

TROOP 726 FLASH

APRIL 2013

Upcoming Events

Rifling – April 13

Training Hikes– Apr 20

Model Airplane Contest– April 20

TLT Overnight– Apr 19 - 20

Merit Badge counselor Adult Training – Apr 26

Parent Meeting – Apr 26

Earth Day at Independent Elementary– Apr 27

Planning Conference– Apr 27

Lake Chabot Training Bike Rides–May 11

Hiking and Kayaking Overnight Outing – May 18 – 19

Memorial Day Ceremony at Chapel of the Chimes – May 26



Meeting Dates

Board of Review – Apr 15, May 20

Committee Meeting –May 6, June 3

PLC Meeting – Apr 27(5 pm Faith Lutheran Church), June 2 (late afternoon, location TBA)

Troop Meetings – Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm sharp at Masonic Center. **Apr 24 swimming meeting.**

Website

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

Kyle Avery 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 (avery.kyle576@gmail.com) any and all permission slips for upcoming events in .doc format so they can be uploaded to the website for all to download.



Rifling at Chabot Gun Club – April 13

Scout in Charge: Mac Strand, Adult in Charge: Mr. Maloof

Troop 726 is planning a Rifling event at **Chabot Gun Club**. Scouts who do not have the rifle merit badge can get most of the requirements done. For others, there will be free shoot. Make sure that you bring eye protection that's comfortable for you, but if you do not have any, they have some for us to use. Bring a bagged lunch. We will **meet at Masonic Center on Saturday, April 13 at 11:45 am, and end back at Masonic Center at 2:30 pm.**



Model Airplane Contest – April 20

Scout in Charge: Kyle Avery, Adult in Charge: Mr. Avery

The model airplane contest is **on April 20 at the Oakland Aviation Museum on 8252 Earhart Rd, Oakland**. Model exhibits set up at 10:30 am to 11:45 am. **Judging begins at 12 pm, announcement of winners at 1:30 pm with refreshments following.**

We will be competing against other Troops in the area and possibly other youth groups. The rules are not only to build the model, but also to construct a diorama of a historically accurate battlefield setting and to write up a history of the plane and the event depicted in the diorama. This year the model is a F-4E Phantom II from the Vietnam War era. Come and cheer for our troop!



TLT Overnight– Apr 19 - 20

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



All scouts attending the annual Troop Leadership Training are to **meet at the Masonic Center at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 19**. Bring a tin foil dinner which can be heated up at camp. We will have sites at **Anthony Chabot** overlooking the lake. The Troop will provide a simple breakfast in the morning and be **back at Masonic Center around 10 am on Apr 20**.

Earth Day at Independent Elementary– Apr 27

Scout in Charge: Robert Fusinati, Adult in Charge: Mr. Jiang



We will be doing clean-up project at **Independent Elementary** on **April 27th**. We'll need various equipment and tools such as rakes, shovels and gloves. Meet at Independent School near our container at 8:30 am. The event will end at 12 noon. Permission slips are available. Please sign up to help!

Planning Conference– Apr 27

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



Bring your ideas to our planning conference on **Saturday, April 27** (exact time and place TBA). Each patrol has to start working now on at least five good ideas for events for the **calendar year September 2013 - August 2014**. All events should be scouting related and are allowed to be fun. Scouts can think about big events like going to Miramar or White Water Rafting or Santa Cruz along with smaller events such as local campouts. We need to have balance among events that are higher in price and lower in price, balance among events that are best done at different times of the year, and balance among skill levels and interests of all the scouts. Scouts who come prepared with information on costs and details of their events will more likely get their fellow scouts on board. Come and have a say in what activities the Troop will have next year. See you there!

Attention Parents!!!

Merit Badge Counselor Adult Training: Friday, April 26 at the Masonic Center from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

Parent Meeting: Friday, April 26 at the Masonic Center from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

Please make every effort to attend!!!

Hiking and Kayaking Overnight Outing – May 18-19

Scout in Charge: Kiyoshi Ito, Adult in Charge: Mr. Yi

We will be hiking on a 10 mile hike at Mount Wittenberg, camp out overnight at Samuel P. Taylor campground, and the following day, we will be kayaking down the channels of Tomales Bay where lunch will be provided.

Meet at Masonic Center on May 18, 8 am, and end at Masonic Center on May 19 at 5 pm. The cost is \$65. Bring warm clothes, water shoes, hiking necessities, and overnight gear. We have 4 spots for adults, and 16 spots for scouts. Sign up early and don't miss out on the fun!

Save the Date!

Eagle Court of Honor for Alan Saylor

Allen Saylor's Eagle Court of Honor will be on June 1! Invitation has been sent out. Please RSVP ASAP!

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

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

Training

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

The Boy Scouts of America list the following trainings as being offered this year. Go to <http://www.sfbac.org/training/adult/hat> - click for [online registration](#)

HAT - Cycling Awareness, May 4 Livermore Bike Trail

HAT - Wilderness First Aid, June 1-2 YLTC; or June 15-16 RLM

HAT - Canoe Wilderness Tripping, June 22, June 29-30 & July 13-14

HAT - NRA Shotgun Instructor Training - Oct 19-20, 2013 and Oct. 18, 2013

HAT - NRA Muzzle Loading Instructor Training - June 7-9

HAT - NRA Range Safety Officer Training - Sat., Dec 14, 2013

HAT stands for High Adventure Training

Scoutmaster and ASM training for all registered adults leaders. May 4, 2013 Twin Valley district.

Tres Ranchos District Recognition Dinner: Sat., May 11, 2013. This is a wonderful evening event to recognition the volunteers of Tres Ranchos district. Cost is \$12.00 if paid by May1, 2013

Other trainings are offered by the Boy Scout of America online at www.sfbac.org. Proceed to the "My Scouting" section on the right side of the page. Please see www.sfbac.org for more info.

If you take any of these trainings, please inform me of what and when taken. If you have any training questions, please contact me, Randy Wright (510 885 0527, Wright-s@comcast.net)

Advancement News

By Zurvohn Maloof, Troop 726 Advancement Chair

- 7 Merrit Badges earned (2 Aviation, Camping, Citizenship of the Nation, Crime Prevention, 2 Textile)
- 3 Rank Advancements (Jeffery J-Second Class; Vincent R.-Tenderfoot; and Samuel W.-Star)
- 1 scout (Andrew Mitchell)

Congratulations!

Troop 726 – Summer Camp Week 2013

Troop 726 is going to Camp John Mensinger June 16- 22, 2013!

Camp John Mensinger is located in the Sierra Nevada Mountains near Strawberry, CA.

Please mark your family calendars for Sun 06/16 through Sat 06/22!

This big event is considered by most of our boys to be their best annual Scouting experience, and we would like to see 100% participation by all patrols, especially since we will be attending our own council's summer camp program. While the actual cost of this trip is \$373 (see details below) the troop committee leadership has voted to subsidize \$53 per scout from the unit's general fund, therefore the charge is \$320 per Scout (plus special merit badge fees). **The initial deposit of \$160 and signed parental permission slip is due by Wednesday, March 20.** The remaining balance of \$160 and the doctor-approved BSA health form is due by April 17. Checks payable to Troop 726, cash or Scout Accounts are accepted.

SFBAC Summer Camp Reservation weekly rate:

\$300

Personal spending money for camp trading post punch card:	20
Scout lunch for return car trip on Saturday:	10
Troop leadership attendance cost (for 30+ boys w/6 – 7 adults):	0
Transportation fuel estimate (6 – 8 vehicles for 345 miles roundtrip):	23
Troop equipment usage fee (\$2/night or \$10/week):	10
<u>Individual emergency reserve funds:</u>	<u>10</u>
Estimated cost per Boy Scout:	\$373
<u>Troop contribution</u>	<u>\$ 53</u>
Cost per scout (plus special merit badge fees)	\$320

Permission slips are available soon. **For further information please contact Mr. Avery,** Scoutmaster at 925-698-1514 or email pack705@earthlink.net

We need an **adult-in-charge for the Pinnacle Rocking Climbing trip on July 27 – 28.** If you are interested please contact Jeffrey Jiang.

Can you help?

Please fill out the **Annual BSA Health and Medical Record forms**, Parts A and B by parents, Part C by doctor. Also submit a copy of **health insurance card, front and back.** Please submit the completed form **to Danielle Wikler (Kendal's mom) by May 15, 2013.**

Troop Items for Sale

The following items can be purchased from Mrs. Lozano . Email: Phyllis@gantel.com .
Troop Mug = \$5.00
Troop T-shirts = \$10.00
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 News

New Troop Position and Plan for PLC Meeting

Raymond Akagi Senior Patrol Leader
Will Oliveira Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
Curtis Werning Bugler
Mitch Avery Chaplain Aide
Keane Hubbard Instructor
Zurvohn Maloof Instructor
Joshua Siu Librarian
Austin Le Quartermaster
Michael Yi Recruiter
Sam Pica Scribe
Zachary Eslick Troop Guide
Sammy Wilson Troop Guide
Jeffrey Jiang Troop Historian
Kyle Avery Webmaster
Robert Fusinati Fox Patrol Leader
Kendall Law Bats Patrol Leader
Ben Eckman Ravens Patrol Leader
Austin Le Cobras Patrol Leader
Bryant Ling Scorpions / Dragons Patrol Leader

All scouts with troop position need to attend PLC. Please let Mr. Avery and Raymond Akagi know ahead of time if you cannot attend.

PLC meeting schedule:

April 27 - 5:00 p.m. Faith Lutheran Church - followed by the Planning Conference

June 2 - Late Afternoon - exact time TBA - likely to be in a park

July 27 - Pinnacles National Monument - this meeting is allowed to be an exception to the mandatory PLC attendance

August 24 - Dutch Oven Cookoff and PLC - likely to be in the mid afternoon at a public park

September 14 - 11:00 a.m. at Family Camp

Trip to Summit Mt. Whitney

We are currently planning a trip to summit Mt. Whitney, the tallest in California. In order to climb it, we need to get several permits.

If you are interested in climbing Mt. Whitney, please tell me at this week's troop meeting so we can get the right amount of permits. You should have had some previous hiking experience for this.

If you are interested, note that you will have to attend ALL these training hikes:

- 2/16 12 miles
- 3/16 14-15 miles
- 4/20 12 miles
- 5/18 Mt. Wittenburg 10 miles
- 5/4 hike-a-thon 10 miles
- 7/27-7/28 Pinnacles



Some of these hikes will require at least 20 pound packed backpacks. If you are interested, e-mail me, tell me soon or follow me on twitter @averythemitch

Scout Master Minute
By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Scout Master

Update coming soon

Dodge Ridge Skiing

By Scout-in-Charge: Austin Xing-Le Photo by Mrs. Werning

On February 10th, scouts Austin Xing-Le, Curtis Werning, Justin Raynor, Raymond Akagi, Anthony Sulayao, Kiyoshi Ito, Samuel Kim, Ben Eckman, Jeffrey Jiang, Kyle Avery, Josh Siu, and adults Mr. Raynor, Mrs. Werning went to Dodge Ridge in Pinecrest, CA, where they went to ski or snowboard. Some scouts had their first time on the slopes at this event. Some scouts have been there several times and went down the extreme difficulty "black diamond". Unlike many previous years, it wasn't snowing up in Dodge Ridge. Instead, the skies were clear and the sun was shining. Even with the California sun in the sky, the snow was good enough for everyone to enjoy a wholesome day of riding down the slopes. Everyone had an awesome experience. Look forward to Dodge Ridge next February!



San Leandro Training Hikes

By Scout in Charge: Mitch Avery

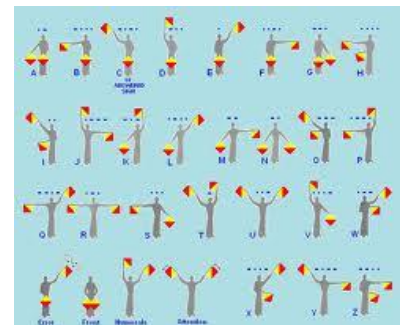
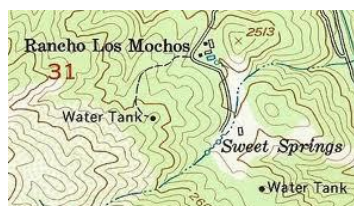
On March 16th, the fine scouts including Mitch Avery, Kyle Avery, Zurvoth Maloof, and Raymond Akagi along with Mr. Avery, and Mr. Andrews all embarked on an epic journey from Moraga to Chabot Staging Area. Along the way, we encountered (poisonous?) newts, ferocious cows, and 13 miles of non-stop fun.



Wilderness Survival Outing Los Mochos

By Scout in Charge: Kenji Pinzon

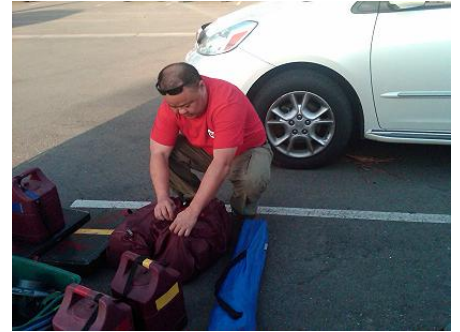
On the weekend of March 23 – 24, 17 scouts ventured into the wilderness that is Rancho Los Mochos. There, the scouts had a great time working toward the Wilderness Survival Merit Badge. The scouts practiced first aid, signaling, fire building, and shelter building. It was a weekend full of great scouting fun.



Klondike

By Scout-in-Charge: Raymond Akagi, Photo by Mr. Siu

This year's Klondike at Thousand Trail's Snowflower Preserve near the Yuba Gap off I-80 in the Sierra Nevada Mtns, Mar 1 – 3, was great. Even though there wasn't a lot of snow, we still found ways to finding sledding paths. We only participated in one event. But because we are troop 726, the one event that we participated in, we got the FIRST place. We got first place in the sled race. It was a blast. Everybody should have gone. The race was fantastic. There were a lot of troops there. We beat the girl troop. It was a lot of fun. Everybody had a blast. And Mr. Andrews didn't hog all the fire with his salmon this year. Everybody especially loved the mashed potatoes.



Klondike



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Spring Court of Honor- March 13, 2013

Outgoing SPL: Kiyoshi Ito, Incoming SPL: Raymond Akagi,
Outgoing ASPL: Ryan Flynn, Incoming ASPL: Will Oliveira,
Scoutmaster: Mr. Phil Avery



Spring Court of Honor



Xavier Bolido Crossing Over



Welcome to Troop 726!!!

Jacob Schultz's Eagle Project

By Scout in Charge: Jacob Schultz, Photo by Mrs. Schultz

Jacob's project is building a 12' circular planter using "Earthbag" construction techniques and installing a "Peace Pole" for the Lafayette Community Garden. Pictures go from before construction through digging the trench for the foundation, to laying the foundation. The final picture is the almost completed planter before it is covered with stucco.



Committee Chair's Corner

By Jose Siu, Troop 726 Committee Chair

Merit Badge Counselor Adult Training: Friday, April 26 at the Masonic Center from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

Troop 726 parents, as older scouts age out their parents tend to go into hibernation and our pool of merit badge counselors dwindles. We will be hosting a MB counselor training for ALL adults. I encourage every one of you to attend; this will benefit your son and every scout in our troop directly. Let's try to build a strong foundation of MB adult counselors for Troop 726. Together, we can ensure the success of the future eagle scouts and leaders of Troop 726. For more information about the MB Counselor Program please click on the following link:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/GuideToAdvancement/TheMeritBadgeProgram.aspx>

Parent meeting – Friday, April 26 at the Masonic Center from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Each year, our troop holds a parent meeting and this year is no different. Our annual meeting will be on Friday, April 26 at the Masonic Center. 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.

Liam Smith and Drew Mitchell – Crossing Over



Welcome to Troop 726!

On March 21, Troop 726
welcomes two scouts
from Pack 722



Crossing over of Liam Smith



Crossing over of Drew Mitchell

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.

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.



Fox



Almost all of us went to the Wilderness Survival Outing. We got a bunch of stuff signed off, we built shelters, and we all seemed to have a good time.

By Robert Fusinati

Bats



Kenji Pinzon lead the Wilderness Survival event on March 22 – 23 at Los Mochos where we went over how to make shelters and survive. If we ever got stuck in the wilderness, this would help us to survive.

By Kendall Law

Ravens



This Month the Ravens have been active in all troop events. We went on the San Leandro Hike, helped out at Jacob's Eagle Project in Lafayette Community Garden, and learned how to survive the cold at Los Mochos for Wilderness survival, also known as the worst night of our lives.

By Jeffrey Jiang

What we did this past month was going to Klondike which everyone had fun at. Wilderness Survival and thankfully everyone survived. Also, people are starting to get ready for summer camp, and a few are getting ready for The National Jamboree.

By Ben Eckman

Cobras



Michael, Austin, Raymond, and Mitch went to the Wilderness Survival outing on march 22 – 23 at Los Mochos. The boys learned to create shelters, signal for help, and camp without a tent.

By Austin Xing-Le

Scorpions/ Dragons



All of the Dragon/Scorpion's are hard at work getting their Eagle requirements done. This month Jacob is hard at work with his Eagle project in Lafayette building planner beds and a totem pole.

By Bryant Ling