

It is our goal to have **100% participation** from all scouts and families in this most important outreach to our community. **Please volunteer both days**, if you can, if not please plan on making it at least one day.



### Veteran's Day Event – Nov 11

Scout in Charge: Caden Liang and Nicholas Weavil, Adult in Charge: Mr. Lee

This year's Veterans Day event is going to be at the **memorial at the Castro Valley Community Center**, 18988 Lake Chabot Road, Castro Valley (Quail Ave and Lake Chabot Road, by Chabot Elementary School). Event starts at **9 am and ends at 12 pm, Nov 11**. Scouts should come in full class A with sash, to assist with parking, passing out programs, and serve as gateway for the presentation. Please join us in honoring our nations' Veterans.



### Geocaching Campout – Nov 15 - 16

Scout in Charge: Sam Pica, Adult in Charge: Mr. Wilson

When: Leave from Masonic Center on Saturday Nov 15, 3 pm, return on Sunday Nov 16, time TBD

Where: El Venado Campsite, Lake Chabot

Uniform: Class A for travel, B for hiking

Things to bring: Scout book, compass and map, 10 essentials.

Cost: \$15



***Come join in on the fun and learn new skills!***

## Holiday Fun/Brown Bag Troop Meeting – Dec 17

Scout in Charge: Rafi Overton and Joey Spiegl, Adult in Charge: Mr. Siu

When/Where: Wednesday, December 17 at Masonic Center  
Time: 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM  
Who: All Troop 726 Families (mom, dad, siblings) are invited to join in the festivities and help make brown bags for the needy



We will be making **100 brown bag lunches** filled with juice boxes, fruit, and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Assignments on what to bring for each patrol will be announced later.

In addition to making lunches, there will be a **Scout Band** for spontaneous entertainment. We will also play the “**White Elephant Game**”, details to follow.



## Crabbing/Fishing Point Pinole – Jan 10-11

Scout in Charge: Raymond Akagi, Adult in Charge: Mr. Avery

- What: Crabbing and Fishing outing at Point Pinole
- **When: Saturday, Jan 10 meet at the Masonic Center Time 8:00 am.**
- Return: We will return to the **Masonic Center on Sunday, Jan 11, 12 pm**
- Cost: TBD
- Please Bring: Overnight Personal Gear, Deep Sea Fishing pole and tackle (if you have one), Crabbing Net and bait (Chicken, anchovies, squid seem to work well).
- Scouts and adults 16 years or older need a fishing license if they choose to fish from the shore.
- No Fishing License required if we fish from the pier.
- SACK LUNCH for Saturday.



hoop/dilly



crab pot

## Troop 726 Troop Yell

We're troop 726 we've got badges galore  
you may have a lot of badges but we've got lots more  
we're a super super troop coming out to shoot  
but when it comes to other troops we give'm the boot

Troop 726 would like to honor members of our “Troop Family” who served in the military by recognize their contribution. Thank you for your service!

**Mr. Jered Fewx – US Navy**

Mr. Fewx served in the Navy from 1993 to 1999.

He worked as a mechanical engineer in the nuclear reactor/propulsion plant on-board the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Carl Vinson (CVN-70). He was initially stationed in Alameda before the base closed down in 1997, and was re-stationed in Bremerton, Washington, near Seattle.

He completed two WestPac tours which included visits to San Diego, Hawaii, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia, Dubai (UAE), and Oman.



**Dr. Werning – US Navy**

Dr. Werning served in USN –R, medical corps as commander, from 1998 to 2006.



**Mr. Jerry Steinbrecher – US Army**

Mr. Steinbrecher (Robert Fusinati's Grandfather) served in US Army from 1950 – 1952, in Korea. He was a Medic in the Army and received the Bronze Star for his actions during combat while he was tending to a wounded soldier.

**Mr. Kurt Schultz – US Navy**

Mr. Schultz served in the Navy from 1973 to 1976.

He worked on aircraft for the Navy.



**Mr. Randy Wright – US Navy**

Mr. Wright served in USN-R for 8 years.

Specialty: Anti-Submarine Warfare and Communications.

Crew Member in P3C aircraft, Stationed out of Moffett Field, California.

Participated in duty in Japan, Okinawa, Taiwan, Philippines, Hawaii, Spain, Guam, Midway Island, Millington, Tenn. and Adak and Kodiak, Alaska.

**Mr. Bill Hubbard – US Naval Aviation**

Mr. Hubbard served in Naval Aviation for 26 years. He participated in Vietnam War, Falcon Island conflict, and Korean campaign. He had been on 4 different aircraft carriers, 10 -11 quadrants, many bombers, and performed many rescue operations.



**Mr. Paul Harrison – US Air Force**

Mr. Harrison served as an Air Force pilot for 20 years. He served in the Middle East during the Desert storm and performed many special operations.





# Troop Meeting Outline

| Date     | Flags | Instruction   | Instruction Advisor | Game                                   | Special Notes              | Patrol Time           |
|----------|-------|---|---------------------|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 08/27/14 |       | Webmaster   |                     | Website                                |                            | Family Camp           |
| 09/03/14 |       | Plant and Animals   |                     | Jeopardy                               |                            | Family Camp           |
| 09/10/14 |       | Knots   |                     | Knot Relay Race                        |                            | Family Camp           |
| 09/17/14 |       | Tent Etiquette  |                     | Tent Game                              | Outdoor Meeting - Cull Cyn |                       |
| 09/24/14 |       | Sewing  |                     | Patch Placement                        | Sew Kits for Scouts        | STEM                  |
| 10/01/14 |       | Webelos Skills Night                                      |                     |  |                            | STEM                  |
| 10/08/14 |       | Geocaching and Scavenger Hunt                             |                     | Outdoor Meeting - Canyon Middle School |                            | STEM                  |
| 10/15/14 |       | Troop Binders   |                     |  |                            | ITLS                  |
| 10/22/14 |       |   |                     |  |                            | ITLS                  |
| 10/29/14 |       | Webelos Skills Night                                      |                     |  |                            | Geocache              |
| 11/05/14 |       |   |                     |  |                            | Geocache              |
| 11/12/14 |       |   |                     |  |                            | Geocache              |
| 11/19/14 |       |   |                     |  |                            |                       |
| 11/26/14 |       | No Meeting - Thanksgiving                                 |                     |  |                            |                       |
| 12/03/14 |       | Court of Honor  |                     |  |                            |                       |
| 12/10/14 |       |   |                     |  |                            | Brown Bag             |
| 12/17/14 |       | Holiday Meeting - White Elephant - Brown Bag - Scout Band |                     |  |                            |                       |
| 12/24/14 |       | No Meeting - Christmas                                    |                     |  |                            |                       |
| 12/31/14 |       | No Meeting - New Years                                    |                     |  |                            |                       |
| 01/07/15 |       |   |                     |  |                            | Crab / Fish           |
| 01/14/15 |       |   |                     |  |                            |                       |
| 01/21/15 |       |   |                     |  |                            |                       |
| 01/28/15 |       |   |                     |  |                            | Red / Green           |
| 02/04/15 |       |   |                     |  |                            | Black Diamond         |
| 02/11/15 |       | Red and Green   |                     |  |                            |                       |
| 02/18/15 |       |   |                     |  |                            | Black Diamond         |
| 02/25/15 |       | Outdoor Meeting   |                     |  |                            | Shooting Sports       |
| 03/04/15 |       |   |                     |  |                            | Shooting Sports       |
| 03/11/15 |       |   |                     |  |                            | Snow / Ski            |
| 03/18/15 |       | Court of Honor  |                     |  |                            |                       |
| 03/25/15 |       |   |                     |  |                            | Snow / Ski            |
| 04/01/15 |       |   |                     |  |                            | ITLS / Calendar       |
| 04/08/15 |       | No Meeting - Spring Break                                 |                     |  |                            |                       |
| 04/15/15 |       |   |                     |  |                            | ITLS / Calendar       |
| 04/22/15 |       | Outdoor Meeting   |                     |  |                            | Calendar / St. Helena |
| 04/29/15 |       |   |                     |  |                            | St. Helena            |
| 05/06/15 |       |   |                     |  |                            | Skills Weekend        |
| 05/13/15 |       |   |                     |  |                            | Skills Weekend        |
| 05/20/15 |       |   |                     |  |                            | Summer Camp           |
| 05/27/15 |       |   |                     |  |                            | Summer Camp           |
| 06/03/15 |       | Court of Honor  |                     |  |                            |                       |
| 06/10/15 |       |   |                     |  |                            | Summer Camp           |
| 06/17/15 |       |   |                     |  |                            | Summer Camp           |
| 06/24/15 |       | Summer Camp   |                     |  |                            |                       |
| 07/01/15 |       | No Meeting - Fourth of July                               |                     |  |                            |                       |
| 07/08/15 |       |   |                     |  |                            | Back Pack             |
| 07/15/15 |       | No Meeting  |                     |  |                            |                       |
| 07/22/15 |       |   |                     |  |                            |                       |
| 07/29/15 |       | No Meeting - Big Adventure                                |                     |  |                            |                       |
| 08/05/15 |       | No Meeting  |                     |  |                            |                       |
| 08/12/15 |       | No Meeting  |                     |  |                            |                       |
| 08/19/15 |       | Container Meeting   |                     |  |                            |                       |
| 08/26/15 |       |   |                     |  |                            |                       |

Now is a good a time as any to think about **Summer Camp 2016** when we are scheduled to camp out of council. At the April 25, 2015 Planning Conference we will discuss Summer Camp 2016. For some of the Ravens 2016 will be their last Summer Camp. For scouts with some spare time you can check out these camps in California. We can also go to camp outside of California like we did in 2010, we will just have to figure out how to get there. Happy Hunting - Mr. Avery

# THE ULTIMATE SCOUT CAMP EXPERIENCE

## GO BIG ★ GO CALIFORNIA!



**1** Camp Fleischmann  
Nevada Area Council  
775-787-1111  
[www.scouters.org](http://www.scouters.org)

**2** Camp Lassen  
Golden Empire Council  
916-929-1417  
[www.gec-bsa.org](http://www.gec-bsa.org)

**3** Wente Scout Reservation  
San Francisco Bay Area Council  
510-577-9000  
[www.wentescoutreservation.org](http://www.wentescoutreservation.org)

**4** Camp Marin Sierra  
Marin Council  
415-454-1081  
[www.boyscouts-marin.org](http://www.boyscouts-marin.org)

**5** Camp Royaneh  
San Francisco Bay Area Council  
510-577-9000  
[www.camproyaneh.org](http://www.camproyaneh.org)

**6** Camp Winton  
Golden Empire Council  
916-929-1417  
[www.gec-bsa.org](http://www.gec-bsa.org)

**7** Camp Wolfeboro  
Mt. Diablo Silverado Council  
925-674-6100  
[www.bsa-mdsc.org](http://www.bsa-mdsc.org)

**8** Camp John Mensinger & The Pendola Sierra Adventure Base  
Greater Yosemite Council  
209-545-6320  
[www.yosemitescouting.org](http://www.yosemitescouting.org)

**9** Camp Hi-Sierra  
Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council  
408-638-8300  
[www.camphi-sierra.org](http://www.camphi-sierra.org)

**10** Camp Kern  
Southern Sierra Council  
661-325-9036  
[www.sscbsa.org](http://www.sscbsa.org)

**11** Cutter Scout Reservation  
Pacific Skyline Council  
650-341-5633  
[www.pacsky.org](http://www.pacsky.org)

**12** Camp Oljato  
Pacific Skyline Council  
650-341-5633  
[www.pacsky.org](http://www.pacsky.org)

**13** Camp Chawanakee  
Sequoia Council  
559-320-2100  
[www.chawanakee.com](http://www.chawanakee.com)

**14** Camp Pico Blanco  
Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council  
408-638-8300  
[www.camppicoblanco.org](http://www.camppicoblanco.org)

**15** Camp Whitsett  
Western Los Angeles County Council  
818-785-8700  
[www.campwhitsett.org](http://www.campwhitsett.org)

**16** Camp Three Falls  
Ventura County Council  
805-482-8938  
[www.vccbsa.org](http://www.vccbsa.org)

**17** Rancho Alegre  
Los Padres Council  
805-686-5167  
[www.lpcbsa.org](http://www.lpcbsa.org)

**18** Camp Holcomb Valley  
San Gabriel Valley Council  
626-351-8815  
[www.campholcombvalley.org](http://www.campholcombvalley.org)

**19** Forest Lawn Scout Reservation  
Los Angeles Area Council  
213-413-4400  
[www.boyscoutsla.org](http://www.boyscoutsla.org)

**20** Camp Tahquitz  
Long Beach Council  
562-427-0911  
[www.camptahquitz.com](http://www.camptahquitz.com)

**21** Firestone Scout Reservation  
Los Angeles Area Council  
213-413-4400  
[www.boyscoutsla.org](http://www.boyscoutsla.org)

**22** Camp Emerald Bay  
Western Los Angeles County Council  
818-785-8700  
[www.campemeraldbay.org](http://www.campemeraldbay.org)

**23** Camp Cherry Valley  
San Gabriel Valley Council  
626-351-8815  
[www.campcherryvalley.org](http://www.campcherryvalley.org)

**24** Schoepe Scout Reservation at Lost Valley  
Orange County Council  
714-546-4990  
[www.ssriv.org](http://www.ssriv.org)

**25** Mataguay Scout Ranch  
San Diego-Imperial Council  
619-298-6121  
[www.sdicsa.org](http://www.sdicsa.org)

**26** Camp Fiesta Island  
San Diego Youth Aquatic Center  
San Diego-Imperial Council  
619-298-6121  
[www.sdicsa.org](http://www.sdicsa.org)

**Discover what makes the Scout camps of California the premier destinations for your summer adventures! Call or visit online to learn more about all that these facilities have to offer.**

**Next Summer Go Big, Go California!**

## Training

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

Why should you take any of these trainings?

\*They make you a better leader and provide a better program for our youth!

**If you take any of these trainings, please inform me of what and when taken.**

**If you have any training questions, please contact me.**

The following training information is found at [w.sfbac.org](http://w.sfbac.org)>Training>home. On-line trainings are at [www.sfbac.org](http://www.sfbac.org). Proceed to the "My Scouting" section on the right side of the page. New trainings are posted all the time. Please go on-line and check these out!

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Youth Protection is required and must be renewed every 2 years. If yours expires you won't be able to serve in an adult leadership position until it is renewed. This is Nationals policy. I will call you before it expires and send you an email reminder. If you have any questions regarding this PLEASE CALL ME>

Keep checking.

Please see [www.sfbac.org](http://www.sfbac.org) for more info.

Thanks,

Randy Wright

510 885 0527

[Wright-s@comcast.net](mailto:Wright-s@comcast.net)

# Be A Trained Leader

As a reminder, boy scouts in Troop 726 pay **monthly dues of \$5**. The money collected from dues is used to fund MB patches, advancement insignia and COH.

We are implementing a new process for collecting dues effective September, 2014. As the Dues and Attendance Coordinator, Mrs. Overtone will be at the majority of our meetings. She will carry a report of the scouts' dues. **Scouts are responsible for checking their monthly dues with Mrs. Overtone.**

Parents, please remind your scout(s) to check their dues. Personal checks and scout accounts can be used to pay for dues (cash will; be accepted as last resource). Advance payments are acceptable

If a scout is behind on his dues Mrs. Overtone will approach him and give him a gentle reminder. If a scout has difficulties making payments please approach Mr. Siu or a committee member.

**Dues is part of the advancement process. A scout must be up to date in his dues in order to advance to the next rank.** Mr. Maloof, our advancement chair checks for dues at each BOR.

T726 Committee also reviews the scout dues on a monthly basis.

Respectfully:

Jose Siu Troop 726 Committee Chair.

# Monthly Dues



## Scout Master Minute

*By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Scout Master*

### Keep your pace to Eagle

For those of you who went to Tamalpais, the hike was like your Trail to Eagle. For those of you who were at the ITLS campout, the flow of the campout was like your Trail to Eagle. In fact, most of you at most events, the events are like your Trail to Eagle, especially when you are getting up in morning preparing to pack up and making breakfast.

At most events we rally at the Masonic Center. We may take some extra time then to get organized, thinking, or rather not thinking, that we have plenty of time. We may then go to the container and take some extra time to decide what gear to collect because the scout in charge did not come prepared with a check list and even though we have been on many campouts, we still need to remember and rethink what to bring. When we arrive at the venue we may take some more time to get organized again and fool around a little more. While on the event you may take breaks and fool around and have to make up for not being prepared. All of these delays are things we could have controlled or managed.

After that there may be the unexpected, a trail closure, a flat tire, an injury, etc. We are supposed to be prepared for anything but even being prepared for the unexpected delays the process.

Your Trail to Eagle starts at the Scout Rank. You may start to work on your Tenderfoot, complete a requirement, but then forget to get it signed off in your scout book. You may want to get more skills signed off at a campout but then forget to bring a lightweight stove or some rope. You may start a merit badge and get a partial and then let it be, "almost done," for several years. There may be a sport you take up or a school play or some other distraction of youth that takes you away from Scouting for a season. Then you find yourself at age 17 with several merit badges to go, possibly some leadership requirements, and your Eagle Project left with the clock ticking. You are also facing unexpectedly difficult AP classes and trying to apply to colleges.

The better way is to work backwards from your goal. Work backwards from your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. As a senior you will be very busy. Perhaps it would be wise to finish your Eagle Rank the summer between your Junior and Senior year. So, you would need to be Life between the end of your Freshman year or start of your Sophomore year. Working backwards still, Star by the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade is a good goal, and First Class sometime in 7<sup>th</sup> grade keeps you on schedule. The same can be said of Eagle required merit badges. Until they are all done, every scout should be actively working on at least one Eagle required merit badge.

Have you passed these life trail markers? That only means you will need to play catch up. Keep on schedule and you can enjoy scouting and learn and have fun on a steady and fulfilling trail.





## **Council STEM Event**

By Scout in Charge: Sam Pica

During the Oct 10 **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) outing, the attending scouts travelled from class to class, learning mainly different things about new changes and improvements in science, technology, engineering, and math. Those who didn't attend classes explored around and discovered booths filled with everything from collage recommendations to race cars to anti-gun man technology. It was a great outing! Thank you to adults who came along and made this outing possible.



## **T726 Adult Leaders RE-Charter**

### **Parents of T726:**

**There are many ways to can help the Troop and our Boys. If you like to go on outings and events with our boys as a parent we ask that you take Youth Protection on line:** <http://www.sfbac.org/training/youth-protection>

**For Parents wanting to be more involved with our Troop as ASM or Committee Members, you need to register with the BSA; Our Troop will pay for your registration in appreciation of your time commitments and help.**

**As a registered ASM of T726, you will be responsible for attending most meetings and help our Scout Master. You will also be asked to be the adult in charge of outings, events, Life-Star Projects, Eagle Projects etc.**

**As a registered Committee Member, you will help with Board of Reviews, attend monthly Committee Meetings, help with the Troop Newsletter and help behind the scenes to support our Troop.**

**If you have a registered adult position with our Troop and would like to continue helping please let me know, the committee will re-charter you. If you feel you are not able to re-charter please let me know as well.**

**Thank you in advance:**

**Jose Siu Troop 726 Committee Chair.**

### **Troop Items for Sale**

The following items can be purchased from Mr. Siu. Email: [pillmaster@gmail.com](mailto:pillmaster@gmail.com)  
Troop Mug = \$5.00  
Troop T-shirts = \$12.00  
Duffle Bag = \$26.00

### **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!

## Mount Tamalpais Rim Rover Hike

By Scout in Charge: Yuri Overton, Photo by Mr. Jiang and Mrs. Overton

On Oct 19th we went on a hike at Mount Tamalpais. It was very fun. After we hiked to the summit which had a great view of the North Bay, we also saw an airplane crash site from World War II. On our way, we went through a forest as it was the fastest way to the main trail. This is one of the five hikes in the Rim Rover Program.





## Mount Tamalpais Rim Rover Hike – Oct 19





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## Chabot El Venado ITLS Campout

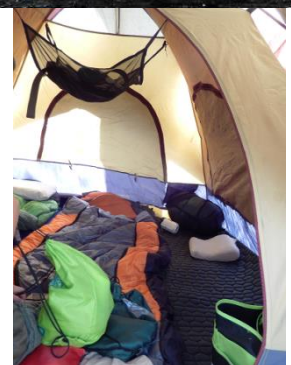
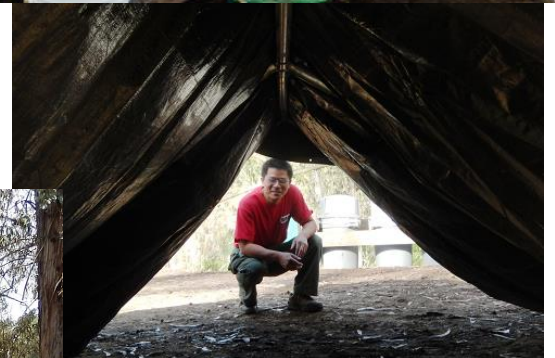
By Scout in Charge: Matthew Kuan, Photo by Mr. Jiang

On October 25, the troop guides (Zurvohn Maloof, Michael Yi, Curtis Werning, Matthew Kuan) and younger scouts went to El Vernado to get trained. We taught about leadership and about our troop. We played some teamwork oriented games and cooked food. We had fun while learning in the process.





## Chabot El Venado ITLS Campout – Oct 25 – 26





## Go Karts – Nov 1

By Scout in Charge: Robert Fusinati, Photo by Mr. Fusinati

It was very fun. We did three races, one practice round, one qualifying round, and one real race. In the last round, my dad won, but we decided that the parents would not count for awards. With that in play, I ended up first, Patrick Lee ended in a close second, and John Mahoney made a comeback for third. Though I did win, everyone was amazing. My only pushback is that I wish there was more participation. All in all, I think it turned out well, and I would love to see this as an event next year.

The following scouts attended:

Aaron Lee, Patrick Lee, Liam Smith, Nick Weavil, John Mahoney, Robert Fusinati

The following adult attended:

Mr. Fusinati, Mr. Smith, Mr. Weavil and Mr. Moskito





## Flag Drop Box and Flag Retirement – Nov 2

Scout in Charge: Aaron Lee, Adult in Charge: Ms. Werning



Check out a great video put together by Mrs. Bertetta  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cWpCfqc\\_qfw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cWpCfqc_qfw)





## Flag Drop Box and Flag Retirement – Veteran's Memorial





## Matthew Kuan Life Scout Project – Masonic Center

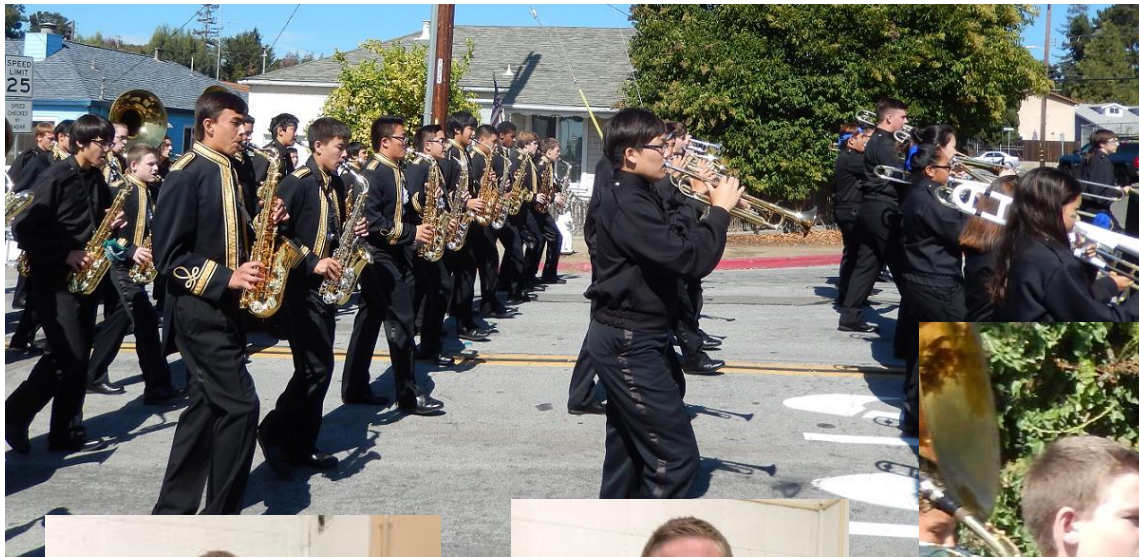
On September 27 at the Masonic Center, I held my Life Project. Seven scouts joined me in laying a drainage pipe and planting some plants behind the parking lot. We had fun while also helping out the Masonic Center. We hope that the Members of the lodge enjoy their new addition.





## Troop News

Kendall, Josh, and Raymond in Castro Valley High School Marching Band – CVHS Homecoming Parade



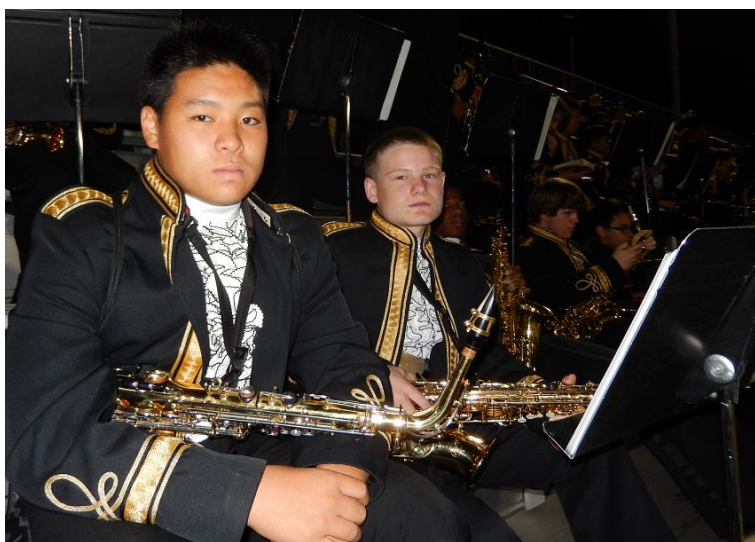




Kyle Avery (CVHS JV Football) –  
Homecoming Parade



Mitch Avery (CVHS Varsity Football)  
– Homecoming parade



Oct 30 - CVHS Football home  
game half time marching band  
performance, Raymond and  
Kendall.

**Go Trojans!**





# Troop Meeting Webelos Night with Halloween Theme – Oct 29, 2014 Masonic Center





## Committee Chair's Corner

*By Jose Siu, Troop 726 Committee Chair*

December is almost here and the holiday spirit is in the air. It is time also time for all scouts to start planning for Summer Camp. **This year, we will be going to Wente Scout Reservation in Willits, CA. We will be there June 21 through 27.** Stay alert for announcements soon.



Re-Charter is almost done and we have 46 scouts signed up. Recruitment is also in full swing and we are expecting to grow past 50. With such a large number of scouts, parent's participation is crucial to the success of our program. T726 provides a rich calendar full of events, outings and community services. I encourage every parent to get involve in your scout's development and growth; come have fun with us. We are currently looking for a person who can take over our monthly newsletter. If you would like to learn more about this position please approach Mrs. Sandia Chang for details.

# CAN YOU HELP WITH NEWSLETTER?



## TRAINING UPDATE from SFBAC Council - Training Information for Adults & Youth

The Training Committee has opened new webpages on our Council Website for Training. Please visit the site for all your training needs. Go to: <http://www.sfbac.org/training>

### The Training Times

If you had a magic wand, would you use it to make the Scouting program better and more fun for son and his scout buddies so they stayed in Scouting longer, so it had a larger impact on their lives? What if the same magic wand made leadership roles easier and more rewarding, and also led to better retention among adult volunteers? Would using that magic wand be a top priority?

Well, such a magic wand does exist—in the form of the training program for volunteer leaders in the Boy Scouts of America.

Common sense tells us training is important, and research shows the importance of trained leaders. In the early days of the Boy Scouts of America, our first Chief Scout Executive James E. West was asked what the three greatest needs of the new movement were. He replied, "Training, training, and training." That is still true today.

A trained leader is knowledgeable and more confident in the role being performed. Trained leaders exhibit a knowledge and confidence that is picked up by people around them. Trained leaders impact the quality of programs, leader tenure, youth tenure, and a whole lot more. And a trained leader is better prepared to make the Scouting program all it can be for the youth and other adult volunteers!

Training classes are offered locally several times each month. To find out more, please visit the training website at [www.sfbac.org/training](http://www.sfbac.org/training). A printable training calendar is available for your reference.

### BOY SCOUT LEADER TRAININGS

Troop Committee Challenge - Saturday, December 13, 2014

Merit Badge Counselor Orientation - Saturday, December 13, 2014

**WOOD BADGE** February 20-22, 2015 and March 14-16, 2015

**Univeristy of Scouting** Saturday, January 31

### Volunteer Training Conferences

Many of our volunteers have had the opportunity to attend Volunteer Training Conference at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, now a new opportunity for the same high level of training is available at the Florida Sea Base in 2015. Three weeks of conferences and an extra day each week! A weeks in the Florida Keys learning with experienced and informed Scouters with ample time to enjoy the climate and beauty of the Keys! What a great deal!!

**January 4-10, 2015** *Train the Trainer*, Conducting Advanced Leadership Training, The New Cub Scout Adventure, ALI About Venturing

**January 11-17, 2015**, Conference on **Education for Advancement Administrators** (CEAA)

**January 18-24, 2015**, **Overview of Commissioner Service**, STEM-tastic!, Youth Protection Champions & Delivering Training to Unit Leaders

Registration for the 2015 training conferences is now open. Go to <http://reservations.scouting.org/profile/34182> to sign up. Registration fee is \$495 per conference participant and \$300 per non-conference attending spouse. All registrations must be received no later than **December 31, 2014**. A confirmation letter will be sent along with additional conference information and medical forms. Please note that due to the conference and Sea Base schedule, early arrive and/or late departure will require you to find off-site housing.

The conference fee includes housing, meals, snacks, bedding and towels, and meeting facilities and course materials. There are a variety of additional available spouse opportunities also.

Although the Florida Sea Base has a vast program facility (the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico), it has a limited land base. Therefore, housing for ALL participants will be in the SCUBA dorms. The dorms consist of separate male and female bunk-style beds with common bathroom/shower facilities. The forms are quite comfortable, but they were built with the occasional summer or fall tropical storm in mind which means they are on the second story and do not have elevator access.

Questions? Conference related [972-580-2459](tel:972-580-2459)  
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Ravens Patrol - TBD  
Cobras / Scorpions - Mr. Andrews / Mr. Smith  
Life to Eagle ASM - Mr. Guerin

## 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.

### Bobcats



### Scorpions



### Wolverines



Liam, Joey, Jack went to the Mt. Tam hike on Oct 19 because we wanted to get fresh air and go for a hike.

By Liam smith

### Fox



My patrol is excited about the webelos night. We are going to be fishing for the webelos using powdered donuts. However, not all of the Fox patrol will be attending webelos night due to the Battle of the Valley games.

By Jaden Evans

### Bats



On October 29 we will be hosting some webelos to look at some of the things we made for them like the scary tunnel our some fun activities. The bats and Bobcats worked on planning the haunted house since we can't build it until the upcoming meeting. It was a lot of work and we still have more, but we got a huge chunk of the project. I think the webelos will be really scared of it. That;s how good of a job our two patrols have been doing.

By Kendall Law

### Ravens



We show up at every meeting. Our plans are set. It was a hippie day.

By Zachary Eslick

### Cobras



Cobras are busy getting ready for college entrance exams and with sports. Austin and Raymond received the Eagle rank on Oct 15. Others are working on and very close to getting Eagle as well.

By Raymond Akagi