

# TROOP 726 FLASH

MARCH 2014

## Upcoming Events

Shooting Sports Outing– Mar 7 – 9

Boreal Ski and Camp – Mar 29 – 30



TLT Campout– Apr 18 – 19

Golf Outing – Apr 19



Earth Day – Apr 26

Planning Conference and PLC – Apr 26

Skills Camp out – May 2 - 4



Hike a Thon – May 3

White Water Rafting – May 17 - 18

Lone Tree Cemetery Memorial Day Event – May 23, 26

Native Sons Flag Ceremony – May 25

Summer Camp – June 15 - 21



## Meeting Dates

**Board of Review** – Mar 17, Apr 21, May 19

**Committee Meeting** –Mar 3, Apr 7, May 5

**PLC Meeting** – Mar 23 (7pm, Mr. Avery's house), April 26 (5 pm, preceding Planning Conference), Jun 1 (outdoor location TBD)

**Troop Meetings** – Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm sharp at Masonic Center, exception: April 16 (no meeting, Spring Break), April 30 (outdoor meeting), May 14 (swimming meeting)

## Website



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

**Sam Pica** 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 ([pica@dslextreame.com](mailto:pica@dslextreame.com)) any and all permission slips for upcoming events in .doc format so they can be uploaded to the website for all to download.

## 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

### **Shooting Sports Instead – March 7 – 9**

Scout in Charge: Matthew Kuan, Adult in Charge: Mr. Jiang, Mr. Maloof

Troop 726 will be attending the **Shooting Sports Weekend, March 7 – 9, at Los Mochos**. This is a fun event, sign up now!

**What:** We will be doing shooting sports at Los Mochos, activities include rifle, shotgun, black powder rifles, archery and tomahawks.



**Location & Time:** We will be meeting at Masonic Center at 4:30pm on March 7, 2014, and back to Masonic Center around 11:00am on March 9, 2014

**Cost:** \$24 (event cost, camping cost, and gas)

**Food:** [need plan](#)

**What to Bring:** Camping gears, 10 essentials, and clothes for cold weather

**Uniform:** Class A & B

**Scout in Charge:** Matthew Kuan, Email: [jane\\_chen98@yahoo.com](mailto:jane_chen98@yahoo.com), phone: 510-282-2690

**Adult in charge:** Mr. Jiang, Email: [famingjiang2002@yahoo.com](mailto:famingjiang2002@yahoo.com), phone: 510-200-6144  
and the 2<sup>nd</sup> adult pending



### **Boreal Ski and Camp – Mar 29 - 30**

Scout in Charge: Kyle Avery, Adult in Charge: Mrs. Werning, Mr. Raynor

Troop 726 will have a ski/snowboard overnight at Boreal Ski Resort. We will leaving on March 29, at 9 am from Masonic Center, returning on March 30 at 8 pm. The cost is \$35, plus cost to ski/snow board as listed below

- \$33 for lift ticket only (must have your own equipment)
- \$ 65 package (lift ticket, rental and/or lessons)
- \$5 helmet rental (can use helmet from home)



Bring bagged lunch for Saturday, and money (\$25) for lunch and dinner on Sunday. Important to be prepared with snow gear, warm overnight clothing, and skiing/snowboarding equipment if you have any. Space is limited. Please turn in the permission slip by March 5

### **TLT Campout– Apr 18 - 19**

Scout in Charge: Troop Guides, Adult in Charge: Mr. Avery

**Mark Your Calendar!**

The annual **Troop Leadership Training (TLT)** will be **on Friday, April 18 at the El Venado campsite in Anthony Chabot**. At this event, new scouts will get a chance to learn the ways of the troop and what it means to be a boy scout. Since this is Spring Break, we will see if it is possible to meet in the mid-afternoon on Friday so we can have more time to spend at camp.



### **Golf Outing – March 23, April 6, April 12, and April 19**

Scout in Charge: Luke Martin, Adult in Charge: Mr. Maloof, Mr. Raynor, and Mr. Strand

Golf outing is set for the following dates, **March 23, April 6, April 12, and April 19**, at **Pleasanton Golf Center**. All meetings will be at 3:00 pm and will be **free**! If you want to earn the golf merit badge you need to commit to all 4 meetings. The permission will be distributed at the meeting. Please see me (Luke) if you need one. I need all **permission slips back by March 12** because I need to give the information to The First Tee. Bring golf equipment if you have it, otherwise it will be provided. Also bring water and wear Class B. Sign up to earn this merit badge, or just come to golf for fun !

### **Earth Day at Independent Elementary– Apr 26**

Scout in Charge: Liam Smith, Adult in Charge: Mrs. Wilson

We will be doing clean-up project at **Independent Elementary** on **April 26th**. We'll need various equipment and tools such as rakes, shovels and gloves. Permission slips and more detail to follow. Please sign up to help!



### **Skills Weekend – May 2 - 4**

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

We will be camping at the group site at Las Trampas. This is the first time our Troop has taken advantage of this nearby group camping site. It is less than 10 miles from the Masonic Center and close enough for dropping off and picking up if families have other obligations such as baseball or SAT tests.

### **Lone Tree Cemetery Memorial Day Event – May 23 (Friday), 26 (Monday)**

Scout in Charge: Xavier Bolido, Adult in Charge: Mr. Ruiz

The scouts and parents of Troop 726 are invited to help place and remove flags and attend the memorial service at the Lone Tree Cemetery. This is a great opportunity to honor our veterans and the scouts get a glimpse at some local history by reading the tombstones. Please try to attend one session or attend all and earn service hours.

May 23 (Friday) 3:30 p.m. meet at Lone Tree Cemetery. We will be assisting in placing 2,000 flags at the gravesites of servicemen. Bring a screwdriver if you want to work faster. It takes between 60 to 90 minutes to complete the task.

May 26 (Monday) 10:00 a.m. meet at Lone Tree Cemetery. Early birds will be treated with donuts and orange juice. The memorial service begins at 11:00 a.m., followed by a BBQ Lunch at 12:30 p.m.

May 26 (Monday) 3:30 p.m. meet at Lone Tree Cemetery. We will help remove the flags and put them back in containers for next year.



## National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

Troop 726 - for those of you interested in attending National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), also known in the past as Brownsea, it will be offered by our council at Rancho Los Mochos June 22 - 28, 2014. This is advanced leadership training for youth.

The cost is \$299 if you register before April 30. More information can be found at <http://www.sfbac-nylt.org/>

Requirements include:

- 13 years old or completed 7th Grade by June 2014
- First Class rank or above
- Completed Introduction to Troop Leadership Skills (ITLS), formerly Troop Leadership Training (TLT) which will be offered by Troop 726 on April 18.
- Permission from your Scoutmaster

Sammy Wilson and Zachary Eslick attended this training last year and you (yes you who are considering going) can ask either of them about their experience.

I also realize this is the week after our Summer Camp. If I find information about an NYLT at another council that has some separation from our summer camp, then I will let you know.

The Silicon Valley Council also offers NYLT for \$250 the same week of June 22 - 28  
<http://svmbc.org/svmbc/training/pico-blanco-nylt/>

## Troop 726 is going to Camp Royaneh June 15- 21, 2014!

**Camp Royaneh** is located in the redwoods near Guerneville, CA.

While the actual cost of this event is \$451, the troop committee leadership has voted to subsidize \$52 per scout from the unit's general fund; therefore the charge is \$399 per Scout (plus special merit badge fees). **The initial deposit of \$150 and signed parental permission slip is due by Wednesday, January 15, 2014.** The remaining balance of \$249 and the doctor-approved BSA health form is due by Wednesday, March 12, 2014. Checks payable to Troop 726, cash or Scout Accounts are accepted.



Application for adult leadership at summer camp is also available. The boys appreciate the sacrifice of a week of vacation from each of the adults so they can attend summer camp.

Mr. Siu and Mr. Avery



# Royaneh Summer Camp, Here We Come!



## Yellowstone High Adventure Trip

Mark your calendar, **July 26 to Aug 3!!!** Take part in this **once-in-a-life-time adventure** with your fellow scouts! **Yellowstone National Park**, established in 1872 and located primarily in Wyoming, was America's first national park. To this day, Yellowstone remains one of the country's most popular national parks with almost four million annual visitors. Yellowstone spans almost 3,500 miles, and extends into parts of Montana and Idaho, making it the largest National Park in the US. It sits on top of a dormant volcano and is home to more geysers and hot springs than any other place on earth. Approximately 50 percent of the world's hydrothermal features are at Yellowstone National Park. The most famous of all the geysers is Old Faithful, one of the most popular and recognized natural wonders in the United States.

Below is the preliminary itinerary. **The cost is approximately \$480 - \$550.** Please contact scout-in-charge **Raymond Akagi** ([rayakagi@comcastl.net](mailto:rayakagi@comcastl.net), 510-317-9179) for more information.

### Day 1- Saturday: Castro Valley to Angel Creek campsite

1. National auto museum or Animal Ark in Reno area.
2. Eat lunch on the road, stop somewhere.
3. 576 miles
4. 8.5 hours

### Day 2- Sunday: Angel Creek campsite to Box Canyon campground

1. Zip the snake in Twin Falls or Craters of the Moon.
2. 364 miles
3. 5 hours and 48 minute drive. (without Craters of the Moon).

### Day 3- Monday: box canyon to mammoth campground

1. Monument geyser basin (2.8 mile hike), Norris geyser basin, artists' paint pots (1.1 mile hike), mammoth hot springs.

### Day 4- Tuesday: mammoth campground to canyon campground

1. Take black tail plateau drive (great views)
2. Inspiration point, artist point, seven mile hole trail (about 11 miles)
3. Showers and laundry

### Day 5- Wednesday: canyon campground to bridge bay campground

1. Old faithful, lower geyser basin, midway geyser basin, fairy falls (2.5 miles), biscuit basin, black sand basin
2. Eat dinner at lake hotel (expensive restaurant)

### Day 6- Thursday: bridge bay campground to Colter bay campground

1. West thumb, Jenny Lake trail (2 miles w/boat ride) or 7 mile hike around lake.

### Day 7- Friday: Colter Bay campground

1. Jackson hole aerial tram, eat at Corbet's cabin for breakfast kinda.
2. Hike (12.4 miles)

### Day 8- Saturday: Colter Bay campground to Angel Creek campsite

### Day 9- Sunday: Angel Creek campsite to home

1. National auto museum or Animal Ark in Reno area.
2. 576 miles
3. 8.5 hours



**Attention! Merit Badge Counselors!** The Tres Ranchos BSA district is in the process of updating the Merit Badge (MB) Counselor List. To speed the process they are asking all current MB Counselors to send an email with the following info:

1. Name
2. Address
3. Phone number for scout to call (not your work #)
4. Email address (this is important to aid in future updates)
5. List of MB's you teach.

Please send email to **stargazeralan@yahoo.com**. Please respond as soon as possible so Tres Ranchos can get the updated list out ASAP.

Per national requirements, anyone who teaches any of the shooting merit badges must include either their NRA certificate number and the date it expires or other proof such as the name of the law enforcement agency they work for or other proof such as a Military police squadron number. This private information will not appear in the list when it is published.

Please direct any questions to Alan Dunn at **stargazeralan@yahoo.com**



## Training

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

What is required for you to be considered a trained leader?

Please see file "training record" attached to newsletter section of website to see what our records show you have taken.

***If you take any of these trainings, please inform me of what and when taken.***

***If you have any training questions, please contact me.***

\*They make you a better leader and provide a better program for our youth!

The Tres Ranchos District dinner. May 10, 2014

Mr. Wright and Mr. Andrews are co-chairs for this adult event.

Thanks,

Randy Wright

510 885 0527

**Wright-s@comcast.net**

# Be A Trained Leader

# WHAT MAKES A TRAINED LEADER?



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Adult leaders in units are considered trained, and eligible to wear the official *Trained* emblem, once they have completed Youth Protection Training and the training courses outlined below, or have completed Youth Protection Training and a previous basic training course when it was current.

**Youth Protection Training\*** is a joining requirement for all registered adults and must be retaken every two years!

## CUB SCOUTING

Leader-Specific (by position)

## BOY SCOUTING

Leader-Specific (by position)\*\*  
Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills\*\*\*

## VARSITY SCOUTING

Varsity Scout Leader-Specific (all Team adults)  
Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills\*\*\*

## VENTURING & SEA SCOUTS

All adults in Crews: Venturing Leader Specific  
All adults in Ships: Sea Scout Adult Leader Basic

### Need Help?

Contact the National Council – Boy Scouts of America  
Program Impact – Volunteer Training Team

Mark Griffin	mark.griffin@scouting.org	972-580-2211
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Cindy Polman	cynthia.polman@scouting.org	972-580-2459
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\* E-Learning page at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org)

\*\* Troop Committee Challenge\* is the position specifics for troop committee members

\*\*\* Not required for committee positions

+ Chartered Organization Representatives take *This Is Scouting\**, and Chartered Organization Representative Training

2/16/2013



## Scout Master Minute

*By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Scout Master*

One thing we can count on in this world is change. The nature of our youth program is change. Individual boys change and grow while they are in the program. Also the number of boys change, the events change, and the adults change. Troop 726 is about to experience a major change with about a 40% growth all at once. These next six months will be a wild ride in our Troop so be prepared to hold on tightly.

With only 2 boys aging out this year and only 5 boys aging out in 2015 and no current boys aging out in 2016, we are set for even more growth in the next few years. While every recruiting year brings its uncertainties, we can also factor in several younger siblings on the horizon in 2016 and 2017 to hook their dens at that time. Becoming a Troop of 60 or more boys is certainly a possibility in a few short years. We have done a good job of positioning ourselves as a healthy Troop through our 50<sup>th</sup> year.

To remain a Troop that maintains high standards we need to continue that special balanced mix of fun, work, and learning that we practice among our older scouts, our younger scouts, and the adult leaders. To be complacent is to lose everything. Let's all look forward to some good times to come with new friends. Thanks – Mr., Avery



### Friends of Scouting

**Friends of Scouting 2014 is here. This is the time to support the Boy Scouts of America. Any and all contributions are encourage, your contributions help pay for the Summer Camp, Camporees and Trainings such as NYLT and Adult Training.**

**Troop 726 kicked off 2014 FOS with a presentation on Wednesday, February 12 at our Red and Green Dinner. We look forward to your generous contributions.**

### Want to earn money for your scout account?

The PLC has decided to do an additional fundraising activity. Scouts will have the opportunity to sell Jelly Belly products. This is the districts spring fundraiser. Spencer Vanderpan is the scout-in-charge.

The sale will start March 4th. This is a brochure only sale, and products will be delivered in time for Easter. Please see Spencer Vanderpan or Mrs. Schultz for more information.



### Troop Items for Sale

The following items can be purchased from Mr. Siu. Email: [pillmaster@gmail.com](mailto:pillmaster@gmail.com)  
Troop Mug = \$5.00  
Troop T-shirts = \$12.00  
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 meeting plans

Date	Instruction	Game	Patrol Time	Special Notes
03/05/14	Winter Awareness- Clothes	Ship-boat	Shooting Sports Menu	Elections
03/12/14	Winter Awareness- Food	Assassin	Boreal Menu	
03/19/14	Court of Honor			
03/26/14	Cleaning Pots and Pans	Sharks and Minnows	Boreal Menu	
04/02/14	Golf Merit Badge	Dodgeball	Planning Conference Ideas/ Summer Camp MBs/ TLT Meals	Bring ball
04/09/14	Animal Tracking	Track Identification	Planning Conference Ideas/ Summer Camp MBs/ TLT Meals	

## Do you know what's coming up?

### Troop Meeting Instructions

**March 5** - Winter Awareness - Clothes

**March 12** - Winter Awareness - Food

**March 19** - No Instruction - Court of Honor

### Special Meeting Dates for the year ahead include

**March 19** - Court of Honor

**April 16** - NO MEETING - Spring Break

**April 30** - Outdoor Meeting - Canyon Middle School

**May 14** - Swimming Meeting - Subject to Availability

**June 4** - Court of Honor

### PLC Meetings

**March 23** - 7:00 p.m. Mr. Avery's house 2730 Jennifer Dr

**April 26** - 5:00 p.m. immediately preceding the Annual Planning Conference - Location TBA

**June 1** - Likely in an outdoor location to be determined by the SPL at that time



Scouts holding Troop position and all Patrol leaders need to attend. Contact Will Oliveira and Mr. Avery in advance if you cannot attend.

## Winter Awareness Training– Feb 15

By Scout in Charge: Kyle Avery

On Saturday day morning, Feb 15, members of Troop 726 participated in Winter Awareness Training. We learned many things about surviving in the winter. The skills and knowledge we gained will help us in any type of camping experience. We also had a very successful PLC afterward.

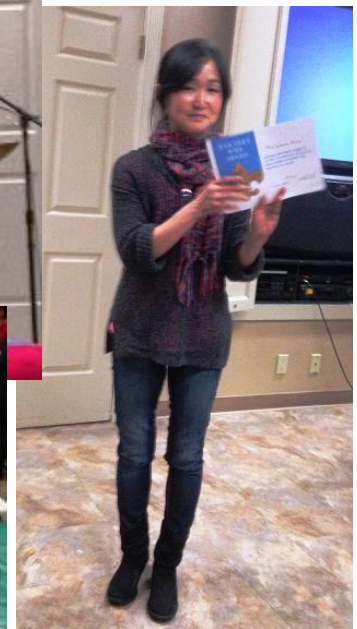
# Be Prepared

## Red and Green Dinner – Celebrate Birthday of Boy Scouts!



Troop 726 celebrated the Birthday of Boy Scouts of America at the Annual Red and Green Dinner, a good old fashion pot luck style dinner. Thanks to everyone who brought the wonderful food and scouts for the entertainment.

## Dinner with a show!





## Red and Green Dinner – Feb 12





## American Legion Flag Box Dedication

Photo by Mr. Maloof and Mr. Siu

By Sammy Wilson

On Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, members of troop 726, the American legion, VFW, many citizens and veterans of Castro Valley, as well as Senator Ellen Corbit, Congressman Eric Swallwell, Assemblyman Bill Quirck, and a representative for Nate Miley, attended a dedication for the new flag drop box in the Castro Village. At the ceremony, there was an explanation of why the drop box is important to our community and what it means for our country. At the end of the ceremony, a few people donated their old flags to the drop box for it to be retired by the organizations allowed to do so. Our troop assisted in respectfully folding the flag and placing it in the drop box. After the dedication, there was a final flag ceremony that concluded with the unveiling of the flag drop box.

Thank you to all the scouts and adults who came to help out at this special event.

By Aviram Bhalla-Levine

On the second of March, we supported the Legion of Honor by attending and helping with their flag box dedication. We helped set up, pass out programs, guide people to seats, and fold flags. All the scouts there had fun and had the opportunity to meet state officials and present the troop to the public. It was an enlightening, entertaining, and beneficial event for all scouts, legion members, and spectators.





## American Legion Flag Box Dedication – March 2





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# Castro Village

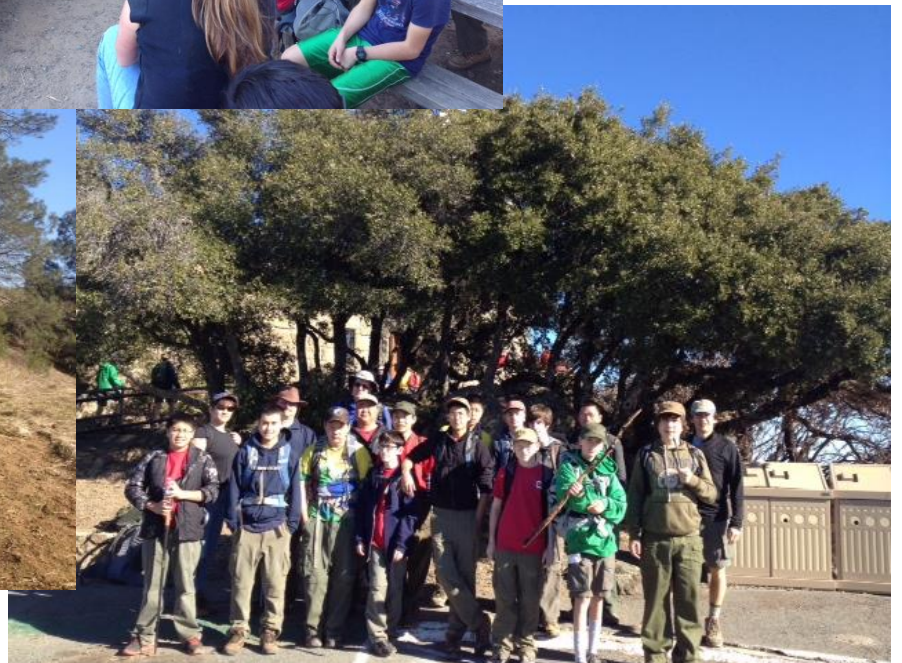
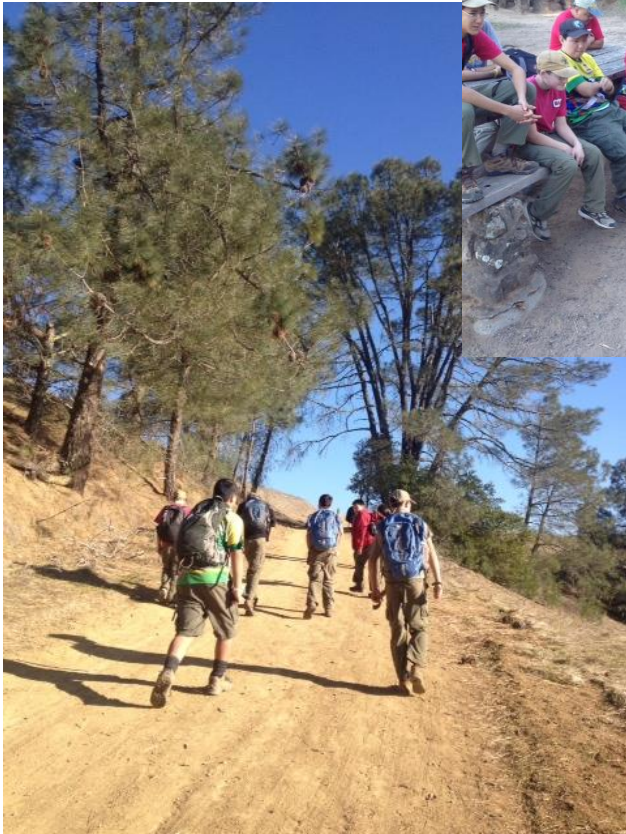
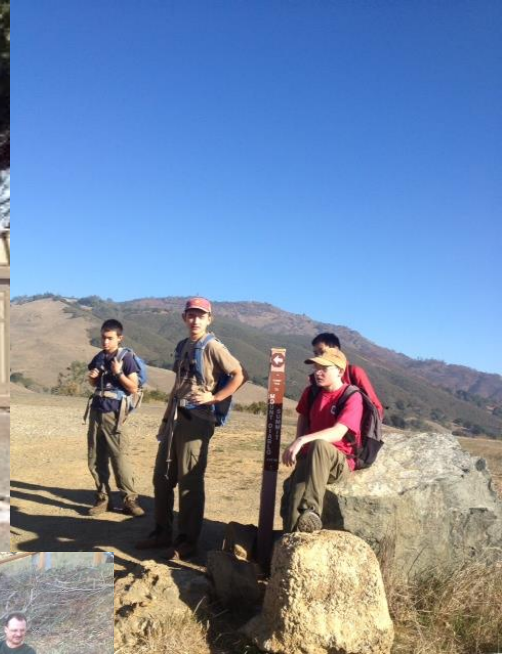




## Diablo Day Hike

By Scout in Charge: Mitch Avery, Photo by Mrs. Yi

Mt. Diablo: On January 4th, 12 scouts as well as 7 courageous adults hiked up to the summit of Mt. Diablo. We started at Rock City at 9:30 and hiked the 3.5 miles to the summit where we had lunch. After lunch, we hiked back to the cars and drove to the Masonic Center. The weather was great and everyone did well especially Drew!!!!!!!!!!!!!!





## Committee Chair's Corner

*By Jose Siu, Troop 726 Committee Chair*



March is here and all WEBELOS II are getting ready to cross over in the next few weeks. Troop 726 is getting ready to receive 14 to 17 new scouts. This will grow our Troop tremendously.

**Our committee is looking for parents to help out in the following positions: Treasurer, Scout Accounts, Secretary, Membership Chair and Newsletter Coordinator.** Our committee meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month at the Faith Lutheran Church from 7 pm to 9 pm. We also help with Board of Reviews when needed. If you are able to give us a hand and take on an adult position within our Troop please let us know. Your help will support the needs of our Troop and will make our village stronger.

Being a part of Troop 726 committee has giving me the opportunity to experience scouting at many different levels. I am involved with the committee side of our Troop; we plan budgets, discuss events, organize fund raisers and also go on scout outings and participate in community services and events.

I am glad and exited to help our Troop. It is very rewarding to see our boys grow and become young leaders. I see their transformation at every Troop meeting, outing and community service we do. Time goes by quickly, our Troop needs your help.

**Please join us and become a part of our Scout's Transformation and our Journey to Excellence.**



## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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Charter Organization: American Legion

## BE PREPARED



## ASM Patrol Advisors

Wolverines Patrol - Dr. Werning / Mr. Raynor  
Fox Patrol - Mr. Jiang / Mr. Yi  
Bats Patrol - Mr. Lee / Mr. Strand  
Ravens Patrol - TBD  
Cobras / Scorpions - Mr. Andrews / Mr. Smith  
Life to Eagle ASM - Mr. Guerin

## 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.

### Wolveries



No Submittal

### Fox



At the troop meeting 2 weeks ago, we had an informal basketball tournament at Canyon. It was more organized than most of our outdoor meetings at Canyon, so we got more time playing basketball. It was a fun change for a troop meeting.

By Yuri Overton

### Bats



On February 19, our troop went to Canyon to have a basketball tournament. We split into four groups and played. After playing hard, no one won because we tied. It was a fun meeting.

By Matthew Kuan

### Ravens



We have had an uneventful month as a patrol. The only event we have attended is Legion of Honor flag box dedication.

By Aviram Bhalla-Levine

### Cobras/ Scorpions/ Dragons



Michael Yi, a 5-year member of the cobra patrol, is now our troop's Senior Patrol Leader. He promises to make our announcements more efficient and less time-consuming so we can spend more time getting scout stuff done. We can all pray that he will cut down the time for announcements.

By Austin Xing-Le