

TROOP 726 FLASH

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Upcoming Events

Rim of Bay, Mount Tamalpais Hike – Feb 12

Fishing and Crabbing at Point Pinole – Feb 19

Klondike Snow Camp – March 4 – 6

Spring Court of Honor – March 16

Horseback Riding – March 26

TLT Training – April 1 – 2

Ben Eversole and Eric Nikssarian Eagle Court of Honor – April 3

Leatherwork Merit Badge by Tandy Leather Factory – Call to schedule



Meeting Dates

Committee Meeting – Mar 7 and Apr 4, 7:00 pm
(Faith Lutheran Church)

ASM Meeting – Feb 14 and Mar 14

Board of Review – Feb 21 and Mar 21

PLC Meeting – Feb 24 and Mar 24

Troop Meetings – Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm sharp at Masonic Center ([Note: Feb 23 - nominations, March 2 – elections](#)) The Masonic Center will not be available to us on the following 2011 dates: Feb 23, April 27, June 22, Sept 28. Instead we have the center on the Tuesday of the week, except in June when our scouts will be at summer camp

Troop 726 Website

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



Rim of Bay, Mount Tamalpais Hike – Feb 12

Scout in Charge: Ryan Flynn, Adult in Charge: Mr. Yi

Rim of the Bay, Mt. Tam hike is scheduled for Saturday, Feb 12. Ryan Flynn is the Scout in charge along with Mr. Yi. Permission slip will be available on Feb 9.

Fishing and Crabbing at Point Pinole – Feb 19

Scout in Charge: Allen Saylor, Adult in Charge: Mr. Avery

Our second annual Crabbing outing will take place at Point Pinole as a one night overnight. We will leave from Masonic Center at 11 am on Saturday, Feb 19 and return on Sunday, Feb 20 at 11 am. The cost is \$6. Wear Class A uniform for travelling; bring overnight bag and items, crabbing gear and bait, fishing gear and bait. Ask Allen Saylor for suggestions for bait. This is a very popular event so don't miss out, look for permission slips and sign up early!

Klondike – March 4 – 6

Scout in Charge: Ben Andrews, Adults in Charge: Mr. Andrews & Mr. Fong

Mark your calendar, **March 4 – 6** for the "coolest" camping event attended every year by T726 Scouts!!! Held annually at the Snowflower Preserve and Snow Park off I-80 in the Sierra Mountains, this year's winter storms will ensure plenty of snow for some chilly fun: snow-shoeing, sled-racing, competing at Scout skills, and cooking out under the tall pines. **This event is open to all Boy Scouts and adult leaders who have attended the OA Winter Camping Awareness program.** Register by the February 9th Troop meeting, and be prepared for the challenges of winter camping conditions.! We will meet **at Masonic Center on Friday March 4 at 5 pm, returning around 3 pm on Sunday March 6 after stopping for a great brunch on the way home.** The cost is \$60 per Scout. Permission slips with further details will be available soon. Question? Contact *Mr. Andrews, Outdoor Program Coordinator* (510/728-1426 or sierrascout@sbcglobal.net).



Horseback Riding – March 26

Scout in Charge: Will Oliveira, Adult in Charge: Mr. Avery

Will Oliveira is working on a location for a day trip for the horseback riding on March 26. This will be a new event and guaranteed to be a fun and unique experience. So mark your calendar and sign up early. **We need a second adult for this event. Adults, please help if you are able. Thanks!**

Ben Eversole and Eric Nikssarian Eagle Court of Honor

SAVE THE DATE

April 3, 2011, Masonic Center, 2 PM
Ben Eversole and Eric Nikssarian Eagle Court of Honor



High Adventure Trip in August

Looking for something exciting to do in the summer? How about joining your fellow Scouts for the **High Adventure Trip, August 7 – 14, 2011.** Some of the activities tentative included in the trip are: hike the Half Dome in Yosemite, climb Mt Whitney, overnight at Furnace Creek, Death Valley, and visiting Las Vegas area. **IN ORDER TO ATTEND YOU MUST COMPLETE THE HIKING MERIT BADGE BEFORE WE LEAVE!!!** More information will be available soon. Don't miss out on this once-in-a-life-time opportunity. Plan ahead and start getting ready for the trip!

Activity Accounting Report Form

From Mr. Woo

All leader or scout in charge, please download the Activity Accounting Report Form from the Scoutlander under the Form section. Enter every transaction whenever you receive or spend any money. The form will help you gather all transactions information until your activity is finished. That's when the balance becomes Zero. You need this form whenever you deposit or withdraw money to/from the treasurer. For the record please prepare the form at home and make a copy for the treasurer before you meet the treasurer. The treasurer must sign your form when you make a deposit.

Leatherwork Merit Badge by Tandy Leather Factory

Do you want to learn to work leather and make a sturdy and strong water bottle holster to use on comp-outs? Here is your chance to learn, earn a Merit Badge while having fun. Call Tandy Leather Factory store at 510-441-7480, 2825 Whipple, Union City, CA 94587, to be put on the list. Or, better yet, make it a Patrol outing and go as a group. The cost is \$10 per scout. All materials and tool are provided. The class will be taught by Mr. Will, an experienced Scout Leader.

“If you ain’t having fun...you’re doing something wrong”

Chabot to Garin Hike By Scout in Charge: Mitch Avery

On Jan 15, 14 scouts, including myself, went on a 12 mile hike from EBMUD Chabot Staging Area on Redwood Road to Five-Canyons. We basically hiked from one end of Castro Valley to the other. We started at 9 am and ended at 3 pm. I think everyone enjoyed the hike. This is in preparation for the big adventure trip in August.



Back row - Mr. Andrews, Mr. Avery, Kioshi, Jacob, Will, Seamus, Ryan, Bryce,
Raymond, Mr. Yi,
Front row - Mitch, Michael, Austin, Kyle, and Steven

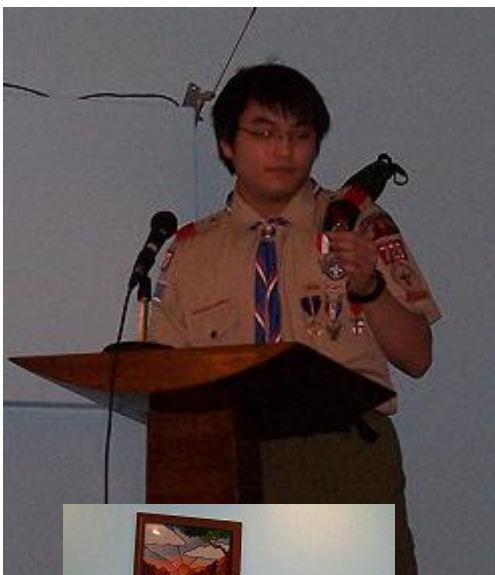
Crab Feast Dinner Service Project

By Scout in Charge: Michael Yi

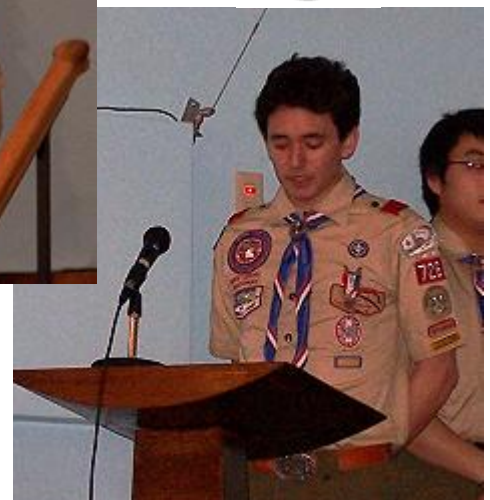
We served foods at the Veteran's building in Hayward for the annual Crab Feast dinner on Jan 24. The evening went very well. Everybody was in the class A uniform. We were polite.

Casey Perrault's Eagle Court of Honor

Friends and families celebrated Casey's achievement as an Eagle Scout on **Jan 22, 2010, 2 pm, at the Masonic Center.**



Congratulations,
Casey!



Photos from Casey Perrault's Eagle Court of Honor



Well Done!

The University of Scouting

By Scout in Charge: Jacob Schultz

On the 29th of January, 6 scouts and 2 adults sold meat balls to people taking classes at **Foothill High School in Pleasanton**. We made approximately \$200 profit. The scouts who went were Jacob Schultz, Larry Whitmyer, Ryan Flynn, Steve Davidson, Raymond Akagi and Bryce Fong. Thank you, Mrs. Saylor and Mr. Perrault, for your donation of bread and chips. Thank you, Mrs. Schultz and Mr. Davidson, for being the adults in charge.



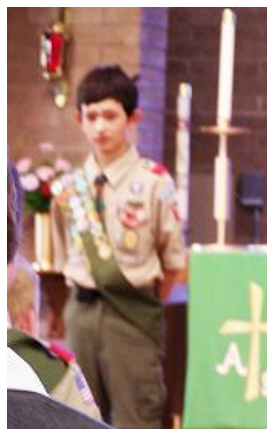
The meatball sandwich gourmet chefs – Mrs. Schulz, Mr. Davidson, Jacob, Bryce, Ryan, Larry, Raymond, and Steve





Scout Sunday– Feb 6
By Scout in Charge: Raymond Akagi

On Feb 6 many scouts and family observed Scout Sunday at Faith Lutheran Church on Redwood Road. We were the color guards carrying the American Flag and California Flag. Mitch did the calls for the presentation of flags. There were different scouting groups there, including Cubs Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scout, and Sea Scouts. We learned that it's important to share the light of our lives. We all had delicious refreshments afterwards. The scouts who went were Bryce, Allen, Kyle, Mitch, Keane, Sam, Raymond, Austin, and Ryan. Thanks you to all family and scouts who participated.



Aims and Methods of the Scouting Program

The Scouting program has three specific objectives, commonly referred to as the "Aims of Scouting." They are character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness.

The methods by which the aims are achieved are listed below in random order to emphasize the equal importance of each.

Ideals. The ideals of Boy Scouting are spelled out in the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Scout motto, and the Scout slogan. The Boy Scout measures himself against these ideals and continually tries to improve. The goals are high, and as he reaches for them, he has some control over what and who he becomes.

Patrols. The patrol method gives Boy Scouts an experience in group living and participating citizenship. It places responsibility on young shoulders and teaches boys how to accept it. The patrol method allows Scouts to interact in small groups where members can easily relate to each other. These small groups determine troop activities through elected representatives.

Outdoor Programs. Boy Scouting is designed to take place outdoors. It is in the outdoor setting that Scouts share responsibilities and learn to live with one another. In the outdoors the skills and activities practiced at troop meetings come alive with purpose. Being close to nature helps Boy Scouts gain an appreciation for the beauty of the world around us. The outdoors is the laboratory in which Boy Scouts learn ecology and practice conservation of nature's resources.

Advancement. Boy Scouting provides a series of surmountable obstacles and steps in overcoming them through the advancement method. The Boy Scout plans his advancement and progresses at his own pace as he meets each challenge. The Boy Scout is rewarded for each achievement, which helps him gain self-confidence. The steps in the advancement system help a Boy Scout grow in self-reliance and in the ability to help others.

Associations With Adults. Boys learn a great deal by watching how adults conduct themselves. Scout leaders can be positive role models for the members of the troop. In many cases a Scoutmaster who is willing to listen to boys, encourage them, and take a sincere interest in them can make a profound difference in their lives.

Personal Growth. As Boy Scouts plan their activities and progress toward their goals, they experience personal growth. The Good Turn concept is a major part of the personal growth method of Boy Scouting. Boys grow as they participate in community service projects and do Good Turns for others. Probably no device is as successful in developing a basis for personal growth as the daily Good Turn. The religious emblems program also is a large part of the personal growth method. Frequent personal conferences with his Scoutmaster help each Boy Scout to determine his growth toward Scouting's aims.

Leadership Development. The Boy Scout program encourages boys to learn and practice leadership skills. Every Boy Scout has the opportunity to participate in both shared and total leadership situations. Understanding the concepts of leadership helps a boy accept the leadership role of others and guides him toward the citizenship aim of Scouting.

Uniform. The uniform makes the Boy Scout troop visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. Boy Scouting is an action program, and wearing the uniform is an action that shows each Boy Scout's commitment to the aims and purposes of Scouting. The uniform gives the Boy Scout identity in a world brotherhood of youth who believe in the same ideals. The uniform is practical attire for Boy Scout activities and provides a way for Boy Scouts to wear the badges that show what they have accomplished.

2010-2011 Troop Fundraising Plan

The next fundraising event is **Hike-A-Thon** – Month of April (seek sponsors), hike on May 14, 2011.



Training

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

Online Training from your computer is available for many trainings. Please check out all the online trainings. These are all free. Please go to www.SFBAC.org, and then go to training or My Scouting and then select online training for the above. You will need to register.

EVERY SCOUT DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER!

The following trainings will be held:

1. Roundtable every month. Meet people and have fun learning more about scouting. Second Thursday evening of each month at the Boy Scout Center in San Leandro.
2. Did you complete any training lately? Please send me a copy of your training card for our records.
3. Please remember you will be required to renew Youth Protection, Safety Afloat and Safe Swim every 2 years and a training called “**Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather Training**” (this is only available online).” These are required on tour permits. “**This is Scouting**” and “**Boy Scout Fast**” are also available on line and are required training courses. These courses are available at www.sfbac.org under adult training.
4. New on-line trainings appear all the time. Check in occasionally and see what’s new!
5. **Upcoming High Adventure training:** Wilderness First Aid: 6/4 -5/2011 or 6/18 – 19, 2011. Cycling Awareness: 3/12 -13 and 3/27/2011. Reboot: October 29, 2011.

Every Adult leader is trained in Youth Protection!! Thanks

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.

Scout Advancements

By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Advancement Coordinator

There were no rank advancements in January. The following MB's were earned:

Ryan Flynn	American Heritage	1/08/11
	Citizenship in the Community	01/11/11
	Communications	01/11/11
Keane Hubbard	Rifle	01/05/11
Allen Saylor	American Heritage	01/08/11
	Citizenship in the Community	01/11/11
	Communications	01/11/11



Troop News

Two Scouts from Pack 705 Joining T726

On Feb 3, Mr. Fong, Mr. Guerin, Mr. Avery, Raymond, Ben, Mitch, Kyle, and Bryce attended the Blue and Gold dinner for Pack 705 to welcome our two newest Scouts, Mac Strand and Kendall Law.



Mac Strand receiving his neckerchief



Kendall Law receiving his neckerchief

Welcome!

Patrol News



Patrol leaders please submit your article to Ms. Chang by the Last Friday of the month by phone 317-9179 or email SandiaChang@comcast.net, or if you prefer, put the article in her mail slot by the Wednesday before the end of the month.

Ravens



In the past month, a few scouts from our patrol participated in the Chabot to Garin hike. Other than that, this month has been a bit uneventful.

By Aviram Bhalla-Levine

Cobras



The Patrol has been working well and we were fine. We made ramen noodles for the cooking exercise during Troop meeting. It was quick and delicious.

By Keane Hubbard

Scorpions/ Dragons



Our Patrol had a wonderful time and experience on the Chabot to Garin hike and enjoyed a rewarding Saturday.

By Will Oliveira

Owls/Rocks



During the troop meetings, our productive SPL, who is a member of Owl patrol, defaults to creating paper airplanes.

By Owls

Annual Health and Medical Record

Once again, Mrs McGrue is in charge of collecting the updated form. She has placed the blank forms in the mail box. If you haven't turned in your form yet, please give the completed forms is to Mrs. McGrue (Larry Whitmyer's mom).

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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

In February of every year, we celebrate the birthday of scouting and reflect upon the scouting program. This is the time of year that we as leaders review the Aims and Methods of the Scouting program. After each outing, the scouts takes turns one at a time sharing what they call Roses, Thorns, and Buds.

Their Roses are the best thing that happened on the outing, their Thorns are the worst thing that happened, and their Buds are something that they are looking forward to on the next outing. So I was thinking about my Roses, Thorn, and Buds for the year and look forward to sharing them with you in the State of the Troop address at the Red and Green Dinner.

February is also our Friends of Scouting Kickoff campaign. Friends of Scouting (FOS) is the annual campaign where the San Francisco Bay Area Council asks Scouting families, business and civic-minded citizens to support our mission of providing the Scouting program to thousands of young people in the Bay Area. The registration fees paid each year goes directly to the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America, whereas, the funds collected during the FOS campaign stays with the local council and helps with items such as maintaining our council camps, camperships for summer camp, and day camp programs. Please consider a gift to the Friends of Scouting campaign.



Troop Items for Sale

The following items can be purchased from Mrs. Lozano. Troop Mug = \$5.00, Duffle Bag = \$20.00

You can purchase additional T-shirt (\$10) from Mrs. Schultz. Email: pschultz@mail.com. Phone: (925) 283-1973

Uniform Bank

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

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!

Courteous

A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows good manners make it easier for people to get along together.

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!