

TROOP 726 FLASH

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Upcoming Events

Patrol Overnight or Outing, Month of Jan

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Crab Feed community service, Jan 25

T726 Pet Show, Jan 31

University of Scouting, Feb 6

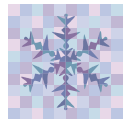
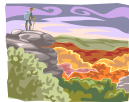
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Meeting Dates

Council Dinner – Jan 23rd

Committee Meeting – Feb 1 and March 1, 7:00 pm (Faith Lutheran Church)

Board of Review – Jan 18 and Feb 15 (both subject to change because of school holiday), March 8 (Last one before the March 17 Court of Honor)

ASM Meeting – Jan 11 and Feb 8

PLC Meeting – Jan 28 and Feb 25

Court of Honor - March 17

Troop Meetings – Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm sharp at Masonic Center
(No troop meeting on Wed Jan 27 or Feb 24 - Masonic center is not available).

Troop 726 Website

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



Patrol Outing, month of January

Scout in Charge: Patrol Leaders, Adult in Charge: Patrol Advisors

What does your Patrol planning to do as a Patrol outing in January? Camping? Hiking? Fishing? Crabbing? Bicycling? Make sure you give your ideas during the Patrol time.



Rim of the Bay Hike, Jan 23

Scout in Charge: Kenji Pinzon, Adult in Charge: Mr. Eversole and Mr. Andrews

The rim of the bay hike is on **January 23** and will be to Mount Saint Helena. This is an 11 mile hike with an 1,400 foot elevation gain. We will be meeting at 7:30 AM at Masonic Center and returning between 6 and 6:30 pm on Saturday. More details and the permission slip will be coming out soon. Don't miss the fun, sign up early!



Crab Feed community service, Jan 25

Scout in Charge: Kenji Pinzon, Adult in Charge: Mrs. Lozano

Native Sons of CA Crab feed will be held on **Monday Jan 25, 2010, 7pm** at the Veterans building in Hayward. 8-10 scouts and 2 adults are needed to serve; hours count as community service and tips will be split among boys that work.



T726 Pet Show, Jan 30

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

Troop 726 will be holding a "Troop 726 Pet Show" on **Sunday, Jan 31, at 1:00PM**, at Masonic Center. It's a chance to show off your pet and it satisfies one of the requirements for the Pet Merit Badge. Mr. Koa (Freddie's father) is a Merit Badge counselor. To complete the Merit Badge you will have to do the remaining requirements on your own. We will have awards for the show. Don't have a pet? Be a judge!



University of Scouting, Feb 6

Adult in Charge: Mr. Markison

University of Scouting is on **February 6th** at Foothill High School in Pleasanton. The object of this is for the Adults to get that extra training not offered at other times in the year. It is also a fund raiser for the troop.

The University of Scouting is an annual training extravaganza for all Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity, and Venturing leaders as well as potential leaders and Venturing youth. Some of the best instructors in the Bay Area are available and will help you enhance your leadership skills for your work within your units and communities. In addition, the class schedule offers a great variety of fun and informative sessions including having fun with duct tape, Dutch Oven cooking, and some excellent camping and outing tips.

As in the past Troop 726 will be selling our famous "meatball sandwich" for this event, with Mr. Richard Nikssarian as adult leader. We only have room for six scouts. Scouts who would like to participate have to find their own ride to Pleasanton. Hopefully they can ride with an adult that is attending or car pool with another scout.

Please visit website <http://www.sfbac.org/training/adult/university> for more information.



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!

Tres Rancho Merit Badge Extravaganza, Feb 13

District Event

Come out for an opportunity to meet merit badge counselors and work on merit badges. Many counselors for different merit badges will be available. The list of available merit badges may vary so come on by to see who is there. Date & Time: **Saturday, February 13, 9:00am – 12pm**. Location: Fremont at the Gatewood LDS Center 42500 Gatewood Street



Scout Sunday, Feb 7

Scout in Charge: Ryan Flynn, Adult in Charge: Mrs. Lozano

A Scout is Reverent... Once again this year, Troop 726 has been asked to participate and help with Scout Sunday at Faith Lutheran Church on Redwood road. Scout Sunday is on **Feb 7** at Faith Lutheran Church on Redwood Road. The service begins at 9:00 and last 1 hour. Our troop will be helping with greeting members of the congregation and helping with the flag service. Refreshments and fellowship time with other scout troops in the area will be after the service.

All scouts, parents, and families are invited to attend. Boy Scouts and Adult leaders should be dressed in full uniform. The Faith Lutheran congregation supports our troop with meeting and event facilities. Please show our support by attending.



Red and Green Dinner, Feb 10

Scout in Charge: Seamus Guerin, Adult in Charge: Mrs. Lozano

Troop 726 invites you to celebrate the birthday of scouting at the annual Red and Green Dinner -- a good old fashion pot luck style dinner. The dinner will be **Wednesday Feb 10, at 7pm** during in place of our regular troop meeting.

Each family is requested to **bring a favorite main course** dish; please plan a dish to serve 10 – 12 people. If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Lozano at the Troop meetings or call her at 510-537-5869.

Each Patrol will be providing entertainment for a fun-filled evening. This is a time for our scouts to show-off for their parents, grandparents, and extended family. So, please join us for an evening of fun.

Ski/Snowboard Trip, Feb 20 - 21

Scout in Charge: Jacob Schultz, Adult in Charge: Mr. Perrault and Mr. Andrews

Save the days, **Feb 21 - 22**, for fun in the snow. More details about the event will be available soon.



OA Klondike Derby Weekend March 6-8

By Michael Andrews, Troop 726 Outdoor Program Coordinator

Mark your calendar 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, February'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 18th Troop meeting, and are prepared for the challenges of winter camping conditions. Permission slips with further details will be available soon; or contact *Mr. Andrews, Outdoor Program Coordinator* (510/728-0774 or sierrascout@sbcglobal.net).

Point Pinole Troop Camp out, Dec 5 - 6

By Scout in Charge: Allen Saylor

On December 5th, eight scouts went to Point Pinole to go crabbing, fishing, and have a good time. Everyone had fun crabbing because most of scouts had never done it before. The event was a great experience and was helpful for scouts who needed requirements signed. Thanks you to everyone who came and helped out, especially the adult leaders, Mr. Guerin, Mr. Avery, and Mr. Markison.



Scouts from Troop 726 and Pack 705 and Mr. Guerin at Point Pinole Regional Shoreline, Dec 5, 2009

Point Pinole Troop Camp out, Dec 5 - 6

Photos by Mr. Markison



Packing up and getting ready to depart from Masonic Center



Crabbing and fishing at the pier, Point Pinole Regional Shoreline



Brand new camp site at the Point Pinole Regional Shoreline

Aviation Merit Badge Class at United Airlines, Dec 28

By Scout in Charge: Wil Oliveira

We went to San Francisco Airport and worked on the Aviation Merit Badge. We walked through all the turbine shops and took tours of the inside and outside of United Airline maintenance facility. We learned the parts of planes and how they work. We all completed the requirements for Aviation Merit badge and learned a lot in one day. Thanks to the Adult-in-charge Mr. Guerin for arranging the trip and Mr. Avery and Mr. Oliveira for driving and accompanying us.



Castro Valley Sanitary District Monthly Board Meeting, Jan 5

By Scout in Charge: Seamus Guerin

On the fifth day of the first of month of year 2010, eight of our scouts attended the meeting held by the Castro Valley Sanitation District. This is a change to work on our Communications or Citizenship in the Community merit badge by attending a government meeting and take notes. We were moved by a presentation on liabilities the CVSD may face and thrilled to hear about careless Waste Management workers. In total, it was a rollercoaster of emotions filled with fun and enchantment. Thank you, Mr. Guerin for doing the leg work on this matter.



TROOP MODEL AIRPLANE CONTEST

Scout in Charge: Bryce Fong

On April 10, 2010, there will be an American Legion model airplane contest in which Troop 726 will be competing. Anyone who would like to participate, please contact Bryce Fong at the next troop meeting. We will need people who have skills such as building and painting the model and writing and researching the historical diorama.



100 YEARS OF SCOUTING IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Scout in Charge: Steve Davidson, Adult in Charge: Mr. Fong

On Friday, April 16, 2009, we will be heading to the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton to celebrate scouting's 100th birthday. Among the exciting events planned for the weekend are BMX racing, special music performances, high adventure and a World Record-setting Pinewood Derby Race! You don't want to miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

The cost will be \$45 per scout for 2 nights of camping. Please turn in your permission slips before January 6 for guaranteed admission.

For further information, please contact:

Scout-in-charge: Steve Davidson, (510)581-4567

Adult-in-charge: Byron Fong, (510)567-8963

CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SCOUTING AT THE 2010 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

There are still a few spaces left for our Boy Scouts to join the SFBAC contingent to the 2010 National Scout Jamboree in Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. A Jamboree is always an once-in-a-lifetime event and this Jamboree will be even more special. 9 of our scouts are already signed to go. There will be lots of 100th Anniversary celebrating at the Jamboree as well as a fantastic tour of some of the East Coast historic sites. Log on to your MyScouting account at scouting.org and sign up for the Jamboree today. For further info, contact Mr. Andrews (sierrascout@sbcglobal.net) or if you need help with MyScouting contact JoAnn at the council office (510-577-9203).

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 let me know. A copy of your training card would be the best. For example, University of Scouting or HAT trainings.
3. Beginning January 2009, leaders will be required to renew Youth Protection, Safety Afloat and Safe Swim every 2 years and training called **"Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather Training"** (this is only available online). These are required on tour permits.
4. **"This is Scouting"** is now on line. If you haven't taken NLE please take this course at www.sfbac.org under adult training. I do have a video for this that I can loan to you.
5. If your HAT training is about to expire, please register for the upcoming HAT refresher course. Your training must be renewed every 5 years.
6. Wood Badge? What is it? When is it? It takes place on April 30-May 2, 2010 and May 15-17, 2010. There is a \$35 to \$60 discount for early registration. Register before Jan. 1, 2010 and the course is only \$215. Questions please see Mr. Wright.
7. Adult Boy Scout Leader training: Jan 16, 2010 and Feb. 20, 2010 in Twin Valley.

If haven't take Youth Protection in the last two years you need to before you can participate in any outing or programs with our youth. You also are required by National to take the Weather Hazards course if you are a tour leader or are signing the tour permit.

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

7 boys earned their Aviation MB - Raymond, Mitch, Will, Michael Yi, Jacob, Bryant, and Kenji.

Casey Perrault earned his Personal Management MB.

The Pets MB event is coming up on Sunday, January 31.

Troop News

Winter Preparedness Training - Troop 726 will do its own in house training in either January or February. This will be planned by the SM and the PLC. Kiyoshi is the scout-in-charge. **You must complete this training to go on winter/snow related outings.**

Updated Annual Health and Medical Record is due by the **end of January**. Collection of the completed forms is coordinated by Mrs. McGrue (Larry Whitmyer's mom).

The Troop obtained total benefit of \$2,800 from "Tiny Ticket" fund raiser, thanks to efforts of so many who helped collect, store, sort, and process the paper work to get the money for the Troop. It was decided to use the proceed to lower the bottom line of the cost of summer camp which will be at Camp Makualla in Oregon this year. Thank you to those who helped!

U-Waste Profit of \$1,300.54 – Our Troop will be getting a check of \$1,300.54 from Castro Valley Sanitation District for our participation in the annual U-Waste event. U-Waste is a major fundraiser and service project to the community that our Troop participated on July 11, 2009. Scouts help unloading recyclable materials from cars and sorting and separating electronic parts, directing traffic, working at the paper shredding station. Prior to the event Scouts distributed flyers to Castro Valley Neighborhoods individually with an adult and also distributed fliers at BART, Safeway, and PW Market.



Troop Mailbox - Mrs. Jane Eversole needs someone else to bring the mailbox to meetings. Can you help?

Friends of Scouting needs someone to be in charge. Please help in this important effort!

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.

Cobras

The new patrol positions for next 2 months are:

On January 5th, several scouts from Troop 726 went to CVSD for the communication Merit badge. The board president, Mr. Daniel Akagi and the board members discussed about spending and profits for CVSD fund for a long, long time. For those who didn't know, the president of the CVSD board of directors is Raymond's father.

Mitch has now become the Cobra's patrol leader.

By Austin Xing-Le

Scorpions/ Dragons

No submittal

Owls/ Rocks

The Rocks have been experiencing some growing pains. Much like America during the Industrial Revolution, we've grown uncontrollably. The 2010 census placed our population at about 2 members. I am currently the patrol leader, assistant patrol leader, patrol quartermaster, patrol grubmaster, and patrol scribe. Casey, on the other hand, has adopted the vital position of patrol cheermaster. BTW, the Owls joined the patrol.

By Ben Eversole

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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

WOW, I can't believe another year has gone by!

Each year at this time, I like to remind all scouts families of our annual calendar. The scouting year for troops in our areas is September to August; however our annual re-charter with Boy Scouts of America National Council is from January to December. The re-charter process occurred in November and Mr. Woo took care of our paperwork once again. THANK YOU MR. WOO. In January or February you should be receiving your membership cards. Please keep them in a safe place and remember to bring them to all Board of Reviews.

On a personal note, 2009 was a memorable year for our family as Mathew completed his Eagle project and achieved the Rank of Eagle. Following the trail to Eagle provided our family with many great memories. As a mom, I would highly recommend that all moms (and dads) get involved and walk along side your son as he moves along his trail to Eagle. Mathew and I would like to thank the many adults and scouts that provided encouragement and support along the way – we could not have done it without you. As many of you know, Mathew has decided to join the troop as an adult leader and is very busy finishing his senior year of high school and preparing for college. You may not see him around the troop meetings very often, but if you need his help as instructor, or with skits, life or eagle projects please call, email or text him.

Uniform Bank

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

Thank you, Mr. Markison for the **fantastic** photo in this issue of Troop Flash!



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!

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

Kind

A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not hurt or kill harmless things without reason.

