

TROOP 726 FLASH

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Upcoming Events

Miramar UCMC Air Show – Oct 1 – 3

Santa Cruz Boardwalk Overnight – Oct 8 – 9

Popcorns and See's Candy Fundraisers - Sept – Oct

Carpentry Merit Badge – Oct 16

Path Finding & Tracking Merit Badge– Oct 30

Veterans Day Activity – Nov 11

Chabot Recruitment Overnight Camp (WEBLO Night)– Nov 13 - 14

Scouting for Food – Nov 13 and Nov 20



Meeting Dates

Committee Meeting –Oct 4, Nov 1, 7:00 pm
(Faith Lutheran Church)

ASM Meeting – Oct 11, Nov 8

Board of Review –Oct 18, Nov 15

PLC Meeting – Oct 28, Nov 18

Troop Meetings –Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm sharp at Masonic Center
(No troop meeting on Wed Nov 10, Masonic center is not available. Alternative date, time and place will be announced. No meeting on Nov 24, Thanksgiving Holiday).

Troop 726 Website

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



Miramar UCMC Air Show – Oct 1 - 3

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

Don't miss out on this awesome outing to **Miramar UCMC air show in San Diego**, to see the U. S. Navy Blue Angels and Canadian Song Birds. We will leave from **Masonic Center on Friday, Oct 1, 4:00pm and back on Sunday, Oct 3, 4:00pm**

The cost is \$55.00 which includes gas, camping, grand stand seating. ***Does not include food.*** Please sign up by Sept 8.



Santa Cruz Boardwalk Overnight – Oct 8 - 9

Scout in Charge: Mitch Avery, Adult in Charge: Mr. Avery and Mr. Wright

Join your fellow scouts and attend the 2nd annual **Boy Scout Overnight Boardwalk Beach Jam** at the **Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk**. We will leave from **Masonic Center on Fri, Oct 8 at 4 pm and back on Sat, Oct 9, at 7:30 pm**. The cost is \$62 per scout which includes: overnight camping on the Boardwalk, dinner under the stars, flashlight tours of the Boardwalk, beach games, free play in the Fun Land arcade, Boy Scout evening program, continental breakfast, pinewood derby, patch, and unlimited rides on Saturday, all-day. In addition, each scout needs to bring either a bagged lunch or \$11 for lunch for Saturday.

Special Merit Badge Opportunity for 2010 Only – Work on them on Oct 16 and Oct 30

Do you know a Boy Scout who would like to do something few other Boy Scouts will ever do? Yes, I'm sure you do!

This year and this year ONLY...four historic Merit Badges are being offered to help celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the B.S.A.

They **MUST** be done, finished and completed in 2010 and will never be offered again!

The four are Carpentry, Pathfinding, Signaling, and Tracking. The actual merit badge itself appears to have gold around the edge too!

Mr. Davidson and Mr. Markison will be conducting two Saturday meetings, **October 16 and October 30, The 16th will be devoted to the Carpentry Merit Badge, On the 30th we will work on Path Finding and Tracking**. If we have enough response we may even do Signaling. In order to take part, go to Mr. Guerin and obtain a Blue card for each one you want to complete. Give the completed Blue card to either Mr. Davidson or Mr. Markison along with \$5.00 for two or more, \$3.00 for one.



Veterans Day Activity – Nov 11

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

Mark the calendar to participate in this year's Veteran's Day Parade on **Nov 11**. Details will be available soon!



Chabot Recruitment Overnight Camp (WEBLO Night)– Nov 13 - 14

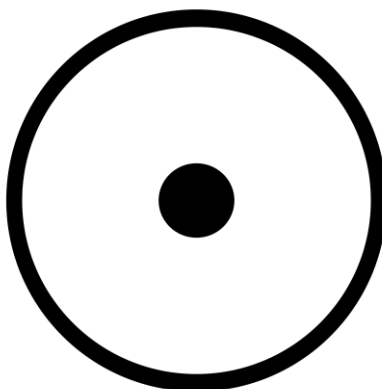
Scout in Charge: Bryce Fong, Seamus Guerin, Adult in Charge: Mr. Guerin

We'll be camping at Hawk Ridge campsite at Chabot Campgrounds. This is a recruiting event for your Troop, we'll be inviting Webelos and parents to come along. We need as many Scouts as possible to attend as this is a great opportunity to show Webelos and parents who you are! We'll be meeting **at 2:00pm on Saturday, Nov 13, at Masonic Center.**

Scouting for Food – Nov 13 and Nov 20

Scout in Charge: Marcos Andrade, Adult in Charge: Denise Saylor and Lisa Richeaux

Please join Troop 726 in lending a hand with the collecting of food for those less fortunate in our community. Keep the following dates open to participate in this event. Saturday, **Nov. 13** and Saturday, **Nov. 20**. We will **meet between 8:30am - 12:30pm on both dates**. It is our goal to have **100% participation** from all scouts and families in this most important outreach to our community. **Please volunteer both days**, if you can, if not please plan on making it at least one day – all it takes is a couple of hours.



Mildred Harrison
Castro Valley
Troop 726

The circle with the dot in the center has long been Scouting's trail sign to indicate that one has gone home.

Lord Robert S. Baden-Powell's resting place is marked by just such a symbol.

Car Wash – Masonic Center

By Scout in Charge: Larry Whitmeyer

The car wash was held on Sat, Sept 25 at the Masonic Center from 10 am to 3 pm. There were a lot of people there to help wash cars. The car wash was a lot more different than how we did the car wash in the past. It was hot but it was still fun. Thanks to everyone who came to help. Special thanks to Mrs. Platou for organizing the event, distributing and collecting the tickets.



Family Camp at Lake Chabot and Court of Honor

Scout in Charge: Bryant Ling, Adult in Charge: Mr. Guerin and Mrs. Platou

The annual family camp and Fall Court of Honor was held on Sat – Sun, September 11th – 12th at Bort Meadows, Lake Chabot Regional Park. We celebrated our scouts many accomplishments over the summer with an agenda full Court of Honor and followed up with great food and fun. Each Patrol prepared delicious foods for their families and we all shared wonderful deserts and wind down by the camp fire at the end of the day.



Opening Flag, Court of Honor, Fall 2010



Edgar Woo



Ravens receiving Firem'n Chit and Totin' Chip



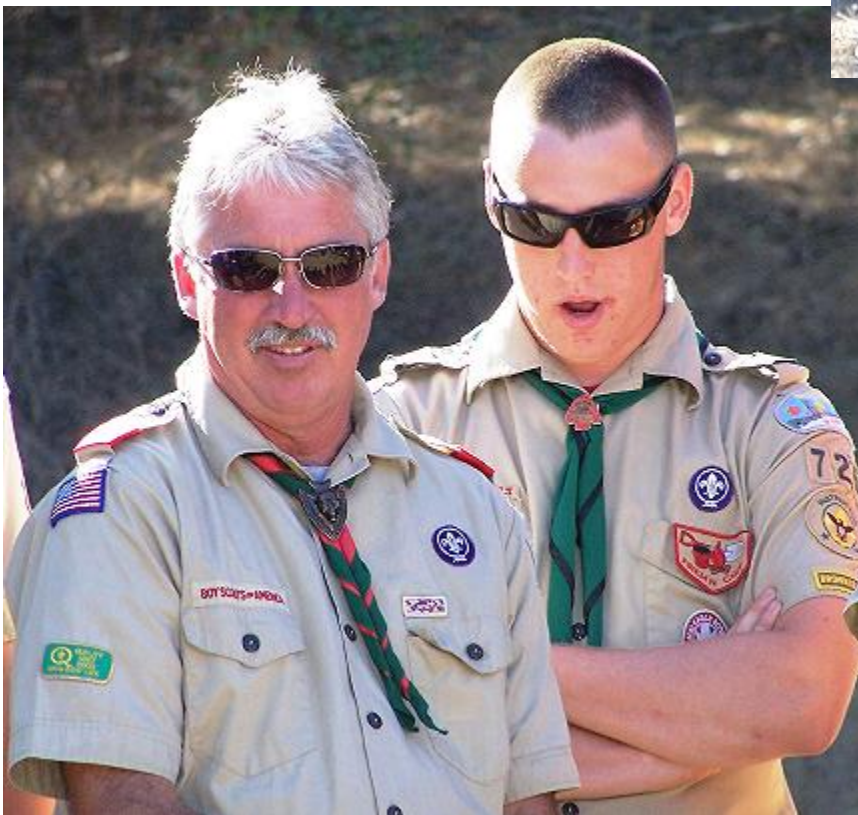
Scouts in audience under the hot sun!



Jack and Jason Zhao



Kenji Pinzon, conducting COH as SPL



The Perraults with cool shades



Mr. Avery and the award winning Hawaiian shirt



Sammy Wilson receiving the Mosquito Award - "I gave blood at Camp Makualla"



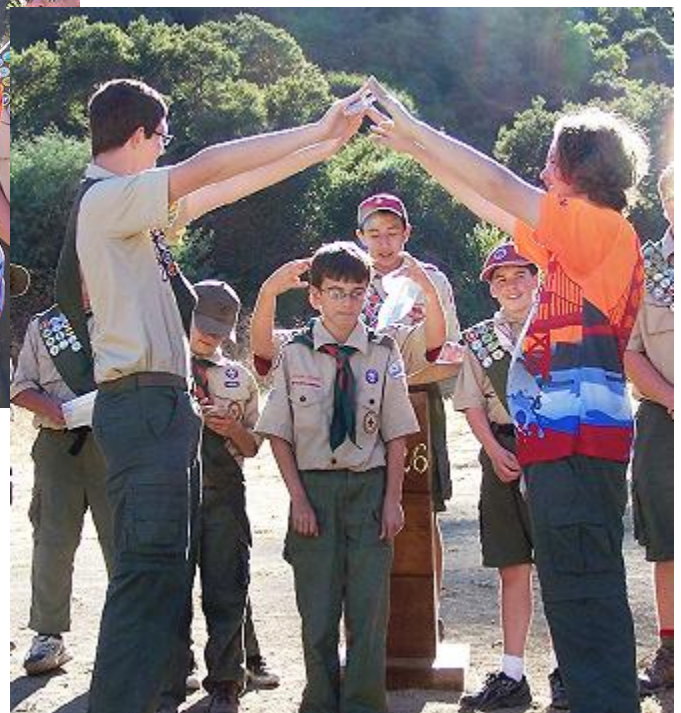
Seamus Guerin, Bryce Fong, and Kenji Pinzon receiving award for completing all 4, 2010 only historic merit badges

Ben Andrews receiving Rim Rover All Six Hikes Recognition and the "special reward"





Ravens with Steve
Davidson and Allen
Saylor





Steven Decker receiving Scout Rank



Keane Hubbard receiving Second Class



Bryant
Ling
and
Mitch
Avery
receiving
Star
Rank



Raymond Akagi receiving Star Rank



Sammy
Wilson
receiving
Tenderfoot

Kenji Pinzon
receiving
Life Scout
Rank



Ben Eckman
and Kyle Avery
receiving
Tenderfoot rank





Sam Pica and Michael Yi receiving Tenderfoot Rank



Cooking by Patrol...Yum...





Is dinner ready yet?
See what our scouts
were cooking up!



2010-2011 Troop Fundraising Plan

Troop 726 is first and foremost a Boy run organization and we believe that the greatest growth and experience comes with opportunities for leadership and responsibility. There is an inherit cost that comes with any youth/volunteer program and Troop 726 believes that boys who help earn their own way appreciate the experience more, feel proud of what they have accomplished and move a step closer to becoming responsible young leaders. To this end, Troop 726 offers fundraising events to help offset the cost for both the family and the troop while providing opportunities for the boy to master many skills. It is possible for a scout to pay for an entire year of scouting activities by participating in these events. Below are the 2010 – 2011 events:

See's Candy – Fall Sales, Sept 11 through Oct 27, 2010 (please turn money in to Mrs. Schultz)

Car Wash – Saturday, Sept 25, 2010 at Masonic Center from 10 am to 3 pm

Popcorn Sales – Sept 1 through Oct 30, 2010 (please turn money in to Mrs. Schultz)

Hike-A-Thon – Month of April (seek sponsors), hike on May 14, 2011



Scout Advancements

By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Advancement Coordinator

Jacob earned his Communications MB on 09/12/10 and Seamus earned his Eagle Bronze Palm on 09/22/10. Congratulations!

The next Board of Reviews is Oct 18 and Nov 15.

Congratulations!



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!

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 send me a copy of your training card for our records.
3. Please remember you will be required to renew Youth Protection, Safety Afloat and Safe Swim every 2 years and a training called "Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather Training" (this is only available online)." These are required on tour permits.
4. "This is Scouting" and "Boy Scout Fast" are on line and is a required training course. This course is available at www.sfbac.org under adult training.
5. If your HAT training is about to expire, please register for the upcoming HAT refresher course. Your training must be renewed every 5 years.
6. New on-line trainings appear all the time. Check in occasionally and see what's new!
7. If you want to get trained as a Merit Badge Counselor, you need to call Mr. Dunn and set it up with him. His phone number is 510 – 569 – 7122.

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING CHANGE IN REQUIREMENT

Effective June 1, 2010 Youth Protection Training is required for all registered volunteers.

-If you have not taken Youth Protection Training within the past two years, please log on to MyScouting and take the training. Be sure to have your member ID number. The number can be found on your Boy Scouts of America membership card.

- Finally, please share these important changes with other Scouters. Youth Protection Training is available online at <http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>. If it expires between now and Dec. 31, 2010, you must take it now or you will not be allowed to be renewed when the troop rechargers.

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.



Be a Trained Leader

Troop News

Troop Position for Oct 2010- Mar 2011

Bryce Fong	Senior Patrol Leader
Ryan Flynn	Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
Raymond Akagi	Chaplain Aide
Mitch Avery	Historian
Bryant Ling	Instructor
Jack Zhao	Instructor
Seamus Guerin	Junior Assistant Scoutmaster
Larry Whitmeyer	Librarian
Steve Davidson	Quartermaster
Michael Yi	Scribe
Kenji Pinzon	Troop Guide
Jacob Schultz	Troop Guide
Seamus Guerin	Youth Recruiter
Terrance Tsang	Ravens Patrol Leader
Keane Hubbard	Cobras Patrol Leader
Will Oliveira	Scorpions / Dragons Patrol Leader
Ben Andrews	Owls / Rocks Patrol Leader

Attention all Leaders and Parents

This year all Leaders and Parents that have contact of any kind with the scouts must have completed Youth Protection Training in order to be listed as part of the troop.

There are two classes coming up on **October 9th** at the **Mormon church, located at 26101 Gading Road, Hayward, CA.** The times for the classes are **9AM - 11AM** and the from **11AM to 1 PM**, there is no fee for the class. If your prefer you may take **Youth Protection online at My Scouting.Com**

Thank you

Mr. Markison

Youth Protection

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.

Ravens 

No submittal

Cobras 

We had a great Family camp and Court of Honor in September. The Patrol prepared dinner and breakfast for their families. We had crosants and eggs for breakfast. For dinner, we had burritos and salad. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

By Keane Hubbard

Scorpions/ Dragons 

No submittal

Owls/Rocks 

The world's tallest snowman was created in Bethel, Maine in 2008. It was measured to be 122 feet and 1 inch tall and weigh 13,000,000 lbs.

By Ben Andrews

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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

Boy Scout Oath

*On my honor, I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake and morally straight.*

Next month our troop will participate in one of the largest scouting community events, Scouting for Food. On two consecutive Saturdays we will canvas the neighborhood and collect canned goods for the local food banks. This is an excellent opportunity to do your duty to help other people. We need youth scouts and adults. Please help.

A welcome to the following parents for stepping forward and joining Troop 726 as registered committee members: Donna Platou, Jennifer Eslick, Greg Eslick, Laura Pica, and Doug Wilson. Jennifer Eslick has volunteered to take over the Secretary position. **My sincere thanks to Jane Eversole for handling the secretary duties for many, many years.**

Our troop is in need of a membership chair and Assistant Scoutmasters – are you interested in helping?

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

You can purchase additional T-shirt (\$10) from Mrs. Schultz. Email: pschultz@mail.com. Phone: (925) 283-1973 She will be ordering more **sweat shirt by request** as well. Please let her know if you want one

Uniform Bank

All items in the uniform bank are first come first serve. Please call **Mrs. Laura Pica** to check for availability. Also, **if you think you can donate any items**, please bring them to the meeting. Thank you!

Thank You!

Thank you, Mr. Fong for the fabulous pictures in this issue of Troop Flash.

Trustworthy

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