

# TROOP 726 FLASH

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## Upcoming Events

SFBAC Troop Summer Camp 2009  
June 21<sup>th</sup> to June 27<sup>th</sup>

Lion Club Carnival July 4

U-Waste Fundraiser July 11

Outdoor Troop Meeting July 18 – 19



ASM Meeting – June 15

PLC Meeting – June 25

Committee Meeting – July 6, 7:00 pm (Faith Lutheran Church)

Troop Meetings – Will start up after the Summer break, weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm sharp (Masonic Center not available on Sept 23, alternative plan will be made for the day)

### SFBAC Troop Summer Camp 2009 – June 21<sup>th</sup> to June 27<sup>th</sup>

Scout in Charge: Ben Eversole, Adult in Charge: Mr. Andrews and Mr. Guerin

30 scouts are registered to attend summer camp during the last week of June 2009. Please turn in your medical forms or you may not be able to go to the camp.

The staff at Wente Scout Reservation is looking forward to providing our Scouts with another great outdoor program, and you can visit

[www.wente.org](http://www.wente.org) to see what's going on around camp while getting ready for this summer! There will be souvenir/merchandise available at the camp including T-shirt, polo shirt, fleece jacket, baseball cap, leather belt, and brass buckle. For further details, please contact *Mr. Andrews, Outdoor Program Coordinator* (510/728-0774 or [sierrascout@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sierrascout@sbcglobal.net)).

**Wente Summer Camp, Here We Come!**

### U-Waste Fundraiser, July 11

Adults in Charge:

Mrs. Davidson (510) 581-4567 for permission slips

Mr. Markison (510) 828-8310 for BART/Business Flyer

Distribution

Mr. Guerin (510) 258-2062 and Mrs. Lozano (510) 207-1836 for Event day

Scouts in charge: Ben Eversole and Bryce Fong

Troop 726 is participating in a U-Waste Fundraiser event with the Castro Valley Sanitary District on July 11, 2009. As a troop, there are several jobs we are required to complete. This is a community service project and all scouts are expected to participate. Our scouts earned \$100 toward summer camp as a direct result of this fundraiser last year. Let's see if we can do it again this year!

#### JOBS TO DO:

- Castro Valley Neighborhood Flyer Distribution (distributed by Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.)
- BART/Business Flyer Distribution ( week of July 7
- Event Day – Canyon Middle School (Saturday July 11)

Please see permission slip for details and turn in the permission slip ASAP.

### Lion Club Carnival, July 4

Scout in Charge: Larry Whitmeyer, Adult in Charge: Mr. Guerin

More details will be available soon on this event.

### Outdoor Troop Meeting, July 18 - 19

Scout in Charge: Gormley J, Adult in Charge: Mr. Guerin

More details will be available soon on this event.

## Long Tree, May 22 and 25

On Friday May 22, participating Scouts placed flags on ALL Veterans graves at Long Tree Cemetery. It was an incredible project and it brought everyone together.

On Monday May 25, we participated in the events of the day including distribution of small flags, pamphlets and assisting where needed. Our Troop participated in the presentation of the Colors. Immediately following the morning events there was a BBQ that we all enjoyed.



Troop 726 Scouts, Ben Eversole, Casey Perrault, Jeff Stevens, Jack Zhao, Jason Zhao, Larry Whitmeyer, Jacob Schultz, Mitch Avery, Austin Le Participated in the flag ceremony

## Skills Weekend (By Adult in Charge: Mr. Markison)

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, eight scouts went on a Skills Weekend at Lake Chabot Park in the family camp area. The purpose was rank advancement. The following scouts attended: Raymond Akagi, Marcos Andrade, Mitch Avery, Ben Eversole (as trainer), Keane Hubbard, Freddie Kao, John Miles, Kenji Pinzon (scout in charge), and Larry Whitmeyer.

It was a terrific weekend. They went on a five-mile compass led hike. Cooked on and learned about a light weight stove. Overall every scout made a new rank for obtained a Merit Badge completion.



## Hike-A-Thon

The entire troop family (including adults and older siblings) joined this outing for fun and fitness as well. We met on Saturday, May 30, 8:30am at Chabot Park in San Leandro. Once everyone has checked in and orientation was completed, we began the 10 miles hike

Each Boy Scout participated in this fun local event to raise money for his Scout account, which can be used to help fund many Scouting experiences (dues, outings, summer camp, National Jamboree, hiking/camping gear, etc) during the coming year.



John and Freddie at Lake Chabot

## Earth Day Clean up (By Scout-in-Charge: Hayden Payne)

In honor of Earth Day, members of Troop 726 participated in campus beautification at Canyon Middle School. Approximately 50 volunteers attended this event. The following members of Troop 726 volunteered: Scout Master Neil Guerin, Kenji Pinzou, Mitch Avery, Jacob Schultz, Hayden Payne, Raymond Arag, Sandia Chang, Bryant Ling, and Marcos Andrade. Canyon Middle School has a large campus full of weeds and hard soil. We used an auger to drill holes, and then planted eight flowering plum trees, two honey locust trees, and 2 wisteria vines. We also planted gazania flowers in the courtyard. Our troop weeded an entire hillside and removed lots of bushes and litter. We got really muddy and it was hard work. However, the trees we planted will provide shade and beautify the campus for all to enjoy. Thanks to Mrs. Payne for organizing this Earth Day event.





## Troop Meeting Pinewood Derby Race (By ASPL, Bryce Fong)

On April 29, 2009 at our troop meeting, we had an open-class pinewood derby race—anything goes. Mr. Guerin's car was a CO2 powered car, which had the potential to go very fast if the triggering mechanism worked but it was not very reliable. Bryce Fong had a pinewood derby car with a ducted fan taped to the back. Other contestants were Ben Eversole, Mitch Avery, and Webelos scouts, congratulations for participating



Mr., Guerin, Mr. Miles and Scouts at the starting line



Bryce with winning Turbo-Fan car



Bryce's Turbo-Fan vs. Mr. Guerin's CO2 jet.



## Chabot Gun Club Shooting (By Scout in Charge: Seamus Guerin)

On Saturday, May 9th, scouts from our troop went to the Chabot Gun Club to hone our rifle shooting skills. The scouts in attendance were Keane Hubbard, Mitch Avery, Raymond Akagi, Larry Whitmeyer, Will Olivera, Kenji Pinzon, Jacob Schultz, Seamus Guerin, Bryce Fong, Ben Eversole and Casey Perrault. Bryce, Ben, Casey and Jacob all shot extremely well, but we all had a lot of fun. Special thanks to Mr. Pinzon for teaching us all how to clean the guns and giving us pointers after each round. Hope to see you there next time!



T726 Scouts at Chabot Gun Club

## Training

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

Online Training from your computer is available for Boy Scout Fast Start, Youth Protection, Safe Swim and Safety Afloat, Troup Committee Challenge and many more. Please check out all the online trainings. These are free online. Please go to [www.SFBAC.org](http://www.SFBAC.org), then go to training, >adult training, >the training program 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** every 2 years. This is a **new National Policy** and is required on tour permits.
4. Also, **beginning January 2009**, you will be required to take a training called **"Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather Training."** This is only available online.
5. **"This is Scouting"** is now on line. If you haven't taken New Leader Essentials please take this course at [www.sfbac.org](http://www.sfbac.org) under adult training.
6. **Wood Badge** is scheduled for April 30 – May 2 and May 15 -17, 2010. Please put these dates in your calendar. What is it? Ask Mr. Guerin, Mr. Wright, Mr. Markisson, Mr. Krause, Mrs. Huie or Mr. Fong for info.
7. **Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Training** is scheduled for August 29 and September 17, 26-27, 2009. Please Ask Mr. Wright for a flyer.

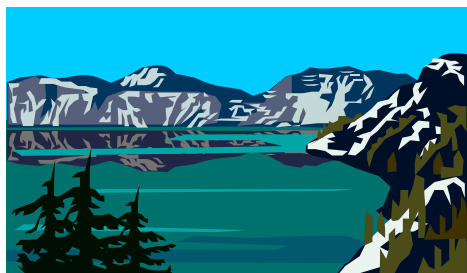
If haven't take Youth Protection in the last two years you need to before you can participate in any outing or programs with our youth. You also are required by National to take the Weather Hazards course if you are a tour leader or are signing the tour permit.

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

## Oregon Summer Camp 2009 – July 27<sup>th</sup> to August 7<sup>th</sup>

By Scout in Charge: Steve Davidson and Jacob Schultz, Adult in Charge: Mr. Perrault

Scouts will attend one week of camp at Camp Makaula, will visit Crater Lake, Oregon Caves National Monument, Lake Shasta Caverns, and river raft on the Rogue River or Klamath River. The cost is \$650 (\$200 deposit by March 28, second payment of \$200 due by April 22, \$250 balance due by May 27), a very good value for a 13-day trip. Additional cost for camp activities may apply. The trip is a definite go and the plans will be finalized soon.





## Troop News

### Please Turn in Personal Health and Medical Record Form (from Mrs. Eversole)

The SFBAC is now requiring the NEW medical forms for camp this summer. If you are current on the doctor-completed portion, this only requires the parents-completed portions – Part A and B. (Beginning 2010, physicals with a doctor (section B) will need to be completed yearly). A copy of insurance card is required with the new form (this is new). These must be completed **as soon as possible** so that you can attend camp in June. Even if you have recently filled out a new Class 1, this is due. Thank you for prompt response.

### Troop T-shirt (from Mrs. Schultz)

Please pay and pick up your sweat shirt order from Mrs. Schultz as soon as possible. You can purchase additional T-shirt (\$10) from her as well. Email: [pschultz@mail.com](mailto:pschultz@mail.com). Phone: (925) 283-1973



### Troop 726 Website (from Mr. Woo)

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



### Flagpole Fundraiser Opportunity

(From Mr. Guerin)

Flagpole Sales – We have received 13 sets at \$15.30 each. The cost will be \$100 installed. Adult supervision will be needed for installations.

### Friends of Scouting

Our troop made Presidential level and are eligible for a 15% discount for camp. We are close to the level that will entitle us to advancement and merit badges. Thank you to Randy Wright.

### Troop Items for Sale

The following items can be purchased from Mrs. Lozano.

Troop Mug	\$5.00
Duffle Bag	\$20.00

## 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.

### Cobras



Raymond, John, Keane, Mitch, and our new scout Freddie all went to Skills Weekend, the weekend of May 15<sup>th</sup>. Raymond makes Second Class along with Mitch. John and Keane made Tenderfoot. The food was great. We had lots of fun

By John Miles

### Scorpions



Marcos and I went to Skills Weekend. I finished the rest of Second Class requirements and Marcos got his Camping Merit badge.

By Larry Whitmeyer

### Dragons



No Submittal

### Owls



This year marks the Owl's sixth annual Memorial Day Family Camp at Wente. All Owls attended this year along with family and friends. The gourmet meals were awesome (no mess hall food for this group!). We hiked, kayaked, fished, shot shotgun, played football, and just had a great weekend. On the 30th, Seamus, Bryce, and Ben hiked 10 miles around Lake Chabot in the Hike-a-thon and added money to our Scout accounts.

By Ben Andrews

### Rocks



No Submittal

### 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!

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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*

Our Annual Parents Meeting is an important time for the committee to update each scout family on the current scout program. Thank you all for attending this important meeting on June 1.

### Congratulation to Kenji Pinzon

(Exert from Castro Valley Forum June 7, 2009)

Kenji was one of the 21 students honored as the Castro Valley's Student Citizens of the Year.

"These are extraordinary students who are the foundation of our community and world" said Sue Hohl, president of the sponsoring Castro Valley/Eden Area Chamber of Commerce.

Way to go, Kenji! We are proud of your accomplishments.



Kenji Pinzon-Shigeta Creekside Middle School  
Citizen of the Year

### 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!

### Congratulation to Bryce Fong and John Miles

10th District Commander of the American Legion, awarding First Place plaque for the B-17 model contest to Troop 726 sponsored by American Legion Post 649. Scouts are Bryce Fong and John Miles, Jr.



(Right to Left) Mr. Dennis Matarrese, 10th District Commander of the American Legion, Bryce Fong, John Miles, Jr, and Byron Fong

### Scout Advancements

*By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Advancement Coordinator*

Rank advancements will be announced at Court of Honor, June 10.

### Trustworthy

A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is part of his code of conduct. People can depend on him.