

TROOP 726 FLASH

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Upcoming Events

American Legion Post #649 Christmas Party – Dec 15

Brown Bag Packing/Holiday Gathering – Dec 19

Indoor Rock Climbing Event– Jan 12

Training Bike Ride – Jan 19

University of Scouting– Jan 26

Fishing and Crabbing at Point Pinole– Jan 26-27

Native Sons Crab Feed– Jan 28

Winter Awareness Training – Feb 2

Scout Sunday – Feb 3

Kyoshi Ito Eagle Project – To be Determined



Crab Feed



Meeting Dates

Adults in Charge Training – Jan 7

Board of Review –Dec 17, Jan 21

PLC Meeting –Dec 16 (4pm at Faith Lutheran Church), Feb 2 (immediately following the winter Awareness Training), and Feb 24

Troop Meetings – Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm sharp at Masonic Center. No meeting on following dates: November 21 (Thanksgiving), December 26 (Christmas, Boxing Day), and January 2 (New Year)

Website

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

Raymond Akagi 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 any and all permission slips for upcoming events in .doc format so they can be uploaded to the website for all to download.

American Legion Post #649 Christmas Party – Dec 15

Scout in Charge: Travis Engstrom, Adult in Charge: Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Strand

We have been invited to serve dinner for the **American Legion Post #649 Christmas Party on Saturday, December 15 at the Moose Lodge in Castro Valley.** This will be an evening event and the exact hours are TBA.

These are service project hours for our Chartered Organization but often these dinners result in a collection of tips that are shared equally among the scouts that work the event and deposited into their scout accounts.

Travis Engstrom has volunteered to be the Scout in Charge and Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Strand have volunteered to be the Adults in Charge. We will likely need only 7 - 9 scouts so contact Travis if you would like to participate. All further questions should be directed to Travis.

Brown Bag Lunch Packing and Holiday Gathering – Dec 19

Scout in Charge: Joshua Siu, Adult in Charge: Mrs. Lozano

During **Dec 19 Troop meeting**, we are going to be making and packing peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for people in need. This will help the homeless and poor people who cannot afford to buy their own food. Here is a list of foods each patrol needs to bring:



Foxes: Peanut Butter and Jelly LARGE Jars.

Bats: Juice Boxes, Capri Sun, or bottled water. Each Bat is requested to bring 10 each

Ravens: Brown lunch bags, Ziploc style sandwich bags, and napkins. Each Raven will be assigned an item.

Cobras: Fruit. Each Cobra should bring 10 pieces of fruit - apples, oranges, or banana

Dragons/Scorpions: Bread and cups and napkins for Troop refreshments

Please ask Joshua Siu or Mrs. Lozano if you have any questions.



Indoor Rock Climbing Event– Jan 12

Scout in Charge: Michael Yi, Adult in Charge: Mr. Fusinati



Troop 726 will be going rock climbing and belaying at an indoors rock climbing gym on Saturday, Jan 12, 2013 at the Great Western Co. in Oakland. We will meet on Jan 12th, 8:30 am at Masonic Center and return at 3:30 pm. The cost is \$17 which includes gas and admission. Limit is at 30 scouts and adults. **We need drivers!** Scouts need to bring a sack lunch and bear closed toe shoes, Class A with Class B underneath. Come and join in the fun!

Bike Ride On June 1st!!!

Scout in Charge: Raymond Akagi, Adult in Charge: Mr. Fong



Troop plans to have a bike ride June 1st!!!! If you don't have a bike, ask Santa Claus for one. Get your safety gear as well (gloves, helmet, spare inner tube, safety glasses). Don't forget a water bottle. Because this is a 12 mile bike ride with elevation gain we plan to have **multiple training bike rides, January 19th, February 16th, and March 16th.** Details about the training rides will be out soon. Start to get you gears ready and see you all out there!!!

Kyoshi Ito Eagle Project– To be Determined

We will be landscaping all around the **Masonic Center**. Planting plants in front of the large sign at the entrance way. We will be lining an irrigation system around from the sign around to the back parking lot. We will also be constructing a terrace on the hillside behind the back parking lot. Please, I need hardworking scout that follow instruction for this project to run smoothly. Wear good working boots, garden gloves if you have any. Lunch will be provided. The dates of project are yet to be determined. Please see Kyoshi when it comes time to sign up!

Flag Pole for Sale!!!

\$15 for a 15 foot galvanized steel flag pole with flag, halyard, rope, pulley, cap, and sleeve for concreting into the ground. We have 5 sets left.

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!

Please, inform me of your trainings. *You can email the info, mail it, put it on the sheet in your troop mailbox, place it in my troops mail box or fax it to 510 -521-7473.*

From time to time new trainings are added to those on-line. Please check often.

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.

Troop 726 - once again we have been invited to participate in the **model airplane contest** sponsored not only by our Chartered Organization but also by all the American Legions in the area. We will be competing against other Troops in the area and possibly other youth groups.

The rules are not only to build the model, but also to construct a diorama of an historically accurate battlefield setting and to write up a history of the plane and the event depicted in the diorama.

The exact date of the contest will be sometime in the spring and will be held at the Oakland Aviation Museum on 8252 Earhart Rd, Oakland.

This year the model is a F-4E Phantom II from the Vietnam War era. A former pilot of such may be speaking about his experiences in the near future, details TBA.

Troop 726 has won this event the only three times we have entered this contest. The winning model goes on display at the museum and there is usually a prize of some kind. What has changed this year is that Bryce is now in college.

Last night Kyle and Luke approached me about working on this event. Please contact me if you are also interested and we will decide on a Scout in Charge who will lead the process from there. Thank you, Mr. Avery



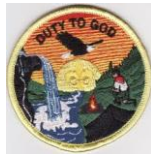
Scout Master Two Minute

By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Scout Master

This is the time of year when we have religious celebrations. Let's take two minutes of reflection at this time of year. One on how a Scout is Reverent and the other on Family Life.

Religion intersects scouting in many ways including the opening and closings of Courts of Honor, annual Scout Sunday recognitions, Scouts Own observations, Religious Medals, and the positions of Chaplain and Chaplain Aide. As scouts we also spend a lot of time in nature, often in awe of our natural world. Religion is a part of a well balanced scout's life which also includes family and school and may also include sports, music, drama, and other activities. Let's take our first minute of reflection to think about our lives and the role of our religion in it and the effect of scouting on our religion and the effect of our religion on our experiences in scouting.

Family Life is an Eagle required merit badge for good reason. Where would we be without our families? Let's take a second minute of reflection to thank our families and think of how we can be better family members. Remember that unlike your current friends, teachers, employers and other people that pass through your life, your family will be with you for the rest of your life. Think also about how your family has made you a better scout and how being a better scout has made you a better family member.



Adult in Charge Training Is Coming Soon!

Adult in Charge training to be held on Monday, **January 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church**. This training is mandatory for adults who want to lead scouts in outings and will be run by Mrs. Lozano and Mr. Avery.



Model Airplane
Winners 2012,
Bryce Fong and
Kyle Avery



Letters to Mrs. Lozano

By Edgar Woo (Eagle Scout 2006) and Seamus Guerin (Eagle Scout 2010)

"There is no teaching to compare with example."

-Lord Baden Powell, Founder, "Chief Scout of the World."

Dear Mrs. Lozano,

The troop owes you a great deal of thanks. Not only have you stayed on with the troop well after your own son had joined the ranks Eagle and aged out, you took on more responsibilities within the troop, keeping to years of tradition, while advancing our scouts towards the next generation.

The position of committee chair can be thought of as the adult version of scouting, with you yourself as the equivalent of SPL to the parents. It is equally tiresome and equally challenging on a whole new level, while also yielding grand rewards. Dedication to the scouting program is service above self. Adherence to the scouting law, the motto, the slogan; it's like living as a scout once again. And yet, a majority of work is also done behind the scenes. The scouts don't see it. What they do see will stay with them forever. Time and time again, you have reminded the scouts to be prepared, to live well, and to do a good turn daily. You may have even inspired the parents, leading by example to join in on the growth of our boys; it takes an army to run an army.

While it is bittersweet that my family and I cannot attend tonight's court of honor, we want to share in the celebration of your work and accomplishments. I myself am very thankful for the leadership and guidance given to me from adults like yourself. Best wishes to the next step of your life. Warm wishes as well to (name) for a taking on the position of committee chair, and filling some very big shoes indeed.

Sincerely,
Edgar Woo

P.S.: Scouts, always remember, "adults eat first, and scouts eat after cleaning."

Mrs. Lozano,

Congratulations!

The day has come. I have no idea where the time has gone since I was a young Scout, looking up to your son Matthew (still in glasses) and the other "older scouts." I'm sure these days seem so close to you, too, and yet so inexplicably far. Certainly, a lot has changed in the years past as we've all grown closer together in our Scouting family.

You've made such an impact on my life, and I know I am not alone in that regard. Your dedication to Scouting and devotion to our troop fostered a program that has taught scores of boys how to become men of character and service. At some times it took more pushing than others (something I can speak on with experience) but your encouragement always ended up guiding us in the right direction.

It is with great appreciation we see you off, Mrs. Lozano, and it surely does not go without some sadness. Your insight and passion for Scouting is something the Troop will miss and will work hard to try to replace. But now and forever more, let your service to this troop be remembered with happiness and fond memories.

Thank you,
Seamus

Scouting for Food

By Scout in Charge: Vincent Ruiz, Photo by Mr. Siu and Mrs. Pica

Scouts from Troop 726 started the Scouting for Food event by putting door hangers on Saturday, **Nov. 10** and picked up and sorted food on Saturday, **Nov. 17**. Thank you all for joining in to collect food for those less fortunate in our community.



Scouting for Food – Many Hands Make the Work Go Faster



Scouting for Food – Braving the Weather



Scouting for Food – Team Work



Webelos Camporee – Nov 10, 11

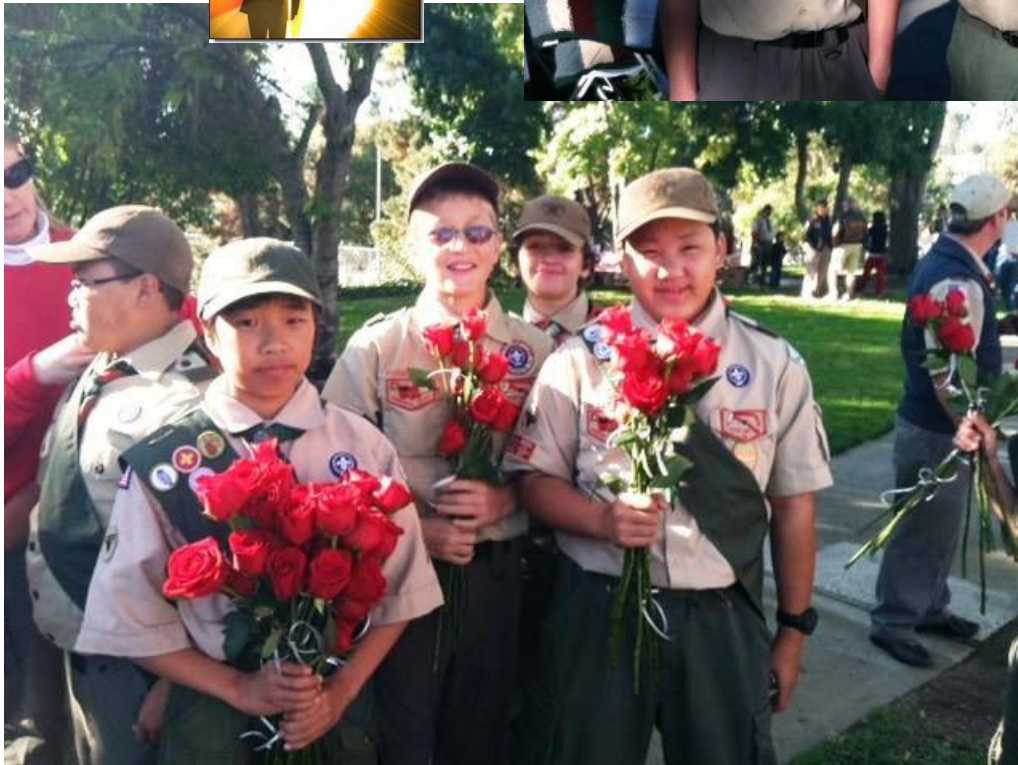
By Scout in Charge: Sam Pica

Troop 726 had its annual Webelos troop overnight in order to recruit more Webelos and have fun on Saturday, November 10. We camped at the Lookout Ridge campsite, Anthony Chabot Campgrounds. Almost all the scouts below the Ravens went to hang out with the Webelos on this overnight. Although there were no older scouts than the Ravens, the eldest scouts managed to keep most of the order. Unfortunately, our young scouts did not put on their best behavior and the few webelos we had (and their parents) could have left with a bad impression. Also, we left very late and almost did not make it to the Veterans Day memorial service. Our troop was not at its finest. All in all, however, we had a good time, good campfire, and new maturity and leadership from troop's soon-to-be older generations.

Veteran's Day Event

By Scout in Charge: Zurvohn Maloof, Photo by Mrs. Pica

We assisted in setting up and preparing for the Veteran's Day Flag Raising Ceremony at the Community Park in Castro Valley (18988 Lake Chabot Road) on Nov 11, at 9 am. Many scouts from Troop 726 attended the event to dedicate a new memorial to honor the veteran who served our country.



San Francisco Bay Area Council 2013 National Scout Jamboree

The National Scout Jamboree will be held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. This is an all new National Jamboree emphasizing high adventure activities. Be one of the first Scouts to experience all this site has to offer including whitewater rafting, zip-lining, rappelling, mountain biking, hiking, and more.

Dates: including tour, Jamboree dates are July 13 - July 24, 2013

Cost: \$2,800 for Scouts (same as 2010 National Jamboree)
\$2,400 (estimated) for Leaders

Please contact Mr. Andrews for more information.



Troop 726 - if you are interested in working at summer camp next year as staff, then here is the information.

San Francisco Bay Area Council CAMP STAFF INTERVIEWS

The San Francisco Bay Area Council would like to extend to you an invitation to come and interview for a position on the 2013 Council Camp Staff. Please fill out a camp staff application and bring it with you to your interview. The application can be found at:

http://www.sfbac.org/files/images/seasonal_camp_staff_application_link.pdf

There are 100+ full-time and 50+ two week Counselor-in-Training (CIT) positions available this year. If you want to be considered for one of these positions, please plan to attend an interview during the following dates and times:
Jan. 5, 2013 from 9:00 - 4:00 PM or Feb. 2, 2013 from 9:00 - 4:00 PM

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.

Fox

Multiple members of the Fox Patrol participated in the Scouting for Food event. Scouting for Food took place in November at Rite Aid to provide food for the needy.

By Justin Raynor

Bats

Josh and Matthew went to San Diego to watch an air show. We left on Friday Oct 14 and came back Sunday Oct 16. It was very AWESOME! We saw fast airplanes, dazzling fireworks, giant robots, and huge hot explosions. The trip was very long but we had a great time!

By Matthew Kuan

Ravens

Sam, Zach, Spencer, Jeffrey, and Kyle all had a super time at Scouting for Food. They put out signs on doors and picked up food for the needy.

By Sammy Wilson

Cobras
No submittal



Scorpions/ Dragons

Hello, all! As always, our patrol has diligently been working on rank advancements. Happy Holidays!

By Kenji Pinzon

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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

The committee chair selection committee has been very busy searching for your next Troop Committee Chair. I would like to personally thank the selection committee chair Pat Schultz, and her committee, Mrs. Fusinati, Mrs. Woo, Mr. Avery, Mr. Guerin and Mrs. Eslick. Your time, dedication and commitment to this process has been and always will be appreciated.

It is my privilege to announce to you that Mr. Siu has been selected (and agreed) to be Troop 726 committee chair.

Mr. Siu as you now take on the role of committee chair I ask you to remember the story of the tortoise and the hare. You all remember the story of the Tortoise and the Hare. The tortoise and hare agreed to a race one day, the hare ran at an erratic pace (stopping and starting). The tortoise began at an even pace and continued at a slow and even pace. The tortoise won the race.

Although scouting is not a race, it is journey along a great big trail with many turns and distractions. Please take it slow and steady and always remember to keep in mind that we are here for the good of the youth.

Once again I'd like to thank Mr. Avery and all the ASMs, the past and presents Committee Members and all the wonderful scouts and families. AND always remember we are here to guide and council.



Troop Items for Sale

The following items can be purchased from Mrs. Lozano.

Troop Mug = \$5.00

Troop T-shirts = \$10.00

Duffle Bag = \$26.00

Mrs. Lozano. Email: Phyllis@gantel.com.

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!

Reverent.

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

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!

Also, **please check your garage for Troop equipment, clean and return them promptly.**