BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

# TROOP 726 FLASH

JANUARY 2015

# **Upcoming Events**



Big Basin Hike - Jan 3

Crabbing/Fishing Point Pinole

– Jan 10-11



Native Sons Crab Feed – Jan 26



University of Scouting – Jan 31

Scout Sunday - Feb 1



Red and Green Dinner – Feb 11 Troop Meeting

Winter Awareness Training - Feb 14



Black Diamond Caves Camping and Mountain Biking (with Webelos) – Feb 21 - 22



Shooting Sports –Mar 6



Snow Camping and Skiing - Mar 28-29





## **Meeting Dates**

Board of Review - Jan 19, Feb 16

Committee Meeting –Feb 2, Mar 2 (7 PM)

**PLC Meeting** – Jan 18 (Time and location TBA), Feb 14 (after winter awareness training)

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



### 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) 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 Scouts!

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.

# Help Keep Our Troop Gear Ready for Use

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!

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.

# Pictures from our awesome New Year's Big Basin hike will be posted in the February addition of The Troop 726 Flash!

Crabbing/Fishing Point Pinole (with Webelos) – 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: \$9
- 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.
- Bring SACK LUNCH for Saturday Jan 10
- Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast by Patrol (Each patrol needs to plan meals, bring food and cooking equipment. Please plan meals with easy clean up to save time).



Scout in Charge: Spenser Lin-Jones, Adult in Charge: Mr. Siu and Mr. Maloof

**When**: January 26, 2015 **Time**: 6 pm-9:30 pm

Where: 22737 Main St. Hayward, CA 94541 Cost and Uniform: Class A (with sash), No Cost

Only the first eight scouts to turn in their permission slips and 1 other adult will be able to attend. You will be waiting tables for about 150 people at the crab feed. **The tips will be divided equally** 

among the scouts attending.

Adult-in-Charge: Mr. Siu (510) 461 2374, Mr. Maloof Scout-in-Charge: Spenser Lin-Jones (510) 461 4909

University of Scouting, Service Project - Jan 31

Scout in Charge: Curtis Werning, Adult in Charge: Mr. Weavil

When: January 31, 2015

**Time**: 7 am for breakfast coverage: 11 am for lunch coverage

Where: Alvarado Middle School 31604 Alvarado Blvd. Union City, CA 94587

Cost and Uniform: Class A (with sash), No Cost



### Scout Sunday – Feb 2

Scout in Charge: Aviram Bhalla-Levine, Adult in Charge: Mr. Hubbard

Each year for Scout Sunday we gathered together to celebrate that a Scout is Reverent. Scout Sunday is on February 2, 2014, at Faith Lutheran Church in Castro Valley. The service begins at 9am and last about 1 hour. Scouts will need to be there at 8 am. Refreshments are served. Boys and girls from all over Castro Valley and Hayward attend this event. This will be a "Scout Ran Service" and all family members are invited.

Faith Lutheran Church is very supportive of Scouting and Troop 726. Please plan on attending and helping Troop 726 give back to the Faith Lutheran Church for all they do for us during the year. Permission slip is on Troop Website.



#### Winter Awareness Training-Feb 14

Scout in charge- Keane Hubbard, Adult in Charge: Mr. Avery



Winter Awareness Training is coming up on Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup>. It is mandatory that you have attended Winter Awareness Training in order to participate in the March Snow/Ski Trip to Boreal!

# Black Diamond Caves Camping and Mountain Biking (with Webelos) – Feb 21 - 22 Scout in Charge: Joshua Siu, Adult in Charge: Mr. Mognaga

**WHAT:** We will be biking from our campsite to the Black Diamond Mines. We will spend an hour or so in the cooled caves. Trust me, they are really cold in there.

**DATE:** February 21<sup>st</sup> - 22nd

MEETING LOCATION & TIME: Masonic Center, Saturday, Feb 21, 8:30 AM

ENDING LOCATION & TIME: Masonic Center, Sunday, Feb 22, 1:00 PM

COST: TBD

**WHAT TO BRING:** Bag Lunch for Saturday. 10 essentials, camping supplies, jacket. It may be warm during the day and cold during the night.



### **Shooting Sports- Mar 6-8**

Details coming soon.

# Show Camping and Skiing at Boreal – Mar 28-29

Details coming soon.

#### Winter Court of Honor 2014

At the Winter Court of Honor our troop recorded 10 new merit badges and 15 rank advancements, including 4 Eagle Scouts. Congratulations Troop 726!



### **Rank Advancements:**



Tenderfoot: Aaron Bull, Joshua Feux, Kyle Ortzow



Second Class: Joshua Feux, Jack Qin, Albert Tran



First Class: Jack Qin



Star: Kendall Law, Aaron Lee, Patrick Lee



Life: Mathew Kwan

Eagle: Raymond Akagi, Mitch Avery, Austin Le and Will Oliveira







Saluting the new Eagle Scouts



# Winter Court of Honor- Flag Ceremony





# Rank advancements and events celebrated







# **Winter Court of Honor Continued**





## **Jeffrey Jiang's Life Project**



# **December Holiday Party**

# **Brown Bag Service Project**

By Rafi Overton, scout-in-charge

The Brown Bag Lunch Troop meeting was a wonderful Service Project to end the year. Scouts stood at a row of tables, packing brown bags with peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, lots of fresh fruit and water while the band played wintery melodies. The scouts participating, obviously cared what went into the lunches, because they ofter rejected bad sandwiches or imperfect fruit. 88 bags were packed in all, and Mr. Siu had to go to the store and buy more boxes to hold them. I instructed scouts to organize the extra materials.

After this was done, there was a white elephant gift exchange and festivities with hors d'oeuvres, at which time I needed to get the brown bag lunches to where they were sorted. Mr. Siu was going to take them. I had three very willing scouts to carry them to his car. Mr. Siu drove the 88 brown bag lunches away. All in all, the brown bag lunch went pretty well.

# **Preparing Brown Bag lunches**





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# **Busy making Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches**





Whole Troop with Brown Bag Lunches and Instrument at Holiday Party





# Holiday Band By Joey Bertetta, scout-in-charge

We had a great time at holiday band and a lot of scouts brought their instruments and participated.









**Celebrating Religious and Cultural Traditions!** 



White Elephant Exchange, holiday desserts and party!









**Adults Celebrate too!** 







Really Yummy!

# **American Legion Dinner**

By Xavier Wilmott

The American Legion Christmas dinner was a success. We served elderly veterans either chicken, scalloped potatoes, and zucchini, or they could have salmon, zucchini, and scalloped potatoes. We earned \$142 in tips and gave the kitchen manager \$24 because she comes to the Moose Lodge almost every day to volunteer her time to serve people.

# Events to be rescheduled!

Please note that a few events originally scheduled for fall/ winter will likely be rescheduled for spring! These events are:

\*\*\* Spelunking

\*\*\* Chocolate Factory Tour

\*\*\*Aviation Merit Badge

New dates will be posted as available.

## **Troop Meeting News**

Scouts and Adults – Please submit pictures and stories of interesting meeting events for next months Troop 726 Flash! Thank You!!

# Scouts - Please submit Patrol Updates for next months Flash!! Thank You!!

### **Patrol News**

Patrol leaders / members please submit your article to Mrs. Overton by the Last Friday of the month at a meeting, by email to kimmyoverton@yahoo.com or by putting the article in her mail slot by the Wednesday before the end of the month.

Bobcats



no update

Scorpions 🥌





no update

The Foxes had a great time at the brown bag lunch / scout band troop Fox meeting. Some of us brought our instruments and played music from various books and sheets, and others helped make lunches for the homeless.

By Yuri Overton

Bats



no update

Ravens



no update

Cobras



no update

# Thank You Mrs. Chang!

Thank you Mrs. Sandia Chang for your amazing work on the Troop 726 Flash for the past years! Troop 726 is deeply grateful!

## **Noteworthy for families**

## Red and Green Dinner coming up in February

Family and Friends: Come celebrate the birthday of Scouting with Troop 726 with a Potluck meal at the February 11th troop meeting. Make sure to bring your mess kit to do your part to keep our Earth healthy!

# **University of Scouting – A great opportunity not to miss!**

**Location: Alvarado Middle School** 

31604 Alvarado Blvd. Union Citv. CA 94587

Who: All Scout Leaders, Scout parents, Boy Scouts (1st Class and above) and all Venture

Scouts.

Cost: \$20.00 on or before Friday, January 18, 2015 OR \$30.00 afterwards.

Includes: Patches, handouts and tips from experienced scouters. Lunch and refreshments will

be available (\$\$) from some scout packs, troops, and crews.

#### **Scout Master Minute**

By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Scout Master

### Honoring the Cobras

Starting in January and ending in August the Cobra patrol will age out of Troop 726. Current scouts know the Cobra Patrol as Raymond Akagi, Mitch Avery, Keane Hubbard, Austin Le, and Michael Yi. Three of the Cobras are already Eagle Scouts and the other two are Life Scouts.

Few of the scouts and adults in our Troop may realize that there have been many other Cobras who have come and gone over the years. Scouts by the names of Jason Zhao, Tyler Wang, Aaron Vejmola, John Miles, Freddie Kao, Jeremy Gilbert, Steele Eubanks, Matthew Couto, Ben Gormley, and Joshua Grubb were all Cobras. Some moved away, some lost interest, but all were Cobras for a brief time.

Of the 15 different boys who were Cobras at one time or another, it is hard to say how many made up the most Cobras at any one time, 8 or 9 perhaps. Indeed, by the time Michael joined a mere year and a half after Raymond, Mitch, Keane, and Austin the Troop had already lost many of the original Cobra members. Amidst all this tumult, the core group has stayed together and they have attended many summer camps, big adventures, Philmont, National Jamborees, and produced three Senior Patrol Leaders. Indeed, the last three summer camps were led by a Cobra as SPL.

Raymond will age out next week followed by Austin in February. After summer camp amid the nominal activity of our relaxed summer schedule, Keane, Michael, and finally Mitch will quietly age out, ending the time of the Cobra. The Troop will need to wait for a year and a half for the next age out after that with the oldest Raven Sam Pica.

Goodbye to the Cobras. Thank you for your contributions to the Troop.

## **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

### Committee Chair's Corner By Jose Siu, Troop 726 Committee Chair



As I was thinking on what to write for this 1<sup>st</sup> Committee Chair Corner of 2015 I came across the Pearls of Wisdom—Quotes from Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scouts Movement in England over 100 years ago. Have fun reading and get inspired.

"Scouting is a game for boys under the leadership of boys under the direction of a man." In our case, many men are needed to help direct our Troop.

"It is important to arrange games and competition so that all Scouts of the troop take part." Yes indeed, the variety of activities put together by our boys under the direction of our Scout Master is all inclusive.

"We are not a club or a Sunday school class, but a school of the woods." Where have I heard this before?

"Scoutmasters need to enter into boys' ambitions."

"A boy is supremely confident of his own power, and dislikes being treated as a child."

"Boys can see adventure in a dirty old duck puddle, and if the Scoutmaster is a boys' man he can see it, too."

"The sport in Scouting is to find the good in every boy and develop it."

"Correcting bad habits cannot be done by forbidding or punishment." But by allowing our boys to explore their own ideas, celebrate success and learn from failures.

"Show me a poorly uniformed troop and I'll show you a poorly uniformed leader."

"The more responsibility the Scoutmaster gives his patrol leaders, the more they will respond." This goes for any adult in charge and his scout in charge.

"The Scoutmaster teaches boys to play the game by doing so himself." *Parents, wouldn't you come play* with us?

"We do not want to make Scout training too soft."

"When you want a thing done, 'Don't do it yourself' is a good motto for Scoutmasters." Do not deprive our boys from the chance to learn, let them do the things that need to be done.

"The spirit is there in every boy; it has to be discovered and brought to light."

"In Scouting, a boy is encouraged to educate himself instead of being instructed."

"A boy carries out suggestions more wholeheartedly when he understands their aim."

"If you make listening and observation your occupation you will gain much more than you can by talk."

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct."

"The object of the patrol method is not so much saving the Scoutmaster trouble as to give responsibility to the boy."

"When a boy finds someone who takes an interest in him, he responds and follows."

"An invaluable step in character training is to put responsibility on the individual."

"A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room."

"It is risky to order a boy not to do something; it immediately opens to him the adventure of doing it."

"Can we not interpret our adult wisdom into the language of boyhood?"

"In Scouting you are combating the brooding of selfishness."

"The real way to gain happiness is to give it to others."

"We must change boys from a 'what can I get' to a 'what can I give' attitude."

## **Troop Items for Sale**

The following items can be purchased from Mr. Siu. Email: 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!

# Troop Meeting Outline

Date	Flags	Instruction	Instruction Advisor	Game	Special Notes	Patrol Time
08/27/14		Webmaster		Website		Family Camp
09/03/14	Ï	Plant and Animals		Jeopardy		Family Camp
09/10/14		Knots		Knot Relay Race	7	Family Camp
09/17/14	-	Tent Ettiquette		Tent Game	Outdoor Me	
09/24/14		Sewing		Patch Placement		STEM
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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



#### **Training**

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

#### **Training Recertification**

Keeping Scouts safe and keeping Scouting leaders up to date with current information and methods means some of the BSA's training courses need to be retaken every couple of years.

We all know about Youth Protection training and National Camping School, but there are some others—including some that have recently been added to the list.

Below is a list of these courses and how often they should be retaken to be valid:

- Youth Protection—every two years
- National Camping School—good for five camping seasons
- Safe Swim Defense—every two years
- Paddle Craft Safety—every three years
- Aquatics Supervision/Swimming and Water Rescue—every three years
- BSA Lifeguard—every three years
- · Visitation training—every two years
- Lead Climbing Instructor—every five years
- · Climbing Instructor—every two years
- COPE/Climbing Inspector—every two years
- Safety Afloat—every two years
- · Chain Saw Safety—every two years
- Trainer's EDGE—every three years
- Hazardous Weather—every two years
- Physical Wellness—every two years
- Climb On Safely—every two years
- Trek Safely—every two years

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.

On-line trainings are at <a href="www.sfbac.org">www.sfbac.org</a>. 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 for more info.

Thanks, Randy Wright 510 885 0527 Wright-s@comcast.net



#### 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: <a href="http://www.sfbac.org/training">http://www.sfbac.org/training</a>

#### **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 <a href="https://www.sfbac.org/training">www.sfbac.org/training</a>. 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 University 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!!

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

<u>January 11-17, 2015,</u> Conference on <u>Education for Advancement Administrators</u> (CEAA) <u>January 18-24, 2015,</u> <u>Overview of Commissioner Service,</u> STEM-tastic!, Youth Protection Champions & Delivering Trainingto Unit Leaders

Registration for the 2015 training conferences is now open. Go to <a href="http://reservations.scouting.org/profile/34182">http://reservations.scouting.org/profile/34182</a> 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 <u>972-580-2459</u> Facility Related 305-664-5612

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# BE PREPARED

#### **ASM Patrol Advisors**

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