

# TROOP 726 FLASH

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## Upcoming Events

Family Camp and Court of Honor – Sept 17 – 18

Popcorns and See's Candy Fundraisers - Sept – Oct

Shooting Sports at Los Mochos – Oct 1 – Oct 2

Car Wash – Oct 16

Fall Camporee, Los Mochos - October 28 – 30



## Meeting Dates

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

Board of Review – Sept 1, Oct 17

PLC Meeting – Sept 17 (@11 am), Oct 16 (@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>

## Annual Family Camp and Court of Honor - Sept 17 – 18

Scout in Charge: Bobby Paiz, Adult in Charge: Mr. Guerin, Mrs. Platou, and Mrs Lozano

Join us for the annual family camping, Court of Honor and celebration of the Troop's birthday. This special will take place at Gillespie Youth Camp at Tilden Regional Park, Sept. Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> to Sun. 18<sup>th</sup>. The activities will start at 12 noon, Court of Honor at 4 pm, cooking by Patrol at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm, campfire and cracker barrel to follow. Breakfast the following morning and check out at 11:00 am. Please RSVP by Sept 7 with number of people attending so each patrol can have an accurate count of people attending and plan their menu/food accordingly. The cost will be \$10 per person (for dinner and breakfast). Don't miss out on the fun. Come see what our Scouts can cook up!



## Shooting Sports at Los Mochos – Oct 1 – Oct 2

Scout in Charge: Bryce Fong, Adult in Charge: Bryon Fong

T726 is planning a Shooting Sports Camp at Ranchos Los Mochos, We will leave from Masonic center on Sat Oct 1, 7 am and return on Sun, Oct 2, 10 am. The cost is \$45 per scout, including food (3 meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday), ammo costs, and camping. Permission slip and money are due. Come join the fun!

### 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

Adult in Charge: Mr. Markison, Mr. Avery

## Mark the Day - Oct 28 - 30 for Fall Camporee!

### A WALK IN THE WILD

**CONTINUING JOHN MUIRS JOURNEY**  
(SFBAC Event)

Explore the legacy of John Muir's life and how he continues to influence our relationship with the natural world in this special exhibition at the Oakland Museum of California. You will experience rarely seen journals and manuscripts, enveloping scenery, and multisensory displays. Up to 50% off group tickets during September and October. Choose your date and time (check [museumca.org](http://museumca.org) for hours of operation). Call or email to check availability 510-318-8429 / [groupsales@museumca.org](mailto:groupsales@museumca.org) then just pick up and pay for your passes on the day of your visit. **HURRY!** Space is limited so call now. Discount available with a minimum booking of 15 people.



### 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



Photo of Royaneh by Mr. Andrews

## 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!

*If you take training, update or new, it doesn't get placed in our troops data base **unless I** receive the info. Please, inform me of your trainings. You can email the info, mail it, place it in my troops mail box or fax it to 510 -521-7473.*

The following trainings will be held:

1. New on-line trainings appear all the time. Check in occasionally and see what's new!
2. IOLS, Intro to Outdoor Leadership Skills adult training: Sept. 15 and Sept 24-25, 2011.
3. Boy Scout Leader specific training - See attached flier below
4. **Upcoming High Adventure training:** Hat ReBoot: October 29, 2011, check HAT trainings at SFBAC.org.

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).

## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA /S.F.B.A.C. /TRES RANCHOS DISTRICT

presents

***Boy Scout Leader Specific Training for All Registered Boy Scout Leaders Who Want to Provide A Quality Program for their Youth.***

**Fall 2011**

Boy Scout Leader Specific Training is being offered to all Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Varsity, Committee Members, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Webelos Leaders, Commissioners, and all registered (adult) Scouters. This training will help you provide the best possible quality program for your youth!

### **PART A. THIS IS SCOUTING & YOUTH PROTECTION:**

Required for the course listed below. Please take prior to taking course. Go to SFBAC.Org and go to ElearningTraining.

### **INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR**

**SKILLS:** Thursday, Sept 15, 2011 at 7pm, location same as part B and Saturday/Sunday, Sept 24-25, 2011 at Los Mochos Scout Camp. (Thurs, Sat & Sun required.) (100% attendance required for completion)

### **LOCATIONS:**

(PART A.) Various locations and on-line

**THURSDAY, SEPT 15, 2011**

Castro Valley First Baptist Church on 18550 Redwood Rd, Castro Valley, Ca. 94546 (Corner of Seven Hills Rd and Redwood Rd in Castro Valley)

Sept. 24 – 25, 2011 at Los Mochos Scout Camp in Livermore.

**Course Director:** Rose Godfrey, 510-886-5177, [rosegodfrey@comcast.net](mailto:rosegodfrey@comcast.net)

**Assistant Course Director:** Michael Andrews, 510-728-1426, [sierrascout@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sierrascout@sbcglobal.net)

Please bring Scout and Scoutmasters Handbooks, if you have them. **YOU MUST BE REGISTERED AS AN ADULT LEADER WITH BSA** and have taken Youth Protection Training

# ***"The Birthplace of Leadership"***



## Summer Camp at Royaneh

(Photo by Mr. Andrews, Mr. Markison, Ms Richeaux)

### By Bobby Paiz (SPL and Scout-in-Charge)

Over the summer, the troop went on our week long annual Summer Camp trip. This year we went to Camp Royaneh. The trip was a lot of fun and very productive. Only 1 partial merit badge was issued for the entire troop due in part to the fantastic camp staff. I think every scout liked most of their counselors. All-in-all, I think everyone had a great time.

### By Kendall Law (Bat Patrol)

Zurvohn, Mac, Josh, and Kendall went to Camp Royaneh in June. We did merit Badges and other stuff. We completed many merit badges and other rank advancement requirements.

### By Raven Patrol

Raven Patrol earned many merit badges including, Environmental Science, Emergency Preparedness, Geology, Swimming, Archery, Fish and Wild Life, First Aid, Leather work. We had a fun time at the summer camp.

### By Mitch Avery (Cobra Patrol)

We all had good time at summer camp!!!

### By Jack Zhao (Dragons/Scorpions Patrol)

The whole of our patrol had a great time at summer camp. Durante el campo del verano, nosotros jugamos muchos deportes divertidos. Cada día pasamos tiempo con otros troops para jugar y pasar tiempo. Además, nosotros ganamos muchos distintivos de merito ino podemos esperar por el otro año! (Translation: During summer camp, we played a lot of fun sports. Every day, we spent time with other troops to play and hang out. Additionally, we earned a lot of merit badges. We can't wait for the next year!)

### By Owl Patrol

Owls collectively gained 12 new merit badges at Camp Royaneh. Bobby was our SPL and did a fantastic job. Seamus completed the mile swim in under 30 minutes, earning him a spot on "The Board". Finally, Ben won "Scout of the Week" thanks to the votes by the T726 scouts who attended summer camp.



Depart from Masonic Center, June 19, 2011

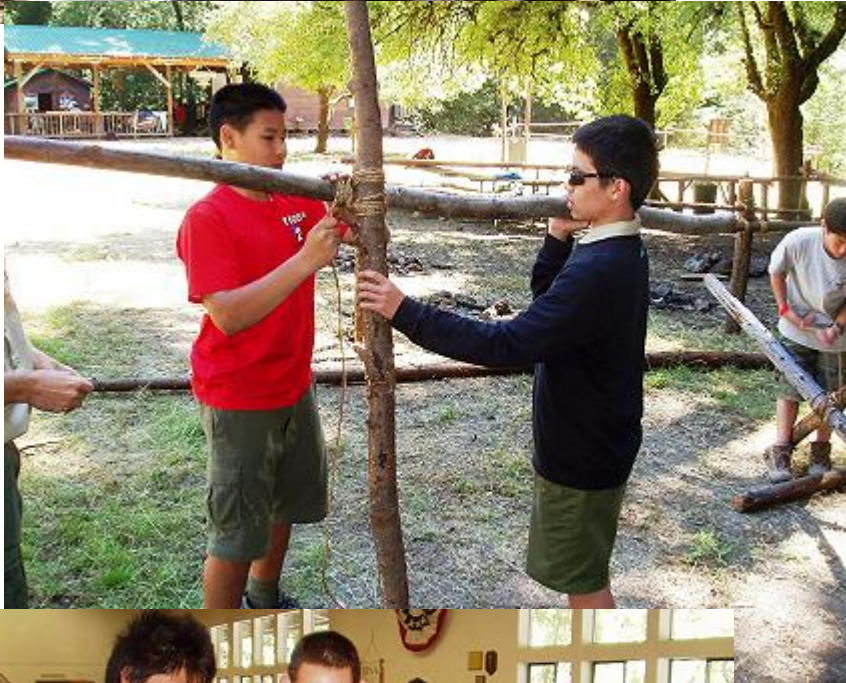


## Royaneh – Mert Badge Classes





## Royaneh – More Merit Badge Classes





## Royaneh – Just Hanging Out



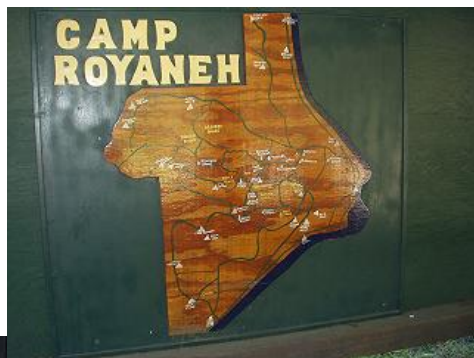


## Royaneh – Summer Fun





## Royaneh – Making Memories





## Camp Royaneh and Troop 726



Returned to Masonic Center – June 25, 2011



## Troop Meeting and PLC Overnight

By Scout in Charge: Bobby Paiz (Photo by Mr. Siu)

On July 29 – 30, a number of scouts went on a trip to Coyote Hills to have a PLC meeting and an overnight camping trip. We got a lot done, including planning our upcoming activities for the year. Afterwards, we played football and ate amazing cobbler, courtesy of Mr. Avery.





## High Adventure Trip in August

By Raymond Akagi

Total 8 scouts (Kenji, Bryce, Jack, Jason, Raymond, Mitch, Austin, and Kyle) and 3 adult leaders (Mr. Guerin, Mr. Avery, and Mr. Andrews ) went on the High Adventure Trip, August 7 – 14, 2011. on this trip we visited Half Dome in Yosemite, climbed Mt Whitney, slept at Furnace Creek, Death Valley (yes, it was like a furnace), visited Las Vegas area with a Hoover Dam extended tour and Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge. All of which added certain things that I may never be able to do again. And just being in the company of my fellow scouts, added a pleasure that we will never be able to experience ever again. During the trip as we scaled half dome and climbed Mt. Whitney, we all experienced the pleasure of the low oxygenated air. However we did not get permits to climb Mt. Whitney we still got day permits so it was still fun. The all-you-can eat buffet with the crab in Las Vegas was amazing, AMAZING. I loved the crab. I think Jack and Jason will agree with me as well. All in all, this trip was challenging and worthwhile. Thank you, Mr. Guerin, Mr. Avery, and Mr. Andrews for taking us on the trip.

### Trip Itinerary (Prepared by Mr. Andrews)

#### 08/07 Sunday 08:30am – depart Masonic Center Castro Valley

- 580 East to 205 East to 120 East to stop at Yosemite Big Oak Flat entrance
- Follow Big Oak Flat Road past Crane Flat to stop at Valley View turnout
- Continue through tunnels, then left on Northside Drive
- Go right toward Bridalveil Falls, then sharp right on Wawona Road
- Stop at Tunnel View parking lot
- Return to Bridalveil parking lot and hike to base of falls
- Continue right on Southside Drive stopping for El Capitan & Yosemite Falls views
- Arrive at Upper Pines Campground after 03:00pm
- Time allowed for hiking Lower Yosemite Falls trail or visitors center tour

#### 08/08 Monday 06:00am – depart camp for Happy Isles

- Hike Mist Trail past Vernal & Nevada Falls to climb Half Dome summit for lunch
- Return in the afternoon via John Muir Trail to conserve energy
- *Plan B: catch shuttle bus to hike Upper Yosemite Falls trail out to Yosemite Point*

#### 08/09 Tuesday 09:30am – depart Yosemite Valley camp

- Return on Northside Drive stopping for El Capitan & Yosemite Valley views
- Go right on Big Oak Flat Road to Crane Flat and turn right on Tioga Pass Road
- Continue to stop at turnouts for Olmsted Point overlook and Tenaya Lake
- Continue to Tuolumne Meadows for short hike to top of Pothole or Lembert Domes
- Follow over Tioga Pass to Lee Vining and turn left on 395 North
- Stop at Mono Basin Scenic Visitors Center
- Return south on 395 past Mammoth and Bishop to Lone Pine for dinner
- Drive up Whitney Portal Road past Movie Flat Road to Mt Whitney Campground

#### 08/10 Wednesday 10:00am – depart Mt. Whitney Campground for Whitney Portal

- Secure Mt Whitney climbing permits and backpack to High Camp for early dinner
- *Plan B: hike off Movie Flat Road to Natural Arch*

#### 08/11 Thursday 06:00am – depart High Camp on Mt Whitney eastern slope

- Climb hard to summit for early lunch
- Return to High Camp and backpack out to Whitney Portal
- *Plan B: Drive 395 North to 168 East for Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest hike*
- Evening drive on 136 East to 190 East for Death Valley
- Continue over Panamint Range, through Stovepipe Wells and south to Furnace Creek
- Arrive at Furnace Creek Campground

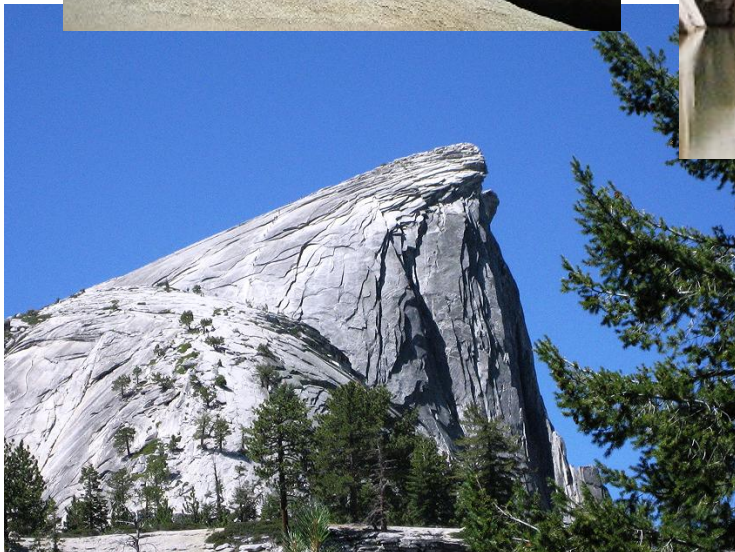
#### 08/12 Friday 09:30am – depart Furnace Creek Campground

- Tour Visitors Center and drive 190 East to Zabriskie Point and 20 Mule Team Canyon
- Return south on 178 to Artists Drive and Badwater
- Continue on 178 South to Shoshone and on to Las Vegas for the wknd



## Photos of High Adventure Trip

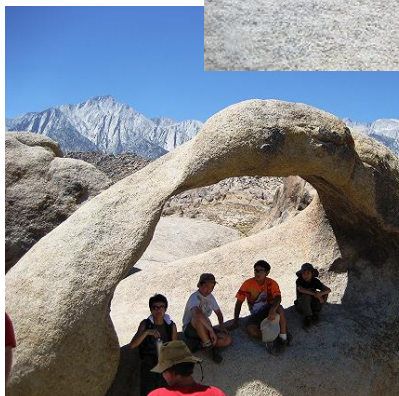
(Photo By Bryce Fong, Look for more photos next issue!)







Photos  
from High  
Adventure  
Trip



More pictures  
to come in the  
next issue of  
Troop Flash





## Raymond Akagi's Life Project

By Raymond Akagi

For my life project, we replaced signs on about 60 garbage cans along Castro Valley Blvd for the Castro Valley Sanitary District. People who came to help are: Austin, Michael, Mitch, Kyle, Val (scout from another troop), my sister Darcie and her friend Jessica. The adults who helped are Mr. Markison, Mr. Yi, and my mom. The project was a lot of fun. We divided into 2 teams, one on each side of the street. We had a little bit of a competition between our two teams as we worked along the boulevard. Thank you everyone who helped me with my project.



Getting instruction from CVSD project coordinator



Old sign

Any sign of Kyle?

New sign



Team "North", Raymond, Austin, Darcie, Jessica, Mrs. Chang



Team "South", Michael, Mitch, Kyle, Val, Mr. Markison, Mr. Yi



Kung Fu  
moves  
to relax



All is checked,  
let's do it!



Bench perfectly located of sit down work



Let's work faster...Team North is racing ahead.



## Scout Advancements

*By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Advancement Coordinator*

Since the last Court of Honor Troop 726 has collectively earned 126 merit badges - 116 earned at summer camps and 10 earned outside of summer camps. Of special note Ben Andrews has completed all his Eagle required merit badges.

We have also had the following rank advancements:

Scout	Aviram Bhalla-Levine	06/21/11
Star	Kyle Avery	08/15/11
Eagle	Larry Whitmeyer	06/15/11
Eagle 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bronze Palm	Seamus Guerin	06/22/11



The next Board of Review is on September 12 so we should see several more ranks before the September 17 Court of Honor.

This is my last newsletter report as Advancement Chairman. It has been fun and I have enjoyed serving the Troop in this capacity. Mrs. Platou has agreed to take over as the heir to a long line of Advancement Chairmen who are still active with us in the Troop - Mr. Krause, Mr. Wright, Mr. Andrews, Mrs. Richeaux, and myself. Scouts and Adults, please help Mrs. Platou in this transition so she can enjoy this big position as much as I have. Look forward to my next report as Scoutmaster and please help me in that transition so as heir to the proud standard that Troop 726 has set we can keep it high together.

# Congratulations!

### **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**

### **STANFORD FOOTBALL FOR SCOUTS (SFBAC Event)**

We here at the Stanford Athletic Department have put together a special offer and experience for Scouts of The Bay Area. The Stanford Cardinal take on the Colorado Buffaloes on **October 8<sup>th</sup>** here on campus at Stanford Stadium.

Scouts and their family/friends have the opportunity to buy special discounted tickets to the game and sit in the special Scouts section. Scouts who wear their scout apparel will be allowed on the field pregame and the 1<sup>st</sup> Four Troops to volunteer will also be able to participate in flag detail during The National Anthem.

Details and information on how to order is attached and also listed below

Colorado vs. Stanford **October 8<sup>th</sup>** @ Stanford Stadium on campus at Stanford University.

[www.gostanford.com/scouts](http://www.gostanford.com/scouts)

Promo code: scouts Tickets are just \$15.

For more information please contact: Rob Lunder, Stanford University Athletic Department | Ticket Sales Consultant

Direct: [650-724-6202](tel:650-724-6202) | Fax: [650-725-4801](tel:650-725-4801) | E-mail: [rlunder@stanford.edu](mailto:rlunder@stanford.edu)



## Troop News

Bryant Lin attended World Jamboree 2011

Donna Platou has stepped to take over the responsibility of Advancement chair.

Mitch Avery having his birthday at the Treasure Island dinner buffet (during High Adventure trip)



Mr. Guerin presenting Bobby with the Royaneh belt for his leadership at summer camp 2011. Well Done, Bobby!



Larry Whitmeyer – T726's latest Eagle Scout.

We miss you, Larry. Good luck in Arizona!

## 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** 🙌

I (Mac) went to Oregon and shot a 12 gauge shot gun, 38 special and a 22 rifles. Everyone in the patrol had a great summer.

By Mac Strand

**Ravens** 🙌

Some of the patrol member went to the troop meeting at the container a couple of weeks ago. We worked for about 2 hours to clean out the container and checked our troop equipments.

By Kyle Avery

**Cobras** 🙌

A new scout has joined the troop. His name is Jeffrey Jiang and now resides in the Ravens Patrol!!! He looks forward to achieve confidence around others and obtain Eagle Scout rank. He joined to make new friends. He enjoyed his very first meeting as a boy scout of Troop 726,

By Austin Xing-Le

**Scorpions/ Dragons** 🙌

The entire troop went to summer camp at Royaneh in June. We earned quite a few merit badges.

By Kiyoshi Ito

**Owls** 🙌

Over the summer, we did a lot of activities. Bryce went on the high adventure trip, Bobby went to Hawaii, Ben and Allen went to Comic-Con, Steve was a lifeguard, and Seamus swam for the Columbia Gators Swim Team. It was a great summer for all of us.

By Allen Saylor



## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Troop 726

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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*

Hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and are now ready to get back to school, back to scouts and back to a regular routine. The fall is a big fundraising time for our troop and your scout accounts. We are providing several opportunities for the scout and his family to participate to raise money for their scout account. You may participate in as many of these events as you want. The fall fundraising is a great time to earn money to pay your monthly dues and to start saving for summer camp 2012.

I'd like to say thank you to all the parents who attended the parents meeting. We had a lot of information to review and I appreciate you taking the time. I have a few committee positions and general task that need volunteers. Some of these task are once-a-year task, some are once-a-month task and some are once-a-week task. Please let me know which one you are interested in doing for us.

Please review the front page of this newsletter and watch the email announcements carefully for date or time changes. September and October are always very busy months for the troop; please try to make it to as many outing and events as possible.



### 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

### 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!

### Brave

A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He had the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at or threaten him.

## 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!