

TROOP 726 FLASH

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Upcoming Events

Chabot Gun Club Shooting Outing	May 9
Skills weekend (for Cobras, Dragons, Scorpions)	May 15 - 17
Science Fair booth/presentation at the HPNS (for Owls and Rocks)	May 16
Lone Trees cemetery flag placement/pick up and Memorial Day Ceremony	May 22/25
Hike-a-Thon	May 30
Sacramento Train Ride	June 5 - 7



Committee Meeting – May 4, 7:00 pm (Faith Lutheran Church)

Board of Review – May 18, 7:00 p.m. (Faith Lutheran Church)

ASM Meeting – May 18

PLC Meeting – May 28

Troop Meetings – Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm sharp
(For May **Rocks** are on setup and opening flags, arrive at 6:40 pm, **Cobras** are on closing flags, clean up, and put everything back the way it was before the meeting. Masonic Center not available on May 27, and Sept 23, alternative plan will be made for those days)

Chabot Gun Club Shooting Outing, May 9

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

The troop is having an outing to the **Chabot Gun Club** in the Lake Chabot campgrounds. The cost will be 5 dollars which will cover the scout's gun rental and an initial 50 shells. It's a 2 dollars more to shoot an additional 50 shells.

Meet at **Masonic Center at 8:15 am**; back at the center at **2 pm**. Wear class A uniform and warm clothing. Bring a snack/lunch.

Skills Weekend, May 16

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

Skills weekend is for the Cobra, Scorpions, and Dragon Patrols to work on Tenderfoot, 2nd class, and 1st class requirements. Come have fun while learning the skills for advancement or teach others skills you know. We will leave from **Masonic Center, on Friday, May 15 at 6 pm** and return on **Sunday, May 17 at 10 am**. The cost is \$8 with the cost of meals extra as determined by each Patrol. It will be an exciting and valuable weekend. Don't miss out on the fun!

Science Fair booth/presentation

Scout in Charge: Allen Saylor, Adult in Charge: Mr. Avery

Scouts will be helping out at the HPNS - Art & Science Festival on Saturday, May 16, from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm at the Laurel Center 2652 Vergil Ct, Castro Valley just up the road off Grove from the Masonic Ctr. The cost is \$6 per child, adults free - We need 4 boy scouts to man the booth and do demonstrations. Come have fun with science and promote scouting as well. This is a joint event with P705 Cub Scouts

Sacramento Train Ride, June 5 - 7

Scout in Charge: Bobby Paiz, Will Oliveira, Adult in Charge: Mr. Davidson

Enjoy a train ride and explore our state capital!
More details will be available soon.



Long Tree, May 22 and 25

Scout in Charge: Jose Velasco, Adult in Charge: Mr. Perrault

On Friday May 22, we will be placing flags on ALL Veterans graves at Long Tree Cemetery. This is an incredible project and it really brings everyone together. We will be given maps of marked graves and there are graves that are not on the lists that we will need to seek out. Please arrive at Lone Tree Cemetery by 4:00 pm at the latest so we can choose our areas and place flags. Class "A" Uniforms are REQUIRED!!!

On Monday May 25, we are invited to participate in the events of the day including distribution of small flags, pamphlets and assisting where needed. We need to be present at the cemetery by 10:30 a.m. for this portion of our service. The cemetery chooses a Troop to participate in the presentation of the Colors. All scouts are of course required to wear Class "A" Uniforms for this also. Immediately following the morning events there is a BBQ that we are always invited to participate in.

Monday afternoon around 3:00 pm if you would like to participate in the removal of the flags your assistance is appreciated.

Hike-A-Thon, May 30

Scout in Charge: Ben Eversole, Fund Raising Organizer: Mrs. Joanne Miles and Mrs. Pat Schultz, Adult in Charge: Mr. Michael Andrews

The entire troop family (including adults and older siblings) is invited to join this outing for fitness as well. **Meet on Saturday, May 30, 8:30am at Chabot Park in San Leandro.** Troop 726 check-in will be at the picnic table area on the left in a eucalyptus grove. Once everyone has checked in and orientation is completed, the hike will begin around 9am and be **finished about 2pm** after the last arriving hiker.

Directions from Castro Valley or Hayward (about 10min drive):

- Take I-580 West toward Oakland, and exit on Estudillo Ave in San Leandro;
- Follow exit under freeway, turn right at stop sign onto Grand Ave for 1 block;
- Next turn right at light onto Estudillo Ave, and go back under freeway;
- Go straight on uphill and bear left at first intersection with Lake Chabot Road (see sign for Chabot Regional Park);
- Continue by following Estudillo Ave down and around to the right over a narrow bridge into Chabot Park.

Each Boy Scout is invited to participate 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.

To accomplish this, Scouts may choose to send out request letters to relatives, solicit friends to pledge donations, do an email campaign, OR just choose to just join our group for some fun in the sun walking 10 miles around the Lake Chabot loop trail. **Hike-a-thon fundraiser packets, including instructions, sponsor letters and a permission slip, were distributed at the April 22nd troop meeting.** If you did not receive the packet, please see Mrs. Miles for a copy. If you just want to join in the hike, please ask Mrs. Miles for the permission slip only.

In addition to the materials provided in the packet you can also do an email campaign. Two electronic version of the sponsorship request letter were sent out. Please check out your email address book and see who you can ask to help you. This fundraiser is a way to reach out to friends and family that are not in the immediate area. You will find that if you ask -- they will help. E-mail or mail, grandma, grandpa, aunts, uncles, long-distance pen pals, mom or dad's co-workers, anyone you can think of.

All funds raised during this fundraiser belong to Troop 726 and designated to the individual scout account to use for scouting expenses. **SEND YOUR LETTERS OUT NOW!**

Hayward T801 Recruitment Event (By Adult in Charge: Mr. Markison)

Shhh, do not tell anyone. This was not work; it was a fun filled day. Raymond Akagi, Ryan Flynn and Larry Whitmeyer helped out. First they got to help set up the 40-foot Monkey Bridge. The event took place at the United Methodist Church on B Street in Hayward on Saturday, April 18 from 9am to 2pm Through out the entire day, we ate the Dutch Oven meals that Mr. Krause fixed; Mountain Man breakfast, Chili for lunch and then the pastry dusted with sugar and cinnamon. We had a First Aid demonstration, and knot tying. We met scouts from two other troops and all got along having fun. The Monkey Bridge must have inspired some boys, as they spent most of the day up in a nearby tree. All the scouts that were there will receive Community Service hours. Troop 801 was able to recruit 5 new Cubs, three adult members, with the promise of two more cubs after their next meeting.



Earth Day Clean up

On April 25, 2009 Troop 726 helped Independent Elementary School and Canyon Middle School with clean up and planting as part of the Castro Valley Earth Day Events. The event took place from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Many scouts and family members came to help with this worthwhile project. In return for a couple hours of work, all volunteers got an Earth Day T-shirt, a free lunch at Lake Chabot picnic area, and a sense of accomplishment and community spirit. A Big "THANK YOU" for those who participated, You help make the community that we lived in nicer and better.



Annual Planning Conference (By Scout in Charge: Ben Eversole)

Have you ever thought what it would be like if you, yes **YOU**, had the power to control what popped up on the calendar for next year? What the troop will do, where they'll go, how long they'll stay. All these decisions right in the palm of your hands. Got a family vacation you've planned or certain days of the week you want a certain event to avoid? No problem, you can just move the event a week earlier or later. Can you imagine such power and privilege? Well the scouts that attended the annual planning conference can.

On April 18, we began by brainstorming ideas and wrote all the reasonable (and a few ridiculous) ideas up on a white board. Next, we went from September 2009 to August 2010, finding space on the calendar for all the ideas. Every scout got a say. I know I'll be able to make it to a few events next May because I have track meets on Saturdays, so I asked if we could put a trip on a Sunday. While we made our way through the calendar, we also enjoyed a free dinner from Little Caesars and laughed as Casey tried (and failed) to single handedly put a trip to Japan on the calendar. Better luck next year Casey! A big thanks to all the scouts who came.

American Legion B-17 Model Airplane Competition (By Scout in Charge: Bryce Fong)

On April 18, 2009 Troop 726 won first place in the B-17 diorama contest at the Oakland Aviation Museum. There were ten B-17 kits issued to various troops in the area but only 5 planes had been completed in time. The judges graded the project on 3 criteria: model skill, historical accuracy, and creativity. Model skill was based on detail, neatness, overall appearance, and decal application. Historical accuracy was judged on if the event in your diorama actually took place and if the marking and squadron numbers were correct. Creativity was based on your choice of materials, any action (battle damage) details, and overall scene details: We added simulated bullet holes and oil streaks for more realism. Our diorama was a B-17 bombing a German occupied air field in Abbeville, France. I would like to thank Kenji Pinzon and John Miles Jr. for helping me with this project. We would also like to thank the American Legion for sponsoring this event and this helped us to appreciate their historical service to our nation. We would like to thank Mr. Fong and Mr. Guerin for being the adult advisors. We look forward to participating in this event again.



John, Kenji, and Bryce working on the model



Bryce with the winning B-17 model

Yosemite Valley

By Bryant Ling

So we took a 4 hours ride to Yosemite. When we got there, it was dark so we made our tents and went to sleep. The next day, we went on a 7.5 mile hike that took all afternoon. We went up an icy trail that was very scary but we make it up. When we made it to the top of one trail we hit a detour so we had to go down the same route. We stopped at the icy trail to take another one. The next afternoon, we took an easy 10 mile hike on the Yosemite ground, saw a waterfall then headed home. We had so much fun hiking and camping at Yosemite. I would love to do that again and I think all the scouts who went felt the same too.



By Kiyoshi Ito (Yosemite Valley continued)

On April 3 – 5, Jack, Bryant, Will, John, Keane, Raymond, Mitch, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Avery, and myself went to Yosemite National Park. It was a run experience. We climbed the mist trail, saw lots of waterfalls, and hiked around 20 miles all together. If you have the change to go next time, I suggest you go.



Training

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

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. Nothing new about the replacement for New Leader Essentials

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.

EVERY SCOUT DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER!

SFBAC Troop Summer Camp 2009 – June 21th to June 27th

By Michael Andrews, Troop 726 Outdoor Program Coordinator

Most of you have already placed your initial deposits and are registered to attend summer camp during the last week of June 2009. 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 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).



Wente Summer Camp, Here We Come!

Oregon Summer Camp 2009 – July 25th to August 6th

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.



SAVE THE DATE for U-Waste Fundraiser (From Mrs. Lozano)

As a major fundraiser and service project to the community we are participating in a U-waste fundraiser. The event will be on **July 11, 2009**, at Canyon Middle School. This is the event that we participated in last year that allowed us to deduct \$100.00 from this year's Summer camp fee. Prior to the event we will also be distributing flyers to Castro Valley Neighborhoods. The secret to making this event successful is the amount of e-waste collected. At this event all electronic waste will be collected free of charge. I will have a list of acceptable and unacceptable e-waste available by the end of May, but please **mark the date on your family calendar**.

Definitions:

U-Waste: Universal Waste, waste materials designated as containing material that needs to be disposed of in a proper manner as to not be released into the environment. (examples: Batteries, fluorescent lamps)

E-Waste: Electronic Waste, waste materials designated as defective or obsolete electronic equipment, surplus electronics. (examples: Computers, monitors, CRTS, VCRS, TVs, computer parts, mobile phones, cables, computer boards).

Special Thanks From Jeff Stevens

Well, after much labor, I finally completed my Eagle Project over the Spring Break week. For this project, I refinished a stage floor at Arroyo High School. It was a very long week and I am thankful to everybody who came down and helped. I would especially like to thank Edgar, Mathew and family, Larry, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Perrault, and Mr. Guerin, all of whom came and worked on multiple days. The results came out better than we expected and Mrs. Schultz was very pleased. For details of the project and time-lapse still photos, please go to my website at www.highvoltagechristmas.org/Eagle.

Jeff Stevens



Mrs. Schultz and Jeff Stevens in front of the re-finished stage at Arroyo High School

Troop News

New Adult Leader

Welcome

Welcome Joanne Miles, the new adult leader for T726.

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. 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>



Advancement and Merit Badges

(from Mr. Avery)

The next Board of Review will be Mon. May 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Faith Lutheran Church - Please call me (Mr. Avery) for an appointment. The next BOR after that will be on Tues June 2 at 7:00 p.m. at a location TBA. Again, please call for an appt.

In the near future I will have an up to date list of T726 Merit Badge Counselors available. Lastly, if scouts need MB books then they need to contact the librarian and if they have MB books at home then they need to be returned.

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 position for next two month are:
Patrol Leader – John
Assistant Patrol Leader – Aaron and Jason
A.M. – Mitch and Jeremy
Grub Master –Austin
Scribe – Raymond
Cheer - Keane

By Keane Hubbard

Scorpions



This month we didn't go any where but next month we are going to Sky High Sports in Santa Clara.

By Larry Whitmeyer

Dragons



During a Troop meeting, we made paper airplanes and threw them. Mitch hit the counter and Mathew threw it through the window. Mathew won.

By Dragons

Owls



In the month of April, the Owls worked at Independent Elementary and Canyon Middle School to do their part for Earth Day. We also helped plan all of the fun things that the Troop will do next year at the Annual Planning Conference.

By Steve Davidson

Rocks



We went to the trampoline place in Santa Clara called Sky High Sports. All the floor and walls were trampolines. Casey did back flips. We played dodgeball. We event got to jump into a pit of foam blocks. A great patrol outing

By Ben Eversole

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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

Recently in my quest for new ideas for our troop I ran across an article that compared a balance life to 6 food groups. The article explained how important the food groups are to a well-rounded diet and then went on to explain that this sort of thing is true for our lives also. The author used 6 'life groups' – Academics, Athletics, Family, Music, Religions, and Social, and went on to explain:

If you spent all your time just doing schoolwork, but no social or religious activities, you might get very good at science, but you wouldn't have the skills to share your knowledge with others. If you just hang around with friends and listen to music or play video games, but no academics or athletics, you might be a fun guy but you won't have the skills to get a good job, throw a ball or swim in a lake.

The point of the article was to mix it up, and have a balanced diet of life groups. Finding this balance in today's busy world is difficult. With the demands of school, work, sports, friends, and family, it can be hard to think about coming to scouts every Wednesday night and joining the outings on the weekends. However, life is about balance – let scouting be part of the balance of your 'life groups'. Balance your other activities,

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

Congratulation to Jeff Stevens

Jeff Stevens was part of a team of Cisco students from CVHS who placed **first overall** in the Annual Cisco StRUT competition, on Saturday April 4th. There were twenty competing teams. The Winning Team received refurbished lap tops and the honor of signing a competition banner which the winning team retains till the next competition.

StRUT - Students Recycling Used Technology – to provide technology and academic standards – based education for K-16 students through the process of refurbishing donated equipment for schools while, reducing waste. The StRUT Competition is an X-Treme challenge of ability! It tests participants' teamwork, computer expertise and logic.

Jeff Stevens and his team met the challenge and brought home the gold! **Well Done!!**

Scout Advancements

By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Advancement Coordinator

No rank advancements this month. 2 merit badge cards were turned in - Jeff Stevens for Personal Management and Marcos Andrade for Personal Fitness.

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!

Reverent

A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in this religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.