**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA** 

#### TROOP 726 FLASH

MAY 2014

#### **Upcoming Events**

White Water Rafting – May 17 - 18

Lone Tree Cemetery Memorial Day Event – May 23, 26

Native Sons Flag Ceremony - May 25

Court of Honor – June 4



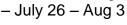
Anthony and Kiyoshi Eagle Court of Honor - June 14

Summer Camp – June 15 – 21



Deep Sea Fishing – July 12-13

Yellowstone High Adventure Trip









#### **Meeting Dates**

Board of Review - May 19, June 23, July 21

Committee Meeting –June 2, July 7

**PLC Meeting** –July 23 (Independent School at Adam Niksarian's classroom

**Troop Meetings** – Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm sharp at Masonic Center, exception: May 14 (swimming meeting at Aqua Linda, 4275 Seven Hills Rd, CV)

#### Website

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

**Jeffrey Jiang** 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 ( jeff.jj@live.com) any and all permission slips for upcoming events in .doc format so they can be uploaded to the website for all to download.



#### **Attention All**

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!

Scout Due

#### Lost Equipment

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

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.

#### White Water Rafting – May 17 - 18

Scout in Charge: Zurvohn Maloof, Adult in Charge: Mr. Smith

Troop 726 is planning a camping and whiter water rafting trip to South Fork American River. We will be leaving from Masonic Center on Saturday, May 17 at 10 am and returning on Sunday, May 18 at 7 pm. The cost is \$120 which includes wet suits, rafting trip, gas, tolls, campsites, etc. Bring a bag lunch for Saturday. Patrol Method for Saturday dinner and Sunday meals. Class A for ride up there. Quick-dry clothing is recommended. Swimsuit, dry clothes, towel, water shoes, SUNSCREEN, 10 essentials, and everything needed for an overnight trip. Bring some addition cash (\$15, just in case) for dinner on the way home.

To attend white water trip, scout must have passed BSA simmer test. Permission slips and \$ due on May 7. Don't miss out on this great adventure!





#### Lone Tree Cemetery Memorial Day Event – May 23 (Friday), 26 (Monday)

Scout in Charge: Xavier Bolido, Adult in Charge: Mr. Yi

The scouts and parents of Troop 726 are invited to help place and remove flags and attend the memorial service at the Lone Tree Cemetery. This is a great opportunity to honor our veterans and the scouts get a glimpse at some local history by reading the tombstones. Please try to attend one session or attend all and earn service hours.

May 23 (Friday) 3:30 p.m. meet at Lone Tree Cemetery. We will be assisting in placing 2,000 flags at the gravesites of servicemen. Bring a screwdriver if you want to work faster. It takes between 60 to 90 minutes to complete the task.

May 26 (Monday) 10:00 a.m. meet at Lone Tree Cemetery. Early birds will be treated with donuts and orange juice. The memorial service begins at 11:00 a.m., followed by a BBQ Lunch at 12:30 p.m.

May 26 (Monday) 3:30 p.m. meet at Lone Tree Cemetery. We will help remove the flags and put them back in containers for next year.

All scouts and families are invited to help, attend the memorial service and enjoy the BBQ Lunch.



#### Native Sons Flag Ceremony - May 25

Scout in Charge: Curtis Werning, Adult in Charge: TBA

Save the date! More details will be coming for this event.



#### **Troop Meeting Schedule**

Date	Instruction	Instruction Advisor	Game	Special Notes	Patrol Time
05/07/14	Dangers Drugs & Alcohol	Spencer, Mac, Z	Card Games		Whitewater
05/14/14	Swimming				Whitewater
05/21/14	Website	Jeffrey Jiang / Mr. Pica	Tag (Luke)	Summer Camp Pack	Summer Camp MB's
05/28/14	Troop Yell / Scout Spirit		Patrol Yell Off (w/ Prizes)	Summer Camp Pack	Summer Camp MB's
06/04/14	Court of Honor				
06/11/14	Pack your Duffle		Sack Race in Duffles		Summer Camp MB's
06/18/14	Summer Camp				
06/25/14	No instruction		Football	Meeting at Container - Past Masters?	
07/02/14	No Meeting - Fourth of July	,			
07/09/14	Orienteering			Meet at Canyon.	
07/16/14	No Meeting - Summer Brea	ak			
07/23/14	Pioneering			Also PLC Mtg, Meet at Container	
07/30/14	No Meeting - Big Adventure				
08/06/14	No Meeting - Summer Brea	ak			
08/13/14	No Meeting - Summer Brea	ak			
08/20/14	Container Meeting				



Date: Saturday, June 14th.

Why: Anthony and Kiyoshi Eagle Court of Honor

Where: Masonic Center.

YIS: Laverne Stroetker

#### **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 726 is going to Camp Royaneh June 15- 21, 2014!

**Camp Royaneh** is located in the redwoods near Guernville, CA.



While the actual cost of this event is \$451, the troop committee leadership has voted to subsidize \$52 per scout from the unit's general fund; therefore the charge is \$399 per Scout (plus special merit badge fees). **The permission slip, money and** doctor-approved BSA health form is due ASAP. Please turn in money to Mr. Yi. Checks payable to Troop 726, cash or Scout Accounts are accepted. You can also find health form under the SFBAC

website http://www.sfbac.org/resources/forms REMEMBER part C requires a Doctor's appointment and signature. It is always best to attach a vaccination record from your Doctor's office. Turn in health form to Mr. Siu. Sign up for merit badge classes is coming up.



#### National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) - Session 1: June 15-21; Session 2: June 22-28; Rancho Los Mochos

Have you ever wondered how some in your unit just seem to be natural leaders? Would you like to know their secrets and have more of your scouts perform like them? A great place to start is the weeklong NYLT training course where they can learn leadership skills with some of the most capable, enthusiastic and skilled Scouts and Venturers in Northern California.

The San Francisco Bay Area Council presents National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) a highenergy week of fun activities including team building, advanced leadership training and Scout skills. Many participants return to their home units as noticeably better and more capable leaders.

This summer SFBAC-NYLT is offering two separate training sessions at Rancho Los Mochos in Livermore, CA. Session 1 will run June 15–21and Session 2, June 22-28. Each Session is designed and staffed to accommodate up to 96 scouts. As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, Session 1 is 70% full and Session 2 is 30% full. So register soon. The early registration course fee of \$299 is good until April 31<sup>st</sup>, when it increases to \$325.

#### Requirements include:

- 13 years old or completed 7th Grade by June 2014
- First Class rank or above
- Completed Introduction to Troop Leadership Skills (ITLS), formerly Troop Leadership Training (TLT) which will be offered by Troop 726 on April 18.
- Permission from your Scoutmaster

Sammy Wilson and Zachary Eslick attended this training last year and you (yes you who are considering going) can ask either of them about their experience.

For more information and/or registration go to <a href="https://www.sfbac-nylt.org">www.sfbac-nylt.org</a>

#### Yellowstone High Adventure Trip – July 26 – Aug 3

Scout in Charge: Raymond Akagi, Adult in Charge: Mrs. Werning

Mark your calendar, **July 26 to Aug 3**!!! Take part in this **once-in-a-life-time adventure** with your fellow scouts! **Yellowstone National Park**, established in 1872 and located primarily in Wyoming, was America's first national park. To this day, Yellowstone remains one of the country's most popular national parks with almost four million annual visitors. Yellowstone spans almost 3,500 miles, and extends into parts of Montana and Idaho, making it the largest National Park in the US. It sits on top of a dormant volcano and is home to more geysers and hot springs than any other place on earth. Approximately 50 percent of the world's hydrothermal features are at Yellowstone National Park. The most famous of all the geysers is Old Faithful, one of the most popular and recognized natural wonders in the United States.

Below is the preliminary itinerary. **The cost is approximately \$480 - \$550**. Please contact scout-in-charge **Raymond Akagi** (rayakagi@comcastl.net, 510-317-9179) for more information.

#### Day 1- Saturday: Castro Valley to Angel Creek campsite

- 1. National auto museum or Animal Ark in Reno area.
- 2. Eat lunch on the road, stop somewhere.
- 3. 576 miles
- 4. 8.5 hours

#### Day 2- Sunday: Angel Creek campsite to Box Canyon campground

- 1. Zip the snake in Twin Falls or Craters of the Moon.
- 2. 364 miles
- 3. 5 hours and 48 minute drive. (without Craters of the Moon).

#### Day 3- Monday: box canyon to mammoth campground

 Monument geyser basin (2.8 mile hike), Norris geyser basin, artists' paint pots (1.1 mile hike), mammoth hot springs.

#### Day 4- Tuesday: mammoth campground to canyon campground

- 1. Take black tail plateau drive (great views)
- 2. Inspiration point, artist point, seven mile hole trail (about 11 miles)
- 3. Showers and laundry

#### Day 5- Wednesday: canyon campground to bridge bay campground

- Old faithful, lower geyser basin, midway geyser basin, fairy falls (2.5 miles), biscuit basin, black sand basin
- 2. Eat dinner at lake hotel (expensive restaurant)

#### Day 6- Thursday: bridge bay campground to Colter bay campground

1. West thumb, Jenny Lake trail (2 miles w/boat ride) or 7 mile hike around lake.

#### Day 7- Friday: Colter Bay campground

- 1. Jackson hole aerial tram, eat at Corbet's cabin for breakfast kinda.
- 2. Hike (12.4 miles)

#### Day 8- Saturday: Colter Bay campground to Angel Creek campsite

#### Day 9- Sunday: Angel Creek campsite to home

- 1. National auto museum or Animal Ark in Reno area.
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#### **Training**

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

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District Trainings

Check your district website, or contact your District Executive for further information.

Wednesday May 14 & Fri-Sun May 30-June 1 - Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills at Sheriff's Training Center, Weekend at Rancho Los Mochos. Training by Twin Valley.

#### Training Information for Adults & Youth

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

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Come join us for the training session and get your boys excited about STEM!

When: 9am - 11am, Saturday, May 10th (check in time 8:30)

Where: San Leandro YLTC (1001 Davis Street)

Why: To become a STEM Nova Counselor/Mentor for Cub Scouts

Who: Any parent or Cub Scout leader

How Much: FREE! (Donations toward the STEM Encampment are requested)

Please rsvp to gretchenmora@yahoo.com by May 7th.

#### HAT Leave No Trace Trainer

High Adventure Team Presents LEAVE NO TRACE TRAINER

Saturday and Sunday, May 17-18

This course syllabus is a collaborative effort of the BSA and the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics. BSA Leave No Trace Trainer courses are a minimum of 16 hours long and they cover: All the required elements of the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics Trainer course

Additional topics on application of Leave No Trace to the BSA program

A current Annual Health and Medical Record including parts A, B, and C is required. This course includes a backpacking experience and overnight camping that is required for completion of the course. Contact the course director

Upcoming Council Dates MAY 9 Sporting Clays for Scouting NRA Range Safety Officer Training 10 16-18 Mom & Son 17-18 HAT Leave No Trace Trainer course 23-26 Family Vacation Camp at Wente Scout Reservation Memorial Day - YLTC Closed, East Bay Scout Shop Closed Camp Royaneh Work Party 30-1

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



#### **Scout Master Minute**

By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Scout Master

### Update coming soon!



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Yours In Scouting, Gretchen Mora Mission Peak Cub Scout STEM Nova Chair Mission Peak Cub Scout Roundtable Pack 112, Den 1 leader Mom ;)

#### **Boreal Ski and Camp**

By Scout in Charge: Kyle Avery, Photo by Mrs. Werning

Troop 726 had a ski/snowboard overnight at Boreal Ski Resort on March 29-30. We went up though lots of traffic and snow to Boreal, but couldn't find our campsite. So we went to Roseville and stayed at a hotel and the next morning we drove back up and had a fun day in the snow! Thank you Mrs. Werning and Mr. Raynor for taking us.

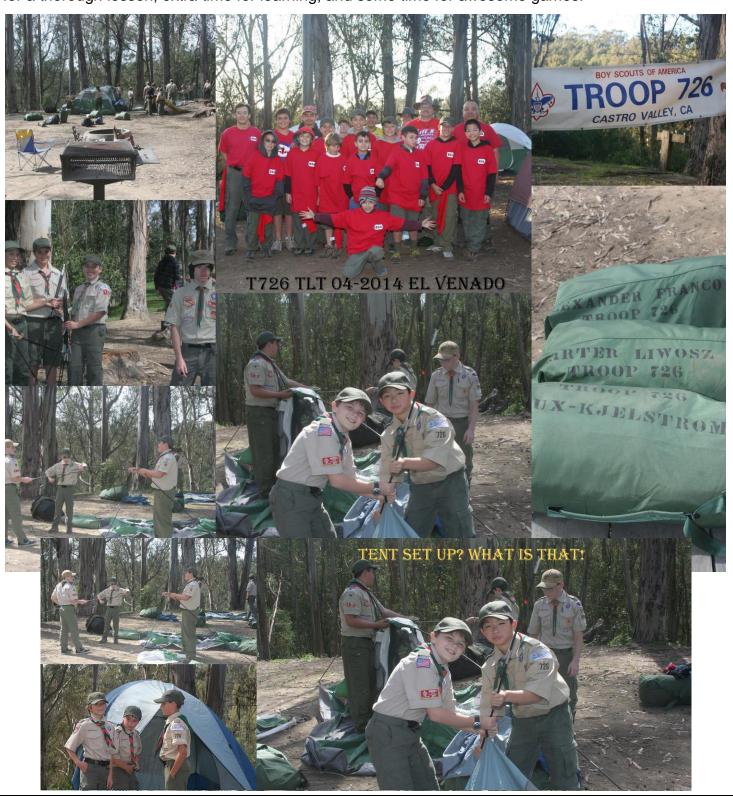


# Boreal Ski and Camp - March 29 - 30 Mr. Raynor trying to find campsite 330 Lozanos and scouts

#### **TLT Campout**

By Scout in Charge: Sam Pica, Photo by Mr. Siu

This campout, April 18 - 19, made specifically for younger scouts learning the basics of Scouting, was attended by almost all of the newest scouts in our Troop, and all that attended were trained in leadership and passed with flying colors. Many scouts were signed off on critical requirements by the Troop Guides, all of which who attended. All that attended agreed that they had a great and productive time. The campsite was El Venado, a campsite we had not used before during TLT. Because it was Spring Break week, the scouts got to start the camp out earlier, leaving enough time for a thorough lesson, extra time for learning, and some time for awesome games.









## Troop Leadership Training Troop Leadership Training





## Flag retirement and camp fire







#### **Bulldog Patrol – Guides Sam Pica and Matthew Kuan**

Aaron Bull Joey Spiegl Eric Nepveux-Kjelstron Rafi Overton Carter Liwosz Nicholas Weavil Kyle Ortzow Xavier Wilmott



#### **Bear Patrol – Guides Mitch Avery and Kendall Law**

Ben Martin Alexander Franco Spencer Lin-Jones Caden Liang Callum Standish Quentin Mognaga Joshua Fewx



## Monkey Patrol?!



#### TLT Campout – April 18-19 Masonic Center Clean up – April 5

By Scout in Charge: Samuel Kim, Photo by Mr. Siu

On April 5, 2014, Samuel Kim and Mr. Siu organized a Troop event called The Masonic Center Clean-up. There were about 20 people, scouts and adults, that attended. We cleaned the Masonic Center to show our appreciation to the Masons for letting us use their lodge.

















## Thankyou Eleryone Who Came and Helpel

#### Rafi Cross Over















## Congratulations!



#### **Nicholas Cross Over**

Photo by Mr. Siu

















#### **Committee Chair's Corner**

By Jose Siu, Troop 726 Committee Chair

Greetings Troop 726, I am very excited to see how much we have grown in the last two months. Our last couples of meetings and outings have been phenomenal. We are really coming together as a Troop and as a Family.

Summer is almost here and most of us are getting ready to attend Summer Camp at Royaneh. We will be leaving the Masonic the morning of Sunday, June 15 and returning the afternoon of Saturday, June 21. We will leave early in the morning (more information to come shortly). Parents say your good bye and let the Troop get ready to depart; we need to leave on time and arrive on time to check in, do the BSA swim test at camp, and set up camp; we have a busy day ahead of us. We will come back around 2:30 pm, take care of blue cards, do some reflections and get ready to head home. Parents are welcome to meets us at 2:30pm for 2 minutes of welcome home hugs; then let the boys do their last assignments before being released by their SPL and adult leaders.







In Preparation for Summer Camp please make sure your scout has the BSA Annual Medical forms part A, B and C completed by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Please double check all required entries, it makes my job easier; I need to double check all 50+ forms and if they are all completed I will be a happy man. If you have a copy of your scout's immunization records from the Doctor's office please attach a copy. In addition, we require a copy of the scout's Health Insurance Card; front and back. Thank you for your cooperation Mr Siu.

On Sunday morning, if your scout needs to bring prescription medicine to camps please follow these directions. Bring all prescription medicines in their original container with the original label attached to the container. Bring enough medicine to last 8 days (one extra). Put all the medicines in a zip log bag and label the bag with your scout's name and TROOP 726. I will be standing away from the boys, look for me and give me the zip lock bag with the medicine. For over the counter medication please put the medication in zip lock bag with the scout's name and Troop 726. If you wish for me to know any particulars about your scout's heath please approach me during regular meeting. I will keep this information confidential and may share it with the adult leadership coming to camp if the need arises. Our Troop's main priority is the safety of our scouts and we take this very seriously.

Scouts, be prepare to learn and earn as many merit badges as you can. Be prepared, bring your books and work with your Troop Guides, you will have a great opportunity to do great work and maybe advance in rank. One more thing: LET'S HAVE FUN!

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#### **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.

#### Wolverines



Liam and Albert went to the Earth Day beautification at Independent Elementary School on April 26<sup>th</sup>. We went to thank the school for holding our container.

By Jack Qin

#### Fox



No submittal

#### Bats



The troop leaders went to the PLC to discuss close future plans on Sunday, April 27.After an hour of bargaining and trading rales, we got pizza from Costco. Then we went through a whole tons of random ideas on places to go, including Japan, North Korea, South Korea, and a few other bizarre Places

By Josh Siu

#### Ravens



Everyone is good and we are advancing well.

By Spencer Vanderpan

#### **Cobras/ Scorpions/ Dragons**



Cobras are hard at work planning our Eagle projects so we can become Eagles.

By Raymond Akagi