

# TROOP 726 FLASH

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## Upcoming Events

Popcorns and See's Candy Fundraisers - Sept – Oct

Car Wash – Oct 16

Webelos Skills Night - Oct 19, Nov 2

Fall Camporee, Los Mochos - October 28 – 30

Veteran's Day Event – Nov 11

Scouting for Food – Nov 12 and Nov 19

Webelos Camporee – Nov 12



## Meeting Dates

Committee Meeting – Oct 3, 7:00 pm (Faith Lutheran Church)

Board of Review – Nov 28

PLC Meeting – Oct 16 (@7 pm), Nov 13 (@7 pm)

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

## Troop 726 Website

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

Check out our Troop's Facebook page – search for Troop 726

## Car Wash – Oct 16

Scout in Charge: Jack Zhao, Adult in Charge: Mrs. Schultz

Jack Zhao is the scout in charge for Car Wash. We will be pre-selling tickets for the car wash but folks can pay that day also. We ask each scout to try and sell 5 car wash tickets. They need to return either money or tickets. Everyone in the troop is expected to pitch in and help wash cars that day. Boys and Adults (we need lots of help) will be assigned 2 1/2 hour shifts to work on that day. We also need the following supplies. If you can loan them please get them to Pat Schultz by that morning or the meeting before. Step stools, hoses, long-handled sponges for washing the tops of cars, Squeegees for the windows, hose nozzles.

## Fall Camporee, Los Mochos - October 28 – 30

Scout in Charge: Austin Le, Adult in Charge: Mr. Markison, Mr. Avery

Permission Slip for this event has been passed out already. Please see Austin or Mr. Markison for event details.

## 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!

### **Veteran's Day Event – Nov 11**

Scout in Charge: Seamus Guerin, Adult in Charge: Mr. Maloof and Mr. Guerin

Mark the calendar to participate in this year's Veteran's Day activities on **Nov 11**. Details will be available soon!



### **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](mailto:pschultz@mail.com). Phone: (925) 283-1973

### **Scouting for Food – Nov 12 and Nov 19**

Scout in Charge: Bat Patrol, Adult in Charge: Ms Saylor and Mr. Markison

Please join Troop 726 in lending a hand with the collecting of food for those less fortunate in our community. Keep the following dates open to participate in this event. Saturday, **Nov. 12** and Saturday, **Nov. 19**. We will **meet between 8:30am - 12:30pm on both dates**. It is our goal to have **100% participation** from all scouts and families in this most important outreach to our community. **Please volunteer both days**, if you can, if not please plan on making it at least one day – all it takes is a couple of hours.



### **Webelos Camporee – Nov 12**

Scout in Charge: Ryan Flynn, Adult in Charge: Mr. Siu and Mr. Avery

This is a recruiting event for your Troop, a quick overnight camp out. We'll be inviting Webelos and parents to come along. We need as many Scouts as possible to attend as this is a great opportunity to show Webelos and parents who you are! More details of this event will be coming out. Mark your calendar!

### **VISIT WITH SCOUTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD ON INTERNATIONAL SCOUT DAY (SFBAC Event)**

October 15, 2011, 9am to 3pm

Youth Leadership Training Center, San Leandro

\$5.00 per participant includes patch and lunch

**What is JOTA?** JOTA stands for Jamboree on the Air. This is a fun and educational event where Scouts from around the world talk to each other through ham radios. Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts can find out about Scouting in many other countries. To schedule air time for your Scouts, contact Alan Marples at 510-895-9080 or by email at [kd6yst4577@att.net](mailto:kd6yst4577@att.net).

### **International Scout Day**

International Games, Crafts and Activities, featuring games and a craft from Around the World. For more information contact Cindy Jeans at [cindysiehjeans@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cindysiehjeans@sbcglobal.net) or call 510-895-9800.

**NOTE: The Council Climbing Wall will be open from 10am to 1pm**

## 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](http://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. Please refer to the Training Taken Report at the end of this Newsletter.*

If you are a Troop Committee Member or an Assistant Scoutmaster **please** make sure you take the following on line trainings (all are online):

1. This is Scouting
2. Boy Scout Fast Start
3. Weather Hazards
4. Troop Committee Challenge

**These are really important for you to be considered trained.**

**As I get the latest info on the SM Leader Training and Outdoor Skills Course, I will get the fliers and post them in your mail box.**

Need info about future trainings? Have questions about training? Call Randy Wright at 510-885-0527 or email [wright-s@comcast.net](mailto:wright-s@comcast.net). All fliers are on the Tres Ranchos District Web page via [www.sfbac.org](http://www.sfbac.org).

## Scout Master Minute

*By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Scout Master*

I would like to thank everyone for a great Family Camp and Court of Honor. I would also like to thank everyone for the trust you have put in me to be your Scoutmaster. As I have discussed with the Committee and the Assistant Scoutmasters, goals that I have for the Troop early on include improving our Patrol Advisor method at meetings. Ideally each Patrol has a Patrol Advisor team of two ASM's with at least one being at every meeting and sitting with their Patrol during the Patrol Time of each meeting. Each Patrol Advisor will also work with the SPL and ASPL to help guide any of the Youth Leaders (Librarian, Historian, Scribe, etc.) that happen to be in their patrol.

Other goals include plenty of advance planning between the Scout in Charge and Adult in Charge of each outing to make sure that outings are planned in advance with permission slips issued in a timely manner and ultimately leading to fun, exciting, and successful outings. Adults in Charge need to remember how much time some Scouts need to plan events. After the event the Scout in Charge owes a write up to Mrs. Chang for the newsletter and the Adult in Charge owes a summary to Mr. Harrison for Troopmaster. The summary should include youth and adult attendance and any nights of camping or miles hiked or other special awards.

We are also working on improving our Youth Instruction. As the PLC decides on Instruction Topics, I will be soliciting an adult, ASM, Committee Member, or parent, to work with one or both of the Youth Instructors to help teach the Instructors on how to teach. Again, the planning for this program may take several weeks per instruction, especially if gear is involved or if the instruction is difficult. We have already had success with orienteering and flag instruction using this method.



## Annual Family Camp and Court of Honor

By Scout in Charge: Bobby Paiz

The annual family camp and Fall Court of Honor was held on Sat – Sun, September 17th – 18th at Gillespie Youth Camp at Tilden Regional Park. The event went really well this year. There was a lot of attendance by both scouts and their family and friends at the new location. The Court of Honor was actually very long compared to some of the others because of the many many awards awarded, as well as a very emotional transition between Mr. Avery and Mr. Guerin for the position of Scoutmaster. After the court of honor, the patrols went to their areas to cook dinner for their families and friends. All of the patrols made delicious meals and did very well as a whole. All in all, Family Camp was very successful.





**Mr. Guerin – 5 years 6 months and 20 days of service to Troop 726 as Scout Master**





## Rank Advancements



Michael Yi – Second Class



Zachary Eslick - Star



Sam Pica - Star



Sammy Wilson –  
First Class



Raymond Akagi - Life



Kyle Avery - Star



Eagle 2<sup>nd</sup> Bronze Palm



Bryce Fong – Eagle  
Silver Palm



Mitch Avery - Life





Special recognition to Mr. Eslick for construction of Mrs. Harrison Memorial Bench at Camp Royaneh



Court of Honor, Fall 2011  
SPL Bobby Paiz, ASPL Ryan Flynn



Ben Andrew – Scout of the Week/Summer Camp 2011



Allen Saylor and Bobby Paiz – Passing the baton of SPL



Special Recognition and tribute to Mr. Harrison and Mrs. Harrison



## Cooking by Patrol

OWLS



Bats



Scorpion/Dragon



Ravens



Cobras



## What's for Dinner?





## Shooting Sports at Los Mochos

By Scout in Charge: Keane Hubburd

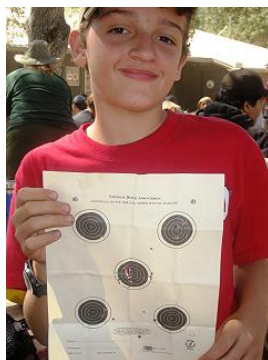
We went to the Shooting Sports Camp at Ranchos Los Mochos on Sat Oct 1, 7 am and return on Sun, Oct 2, 10 am. We had a lot of fun. The weather was great. The food was really good. We shot rifle, tomahawk, and shotgun. Zack shot 5 out of 5 clays at shot gun. Keane got 3 out of 3 on tomahawk. Kyle did great at rifle and archery. Jeffrey got to shot a gun for the first time. Sam also did great at rifle. And we had enough points from each range that we won the powder fonn. We had a great time and it was lots of fun!



Zachery



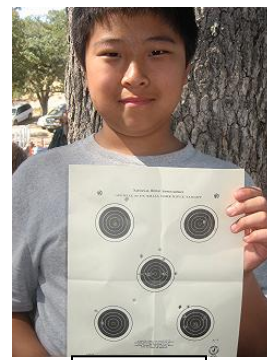
Keane



Sam



Kyle



Jeffery



Kyle and Keane playing card with Troop 818



Kyle aiming for Bullseye



"Piece of cake!"



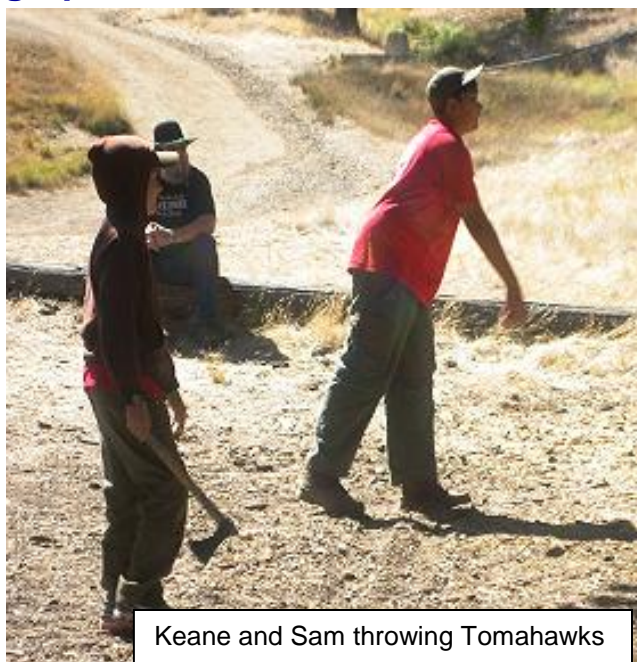
Mr. Wright eating "man-sized"



## More Photo from Shooting Sports at Los Mochos



SHOTGUN- Zachery hits 5 of 5 clay



Keane and Sam throwing Tomahawks



Keane hits target!



Chef Charlie Mabie BBQ 77 pounds of Tri-Tip for Sat. dinner!



Mr. Fong's car brings home Los Mochos dust



Keane, Zachery, Kyle leaving camp early Sunday morning.



## Mitch Avery's Life Project

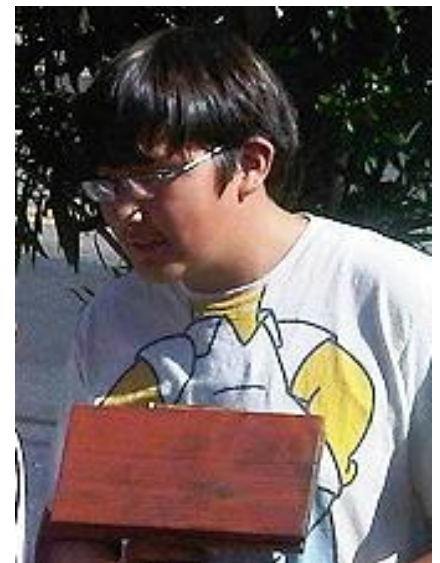
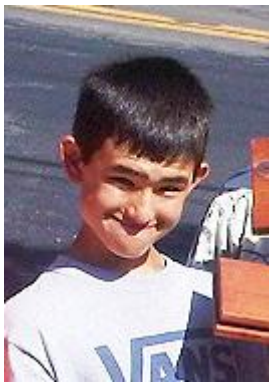
By Mitch Avery

My Life Project was on August 6, 2011 and the project consisted of building 10 similar signs for the Stanton Elementary School Garden. I had 4 other scouts, Raymond, Kyle, Austin, and Keane, along with Mr. Avery and Mr. Hubbard help me out. I would like to thank Mrs. Morgan at Stanton for guiding me through the project. I would also like to thank Mrs. Barbara Butler of Barbara Butler Designs for supplying me with the wood and Duckback for providing the stain for the wood.





## Photo from Mitch Avery's Life Project





## Bryce's Eagle COH – Sept 11

I would like to thank the troop for helping me on the trail to the Eagle rank: the scouts for making it fun, and the adults for their guidance. I especially thank Mr. Guerin and Mrs. Lozano for their leadership and support. Pictures of my ceremony can be downloaded on [www.wongpix.com](http://www.wongpix.com); select Recent Events, Bryce's Eagle Scout Ceremony. Use password: bishop.

See you on the scouting trail! Bryce





Photo from Bryce's Eagle COH





## Troop News

### INDUCTION OF NEW LEADERSHIP

<b>Allen Saylor</b>	Senior Patrol Leader
<b>Bryant Ling</b>	Assistant SPL
<b>Joshua Siu</b>	Bugler
<b>Keane Hubbard</b>	Chaplain Aide
<b>Jose Velasco</b>	Historian
<b>Raymond Akagi</b>	Instructor
<b>Mitch Avery</b>	Instructor
<b>Seamus Guerin</b>	Jr Assistant Scoutmaster
<b>Bryce Fong</b>	Jr Assistant Scoutmaster
<b>Sam Pica</b>	Librarian
<b>Zachary Eslick</b>	Quartermaster
<b>Will Oliveira</b>	Scribe
<b>Kyle Avery</b>	Troop Guide
<b>Austin Le</b>	Troop Guide
<b>Seamus Guerin</b>	Webmaster
<b>Ryan Flynn</b>	Youth Recruiter
<b>Zurvohn Maloof</b>	Bats Patrol Leader
<b>Sammy Wilson</b>	Ravens Patrol Leader
<b>Jason Zhao</b>	Cobras Patrol Leader
<b>Jack Zhao</b>	Scorpions/Dragons Patrol L
<b>Bobby Paiz</b>	Owls Patrol Leader

### Patrol Advisors:

**Owls** – Mr. Yi and Mr. Hubbard  
**Scorpions/Dragons** – Mr. Maloof and Mr. Andrews  
**Cobra** – Mr. Siu and Mr. Davidson  
**Ravens** – Mr. Fong and Mr. Markison  
**Bats** – Mr. Guerin and Mr. Pinzon

### 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!

## 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](mailto:SandiaChang@comcast.net), or if you prefer, put the article in her mail slot by the Wednesday before the end of the month.

**Bats**

Zurvohn's family, Josh's family, and Mac's family went to family camp on September 17<sup>th</sup> at Tilden park for family camp.

By Zurvohn Maloof

**Ravens**

No submittal.

**Cobras**

Family camp was on Sept 7 and the whole patrol went. We made tacos, burritos, and a side dish of French fries for dinner. For breakfast, we ate eggs, bacon, and bagels. For dessert, we had watermelons.

By Jason Zhao

**Scorpions/ Dragons**

Last month-ish, we went to family camp. A lot of scouts went and had a great court of honor. We, the scorpions, cooked the best meal out of everybody. Nobody can cook and marinate chicken like us!

By Jack Zhao

**Owls**

No submittal

### Scout Advancements

*By Donna Platou, Troop 726 Advancement Coordinator*

Seamus earned a 2nd Gold Eagle Palm on Sept 22, 2011. The next BOR is Nov 28.

**Congratulations!**



## 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*

#### Rooted in Tradition – Embracing the future

A TRANSITION is the movement, passage or change from one position, state, stage, subject, concept to another.

In September we concluded the final transition from Scoutmaster Mr. Guerin to Scoutmaster Mr. Avery. Mr. Guerin joined Troop 726 when Seamus joined the troop in 2005; he became Scoutmaster in early 2006 and carried on the traditions of Troop 726 while taking on some important fundamental changes in leadership. When Mr. Guerin became scoutmaster, in 2005 the troop was rooted in heavy traditional thinking. The scouts and leaders were looking for new and exciting adventures; Mr. Guerin listened and took action. He soon added his flair to the program, breathing new life into the boys program and allowing them to feel the wind and soar. As Scoutmaster, Mr. Guerin guided 14 young men to the rank of Eagle, held over 200 scoutmaster conferences, and countless hours doing community service projects, outings and camping trips. He attended summer camp each year and was the leader on two big adventure trips. Mr. Guerin read the scouting books, listened to the scouts and then followed his heart to help provide a scouting program that the youth wanted to be involved in and more important want to help guide.

A TRADITION is a ritual, belief or object passed down within a society, still maintained in the present, with origins in the past. A tradition is a long-established or inherited way of thinking or acting.

As Mr. Avery takes the Scoutmaster position, I'd like to welcome him, remind him of our traditions and invite him to create some new traditions. Mr. Avery was the cub master of pack 705 and joined our troop when Mitch crossed over from cub scouting to boy scouting in 2008. Mr. Avery quickly joined the committee side of the troop and then became our Advancement Chair in March 2009. Mr. Avery has been very active as Advancement Chair and attended many outings. Since accepting the call to be Scoutmaster, Mr. Avery has completed the training necessary to be fully trained in the position of Scoutmaster.

I'd like to ask all our scout families to acknowledge the traditions while embracing the future changes.

### Clean

A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He goes around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. He helps keep his home and community clean



## Training Taken Report

Name:

Date:

If you have taken Boy Scout Adult training in the past or reporting new training you've taken please list what training and approximate date it was taken. This data will be kept in our troop records. Thanks, Randy Wright, Troop Training coordinator. Questions? Call 510-885-0527 or email [wright-s@comcast.net](mailto:wright-s@comcast.net).

Name of Training Course Taken	Date (Approx. if not known)	Where taken?
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