

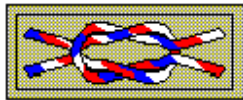
TROOP 726 FLASH

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Upcoming Events

Veterans Day Parade	Nov 11
Mathew Lozano Eagle Court of Honor	Nov 14
Scouting for Food	Nov 14 and Nov 21
Rock Climbing	Nov 21-22
Troop Overnight, SF	Dec 5 – 6
Court of Honor	Dec 9
Holiday Gathering	Dec 16



Meeting Dates

Committee Meeting – Nov 2 and Dec 7, 7:00 pm
(Faith Lutheran Church)

Board of Review – Nov 16 (last scheduled review
for 2009)

ASM Meeting –Nov 9 and Dec 14

PLC Meeting –Nov 19 and Dec 17

Troop Meetings –Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm
sharp at Masonic Center

Troop 726 Website

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



Mathew Lozano Eagle Court of Honor, Nov 14

Please join us to celebrate Mathew's tremendous accomplishments of achieve this highest honor in scouting. This special event will be held on **Saturday, Nov 14, 2009 at 3pm, Faith Lutheran Church in Castro Valley.** Dinner reception following the ceremony.



Veterans Hospital Flag Raising, Livermore, Nov 11

Scout in Charge: Mitch Avery, Adult in Charge: Mr. Guerin

Show your scout spirit and participate in this Veterans Day event to honor our nation's veterans on **Tuesday, Nov 11.** We will set up 20 flag poles in the morning at the Veterans Hospital in Livermore and remove the same in the evening. Two groups of 6 scouts each are needed. **The morning group will meet at the Masonic Center at 8:15 am and return at 10 am. The evening group will meet at the Masonic Center at 4:30 pm and return at 6 pm.** Wear your full Class A uniform with sash. The details of the event will be announced shortly. Permission sheets are out. Let's sign up, Scouts!

Scouting for Food, Nov 14 and Nov 21

Scout in Charge: Bobby Paiz, Adult in Charge: Mr. Markison

Please join Troop 726 in lending a hand with the collecting of food for those less fortunate in our community. On **Saturdays, Nov 14th and 21th**, we will meet at Marshall Elementary school at 8:30 am. We will distribute door hangers on Nov 14th and collect filled bags on Nov 21th, be back at Marshall Elementary at 12:30 pm on both days. **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. **We need adults' help to drive.** Please make sure your current insurance information is on file with our insurance coordinator, Jane Eversole 538-2586 or Tina Satara 673-8647. Please sign up!



Rock Climbing, Nov 21-22

Scout in Charge: Casey Perrault, Adult in Charge: Mr. Guerin

Reserve the dates for this exciting outing. More information will be announced later.



Holiday Gathering



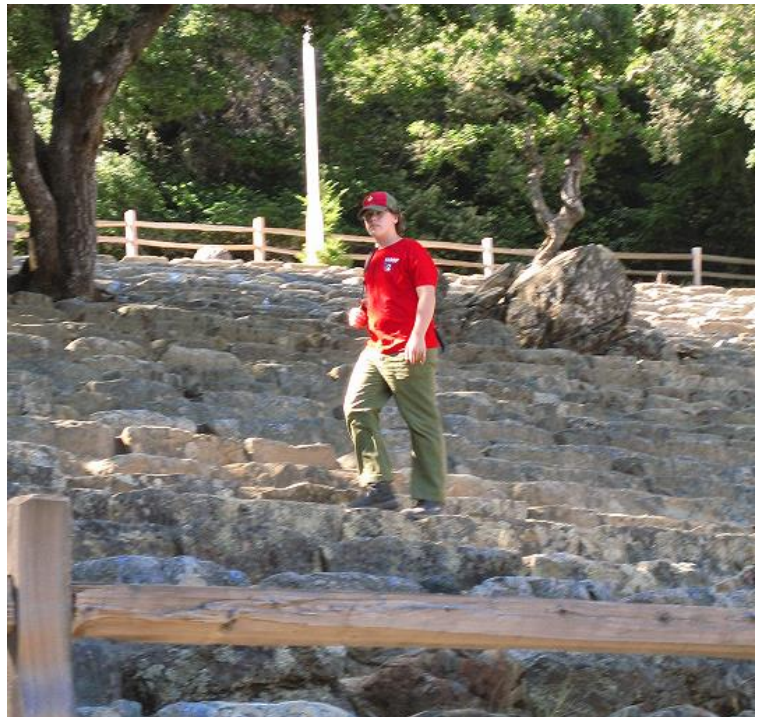
Troop 726 Holiday Gathering is **Wed Dec 16** during our regular troop meeting. All scouts, families and friends are invited to come celebrate the holiday season. Our patrols will entertain us with skits, songs and special treats.

Rim of Bay Hike at Mt. Tamalpais

9 scouts (Austin, Seamus, Ben, Mathew, Jacob, Mitch, John, Will, and Bobby) along with 3 adults (Mr. Avery, Mrs. Schultz, and Mr. Lozano) enjoyed a wonderful day hike at **Mount Tamalpais on Oct 3.**



Rim of Bay Hike at Mt. Tamalpais



Rim of Bay Hike at Mt. Tamalpais



(Photographs contributed by Mrs. Schultz)

March on the Capital (by Scout in Charge: Bryce Fong)

On October 23, 2009 – October 25, 2009 Troop 726 went to the March on the Capitol event in Sacramento, California. The scouts who attended were Bobby Paiz, Bryce Fong, John Miles, Will Oliviera, Larry Whitmeyer, Bryant Ling, Raymond Akagi, and Michael Yi. The adults that attended were Mr. Guerin, Mr. Wright, Mrs. Woo, and Mr. Fong. We left for Sacramento, Friday evening and drove into the night, and we arrived at Camp Pollock. The next morning we ate a hearty meal of bacon and pancakes, afterwards we left for a staging area where all scouts from all over the state met and walked 1.2 miles to the state capitol. While we were there a 97 year-old scout and a scout executive spoke about scouting. Unfortunately for us, our honorable governor did not attend the event. Next we marched to a baseball stadium and ate lunch and participated in many events like an inflatable obstacle course, catapult, and rope bridge. On the last night Bobby baked us dutch oven mac and cheese which was delicious. Then we drove back to the Masonic Center on Sunday. Many scouts missed out on a once in a lifetime event because it's not every year people celebrate a centennial year of scouting.



March on the Capital (photographs by Mr. Fong and Mr. Wright)



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CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SCOUTING AT THE 2010 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

There are still a few spaces left for our Boy Scouts to join the SFBAC contingent to the 2010 National Scout Jamboree in Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. A Jamboree is always an once-in-a-lifetime event and this Jamboree will be even more special. 8 of our scouts are already signed to go. There will be lots of 100th Anniversary celebrating at the Jamboree as well as a fantastic tour of some of the East Coast historic sites. Log on to your MyScouting account at scouting.org and sign up for the Jamboree today. For further info, contact Mr. Andrews (sierrascout@sbcglobal.net) or if you need help with MyScouting contact JoAnn at the council office (510-577-9203).

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 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, Safety Afloat and Safe Swim every 2 years and training called **"Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather Training"** (this is only available online). These are required on tour permits.
4. **"This is Scouting"** is now on line. If you haven't taken NLE please take this course at www.sfbac.org under adult training. I do have a video for this that I can loan to you.
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.

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.

Scout Advancements

By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Advancement Coordinator

Seamus Guerin earned his Family Life Merit Badge on 10/21. Bryant Ling and Larry Whitmeyer earned their First Class ranks on 10/17 and 10/19. Mathew Lozano earned his Bronze Eagle Palm on 10/19.

November 16 is reserved as the normal Board of Review evening. If any scouts have conflicts with the National Jamboree meeting that same night, then speak to me and we will make some arrangement. This will be the last scheduled Board of Review in 2009. If there is a need for a review before the December 9 Winter Court of Honor, then we can make a special arrangement.

Attached (next page) is list of merit badge counselors for the Troop. Please talk with Mr. Avery about your partially completed merit badges. Thank you.

T726 Merit Badge Counselors

(Alphabetical by Merit Badge)

Merit Badge	T726 Counselor
Art	Woo, Sum
Auto Mechanics	Eversole, Ron
Auto Mechanics	Guerin, Neil
Aviation	Guerin, Neil
Basketry	Hubbard, Bill
Camping	Andrews, Mike
Camping	Krause, Marcus
Chemistry	Avery, Phil
Citizenship in the World	Avery, Phil
Composites	Avery, Phil
Computers	Eversole, Ron
Cooking	Fong, Byron
Cooking	Krause, Marcus
Crime Prevention	Markinson, Larry
Cycling	Fong, Byron
Disability Awareness	Hubbard, Bill
Disability Awareness	Markinson, Larry
Electricity	Wright, Randy
Electronics	Wright, Randy
Environmental Science	Andrews, Mike
Fingerprinting	Markinson, Larry
First Aid	Wright, Randy
Geology	Andrews, Mike
Graphic Art	Woo, Sum
Hiking	Andrews, Mike
Hiking	Krause, Marcus
Medicine	Wright, Randy
Motorboating	Guerin, Neil
Music	Schultz, Patricia
Music	Woo, Sum
Orienteering	Krause, Marcus
Painting	Woo, Sum
Personal Fitness	Eversole, Jane
Personal Management	Davidson, Bill
Photography	Andrews, Mike
Pioneering	Krause, Marcus
Radio	Fong, Byron
Radio	Wright, Randy
Reading	Lozano, Phyllis
Reading	Schultz, Patricia
Safety	Hubbard, Bill
Snow Sports	Lozano, Phyllis
Stamp Collecting	Avery, Phil
Textiles	Avery, Phil
Theater	Schultz, Patricia
Traffic Safety	Markinson, Larry
Water Sports	Guerin, Neil
Woodwork	Guerin, Neil

T726 Merit Badge Counselors

Color Legend:

On District List but not
on T726 List

On T726 list but not on
District List as of
07/08/09

Special Notes:

Eagle Required Badges without a T726 Counselor

Citizenship in
Community

Citizenship in the Nation

Communications

Emergency
Preparedness

Family Life

Lifesaving

Swimming

No Counselor Listed in Tres Ranchos

Farm Mechanics



Troop News

By Seamus Guerin, Senior Patrol Leader

On Oct 21st and 28th, our troop hosted various stations that Webelos of any and all packs could attend and earn requirements of a certain activity pin. We had a lot of Webelos came out, and all of our scouts were a great help. On behalf of Troop 726, I'd like to thank everyone who was cooperative with the Webelos and helped out overall.

Troop T-shirt (from Mrs. Schultz)

You can purchase additional T-shirt (\$10) from Mrs. Schultz. Email: pschultz@mail.com. Phone: (925) 283-1973



Troop Items for Sale

The following items can be purchased from Mrs. Lozano.

Troop Mug	\$5.00
Duffle Bag	\$20.00

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!

Family Camp Photo, Sept 2009

(by Mr. Andrews)



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 patrol positions for next 2 months are:

Patrol Leader – Austin
Assistant Patrol Leader – Raymond and Jeremy
Quarter master – Keane and Freddie
Grub Master – Tyler
Scribe – Jason
Cheer Master – Mitch and Michael

By Mitch Avery

Scorpions/ Dragons



The Scorpions and Dragons are merging into one patrol. This was announced at this month's PLC meeting. We decided this because of the Dragons minimum attendance.

By Will Oliveira

Owls/ Rocks



In October, Seamus and Bryce both celebrated their birthdays. The entire patrol is working on a few merit badges, and everyone is doing well on their trail to Eagle.

By Steve Davidson

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!

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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

Most of us are happiest when we are doing something for others. Think, for a moment of a time when you were helpful to someone; chances are it made you feel pretty good. When we help others regularly, it soon becomes a habit and gets to be a natural thing. Once a Scout establishes this habit, he learns the real meaning of a good turn.

Scouting for Food is scheduled for two Saturday's in November and this is a great opportunity to do your Good Turn. Since our scouts need to cover a large area in a short period of time we are asking all our adults to help. Please come and lend a hand and a car.

In December, it's time for us to all celebrate the holidays. Scouts, parents and family members are all invited to our Annual Holiday Gathering. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending our troop meeting on December 16.

It takes a lot of people to make a Boy Scout troop successful and the position of Troop Chaplain is open. The Troop Chaplain Responsibilities according to National Headquarters are:

- Provide a spiritual tone for troop meetings and activities.
- Give guidance to the chaplain aide.
- Promote regular participation of each member in the activities of the religious organization of his choice.
- Visit homes of Scouts in time of sickness or need.

- Encourage Boy Scouts to earn their appropriate religious emblems.
- Report to the troop committee at each meeting

However for Troop 726, the most important function is the coordinating of our Scout Sunday in February. It is a once-a-year job -- **want to help?**



Thank you, Mrs. Schultz, Mr. Fong, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Andrews for the **fantastic** photo in this issue of Troop Flash!



Friendly

A Scout is friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs other than his own.

