

TROOP 726 FLASH

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Upcoming Events

White Water Trip – April 21 - 22

TLT Overnight – April 27 - 28

Earth day – April 28



Annual Parent meeting at the Masonic Center - May 2, 7pm

Skills Weekend/Black Diamond Mines Hike-a-Thon – May 18 – 20

Long Tree Flags – May 25 and May 28

Tres Rancho Rama – June 2

Larry Whitmeyer Eagle Court of Honor – June 3

Summer Court of Honor – June 6

Sumer Camp at Wente – June 17 - 23



Meeting Dates

Board of Review –April 16. May 21

PLC Meeting – BBQ PLC at noon on Sat, April 28, at Independent School after Earth day event. Sunday, June 3, 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church.

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.

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.



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.

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.



TLT – April 27 - 28

Scout in Charge: Mitch Avery, Adult in Charge: Mr. Avery, Mr. Siu

All scouts attending the annual Troop Leadership Training are to **meet at the Masonic Center at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 27.** Bring a tin foil dinner which can be heated up at camp. We will have sites 69 & 70 at **Anthony Chabot** overlooking the lake. The Troop will provide a simple breakfast in the morning. The TLT event will **end at 9:00 a.m on April 28. at Independent Elementary** where and when the Earth Day Service Project will begin. Mr. Avery and Mr. Siu are the leaders and **we will be looking for 2 more drivers.**

Skills Weekend/Black Diamond Mines Hike-a-Thon – May 18 - 20

Scout in Charge: Mitch Avery and Jacob Schultz, Adult in Charge: Mr. Avery and Mr. Pica

Jacob Schultz is the scout-in-charge for the actual hike at Black Diamond Mines. Scouts will be doing about 10.6 miles and there is a pull out point at about 6 miles for anyone that has had enough. The hike will take them past all most all of the historical sites that are a part of the Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve. Rose Hill Cemetery, Jim's Place", Air Shaft, and Stope, to name a few of the sights. Black Diamond in this case stands for Coal which was mined in the late 1860's. It was also used as a sand mine for the glass industry in the 1920's - '40's. The park has a really nice website with lots of information: www.ebparks.org/parks/black_diamond

This will be the first time our troop has gone out to this area. Scouts going should bring a flashlight as they will be going into Prospect Tunnel, they will also need multiple bottles of water as none is available in the park. Sunscreen will be called for and it can get quite windy out there. It is not usually too hot at that time of year but it can be. Class A for Travel and Class B for the hike and don't forget your hat and sunglasses. Hiking boots are called for, not just tennis shoes. (break them in ahead of time if they are new) Pack a lunch and your 10 essentials in your day bag and you should be ready for a great time.

Those that are not participating in the Skills Weekend can still do the Saturday hike. Just meet up in the upper parking lot at 8:30 am. Allow an hour+ travel time to get there from Castro Valley.

The Hike-a-thon sponsor forms and information packets has been distributed. If you have any questions about the fund raising part of this event, please contact Mr. Pica. 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.

Larry Whitmeyer Eagle Court of Honor

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, June 3, 2012



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.**

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

Troop 726 - We have a number of opportunities coming up for a handful of scouts each that are extra to our calendar. Scouts who work these events will receive service hours. We are also looking for at least two adults for each event. I am able to volunteer for the June 30 and July 5 events.

Sunday, May 27 - Chapel of the Chimes, Oakland - Memorial Day Flag Presentation. The Native Sons of California has asked for 2 - 4 scouts to present the colors. Several of our scouts have worked this in the past. No data on the time of day yet.

Monday, June 11 - Hill & Valley Club, 1808 B St, Hayward - set up a stage from 6:45 - 7:05 p.m. and come back to break it down at 9:45 - 10:05 p.m. 4 scouts can split \$50.

Saturday, June 30 - The American Legion is looking for 4 scouts to help retire flags at their Moose Lodge, Castro Valley, tri-tip BBQ from 4:00 - 8:00. Scouts and adults who are willing to bugle will receive preference. Food will be provided. Mr. Markison will be the adult in charge.

Thursday, July 5 - The Masonic Center will host an Independence Day dinner and is looking for 4 scouts to present the flags. They will feed you.

Please contact me if you are interested in leading or attending any of these events. - Mr. Avery

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.

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.

Scout Master Minute

By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Scout Master

In Boy Scouts we keep track of attendance at Troop Meetings for purposes of Advancement and sometimes to offer awards as carrots for high attendance. We honor attendance at outings during our quarterly Court of Honors. Adult leaders and youth alike realize that scouting is only a part of our lives, that we have family, school, work, sports, music, theater, and other activities that give us full and well rounded lives.

It has been said that 90% of success is just showing up. The addendum to that statement should have been 90% of success is showing up and showing up on time. Our overall Troop Meeting attendance is excellent and trends around 75% – 80% overall. Occasionally a scout will drop below 50% attendance over the course of a few months but that usually picks up when the sport season he is involved with ends. Of greater concern is the perennial tardiness of arrivals at meetings. Troop Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. which means you should arrive by 6:50 p.m. so you can get in the front door, chat with your friends, stop at the rest room, turn in a permission slip and complete other random events. Troop Meetings that are delayed by scouts showing up at exactly 7:00 and trickling in during opening flags and announcements lack a strong sense of cohesiveness.

In life if you show up late there are usually natural well defined penalties such as missing the first inning of the ballgame or being penalized with a tardy slip at school. In scouts there is a penalty to tardiness too but it is nebulous in the form of listless waiting for the event to start or a subtraction from the focus of the meeting.

I would like to set a goal for the Troop to not only continue with the 80% attendance but also make that 80% on time attendance.

**80% on time
attendance**

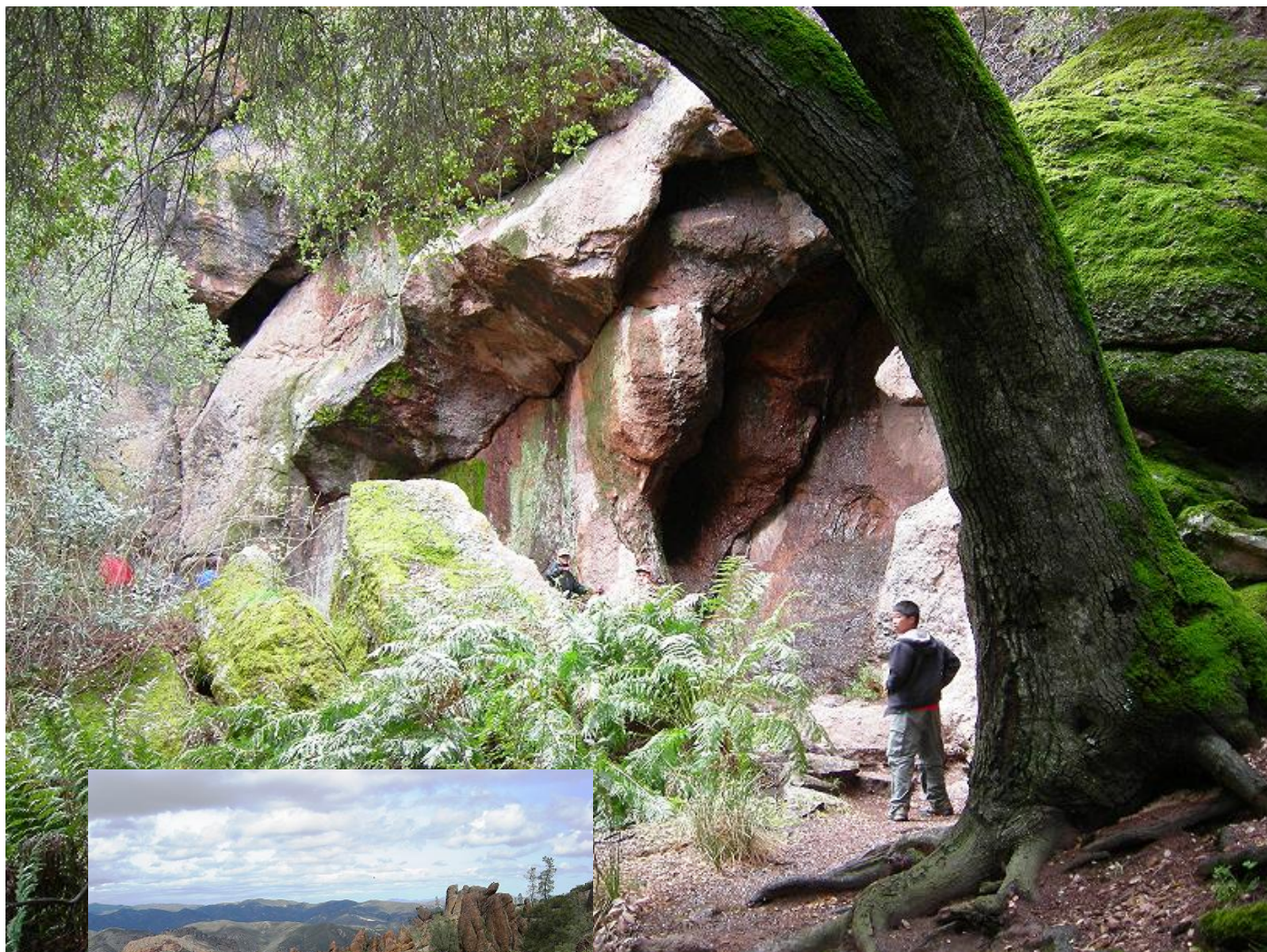
Pinnacles Rock Climb

By Scout in Charge: Kenji Pinzon, Photo by Mr. Wright

On March 25 – 25, 7 Scouts went on an overnight event at **Pinnacles National Monument** in Gilroy. We hiked 10 miles and ate on the way back at a Mexican restaurant. Thank you, Mr. Avery, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Eslick, and Mr. Wright for taking us on this fun event.



Pinnacles Rock Climb



By Scout in Charge: Mitch Avery, Photo by Mr. Markison

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At the annual planning conference on March 31st, 15 scouts showed up and we planned the events for next year. We got a lot of groovy ideas. Those included a wilderness survival course and dirt biking. Thank you all, especially to Mr. Siu and Mr. Avery for the pizza.



Annual Planning Conference 2/15/10		
Event	Loc/Time	\$
Ones to Watch Book Signing	(Summer) Halls Road Machinery	\$80
	Halls	?
Wings of War Exhibition	Summer at WW	\$10
Ch. Friedman at Science	SF	\$2-H
SD Air Show	San Diego Fall	\$40
	S.F. Bay	10-11
Shooting Mark Bamboo	West End	40- Annual
2nd Planning	Mammoth Summer	1-10
Wood Lake Carling	Iron Horse Bay/ Trach Stone	\$20

Event
Highland 100
South Lake
Academics
Mtn. Biking
Home at Home
Plains of Gold
Summer Carling
Ch. Friedman
Rock Hound



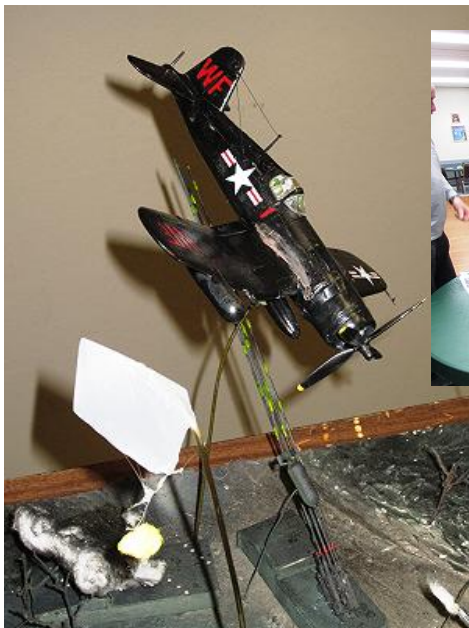
American Legion Model Airplane Contest

By Scout in Charge: Bryce Fong, photo by Mr. Fong

On March 31, 2012, Troop 726 once again took **first place in the model airplane competition** sponsored by the American Legion. The scouts that participated were Bryce Fong, Kyle Avery, and Will Oliverera. We had to build a plastic model of a F4U Corsair and a suitable diorama. We spent about 3.5 weekend, planning and building the project. As a reward for our efforts, we were rewarded a 1/18 scale F4U Corsair with a value of \$70. We would like to thank the American Legion for this opportunity. If anyone has modeling experience, please speak to Kyle Avery about next year's project.



American Legion Model Airplane Contest



Presentation at
American
Legion's Meeting



2nd Place Winner



Scouts converse with
Pearl Harbor survivor

Spring Court of Honor – March 14, 2012

SPL: Allen Saylor, ASPL: Bryant Ling



Spring Court of Honor – Rank Advancement



Spencer Vanderpan - Scout



Jeffrey Jiang - Scout



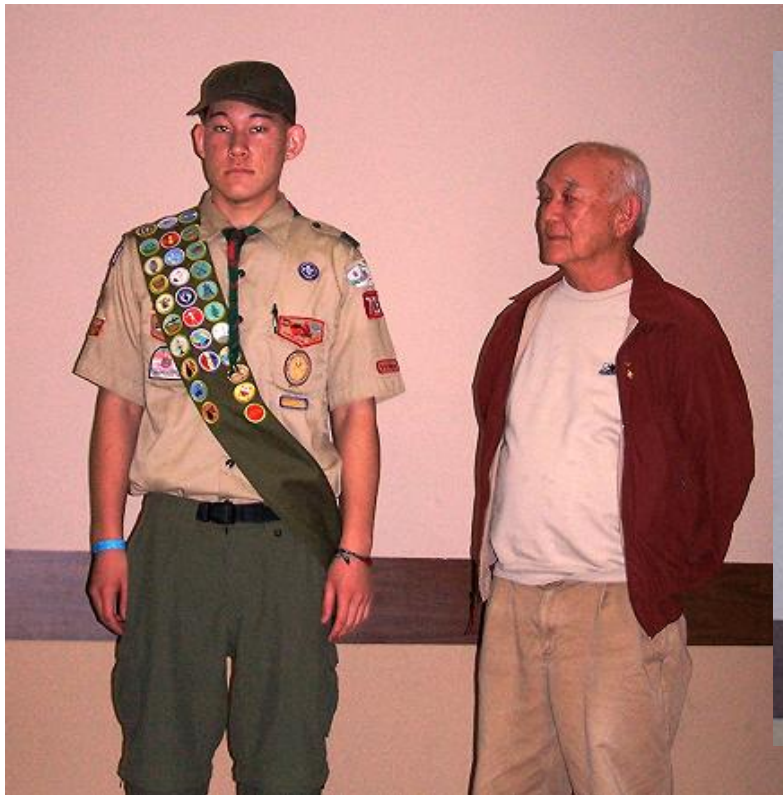
Ben Eckman – First Class



Anthony Sulayao - Life



Spring Court of Honor – More Rank Advancement



Kiyoshi Ito - Life



Bryce Fong – 2nd
Bronze Palm

Mac Strand –
Tenderfoot
(not pictured)



Seamus Guerin – 2nd
Silver Palm

Spring Court of Honor – Recognition and Celebration



Allen and Mitch - passing the baton of SPL



Introducing new members of Troop



100% Boys Life Unit



Part of new leadership



Mitch Avery
– new SPL



Presentation to American Legion



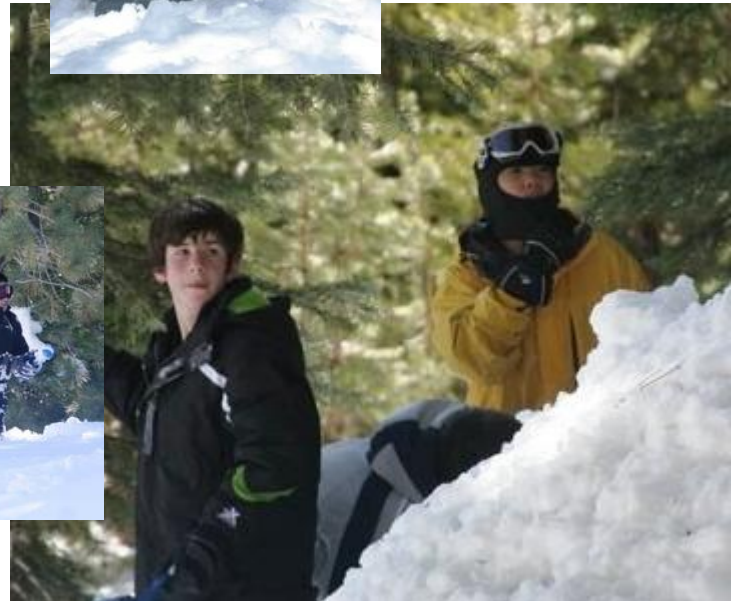
Klondike Derby

By Scout in Charge: Ben Andrews, Photo by Mr. Andrews and Mr. Siu

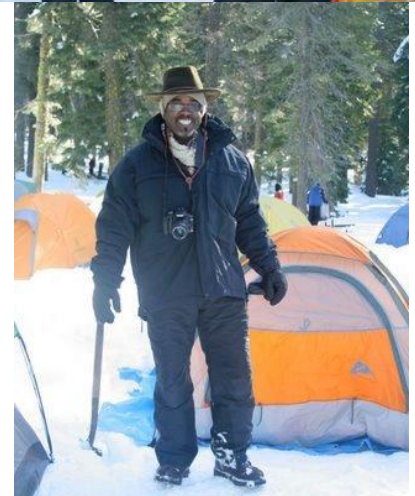
Troop 726! Bryce Fong and Ben Andrews would like to graciously thank all the scouts and adults who attended this event for making it a fantastic last Klondike Derby for the two of us! The troop had a great time bringing many of the newer scouts out to one of the best annual outings we have. Playing in 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!



Klondike Derby – The Fight is ON!



Klondike Derby – Fun in the Snow



Ben's Eagle Project

By Scout in Charge: Ben Andrews

On the weekend of March 31 – April 1, the troop aided me in carrying out my Eagle Project. In a matter of 14 hours split over two days, we constructed 5 new planter's boxes after demolishing the previous degrading ones, constructed an entire new patio after tearing out the old one, built several new flower boxes, and planted many new plants, and constructed a new stone walk way to the green house. The garden at my school (Chinese Christian Schools) in Alameda now looks better than ever before. A total of 220 man hours has resulted in a beautifully existing outdoor garden and learning area for the students and staff at the school. Thank you to all of Troop 726, scouts and adults alike.



Troop News

INDUCTION OF NEW LEADERSHIP

Mitch Avery	Senior Patrol Leader
Raymond Akagi	Assistant SPL
Austin Le	Chaplain Aide
Will Oliveira	Historian
Kyle Avery	Instructor
Jose Velasco	Instructor
Seamus Guerin	Jr Assistant Scoutmaster
Bryce Fong	Jr Assistant Scoutmaster
Keane Hubbard	Librarian
Kiyoshi Ito	Quartermaster
Sam Pica	Scribe
Kenji Pinzon	Troop Guide
Anthony Sulayao	Troop Guide
Seamus Guerin	Webmaster
Jeffrey Jiang	Bats Patrol Leader
Michael Yi	Ravens Patrol Leader
Ryan Flynn	Cobras Patrol Leader
Steve Davidson	Scorpions/Dragons Patrol L
	Owls Patrol Leader

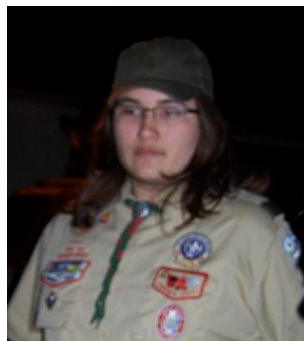
Outdoor Troop meeting at Canyon Middle School – March 28



Mathew receiving neckerchief – Jan 18

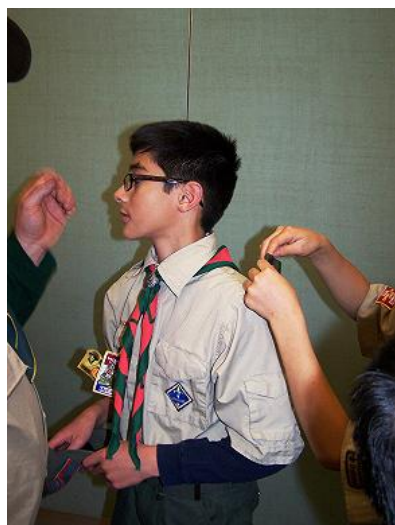


Bobby's 18 Birthday Celebration – April 4



Troop News (Continues)

Crossing Over Ceremony for **Robert Fusinati, Aaron Lee, Patrick Lee, Luke Martin, Vincent Ruiz, Curtis Werning**, Pack 722 - March 15 at Our Lady of Grace Church. Welcome to Troop 726!



Welcome to Troop 726



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.

Memorial Weekend Family Vacation Camp at Wente Scout Reservation

Where can you get a tent to sleep in, great food, swimming, boating, hiking, archery, shooting, horseback riding* and more for an unbelievable low cost. Memorial Weekend Family Vacation Camp at Wente Scout Reservation is now ready online and taking reservations! Only 450 spaces are available! Reserve now at [\(more\)](#) ! For questions beyond the information on SFBAC website or call 510.577.9203

*small fee for horseback, shooting, and craft kits.

Owls



As of now, Ben Andrew has finished his Eagle Project. Hurray! Allen needs two signatures and he can start his project. Also, bobby got his Eagle Scout rank and has aged out as of April 4th. Both sad and happy.

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.

Bats



Joshua went to Ben Andrews' Eagle Project. We put bricks on the ground to make a new patio. The project was at the Chinese Christian School. The old patio was crooked and we were able to fix them.

By Joshua Siu

Ravens



This month 3 scouts in our patrol were promoted – Jeffery and Spencer to Scout rank, and Ben to First Class. We had some scouts go on the Pinacles overnight outing and worked on Ben Andrews' Eagle Project. There was also a meeting this month at Canyon where we played sports and had rank requirements signed off for the younger scouts.

By Jeffery Jiang

Cobras



We went to Gilroy and we hiked 10 miles, and we ate on the way back at Mexican food.

By Cobras

Scorpions/ Dragons



Recently on February 12, Will, Kiyoshi, Jacob, Anthony, and Jose attended the Dodge Ridge Ski/Snow trip. This was a great fun experience for all the scouts.

By Will Oliveira

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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BE PREPARED



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

Committee Chair's Corner

By Phyllis Lozano, Troop 726 Committee Chair

Goal met!!!! THANK YOU

We made our council-set goal for the Friends of Scouting campaign. I appreciate your contributions and would like to say thank you all for your help, donation and dedication to the scouting program. Our scouts now qualify for 15% off our summer camp fees. We'll let you know how the refund will work as soon as I get all the details.

Parent meeting – Wednesday, May 2, 7pm at the Masonic Center

Each year, our troop holds a parent meeting and this year is no different. Our annual meeting will be on Wednesday, May 2, at 7pm at the Masonic Center in the formal lodge. We want to ensure that our troop gives our youth the best possible program and it is very important that at least one parent or adult representative for each scout attend. We will update each family on the current leadership, scout account funds, troop fundraising, summer camp information and a whole lot more. PLEASE save the date and plan on attending.



Troop Items for Sale

The following items can be purchased from Mrs. Lozano.

Troop Mug = \$5.00

Troop T-shirts = \$10.00

Duffle Bag = \$26.00

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

Uniform Bank

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

Lost Equipment

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

Kind

A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not hurt or kill harmless things without reason

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!