

TROOP 726 FLASH

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Upcoming Events

Summer Court of Honor – June 6

Sumer Camp at Wente – June 17 – 23

Ther American Legion Falg Retirement - June 30

Masonic Center Flag Presentation - Thursday, July 5

Fishing Overnight – July 6 - 7

Troop Overnight Meeting – July 27 – 28

Grand Canyon Trip – Aug 4 – 12

Mt. Tam Bike Ride – Aug 25 – 26



Meeting Dates

PLC Meeting – Sunday, June 10, 7 pm at Sunday, June 10th, at 7:00 p.m. at Earl Warren Park in Castro Valley.

Troop Meetings –Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm sharp at Masonic Center (**summer meeting dates are July 11, Aug 1, 22, 29**), Masonic Center is not available on Sept 26, 2012.

Website

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

Seamus 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.

The American Legion Flag Retirement - June 30

Scout in Charge: Joshua Siu, Adult in Charge: Mr. Markison

The American Legion is looking for 4 scouts to help retire flags at their **Moose Lodge**, Castro Valley, tri-tip BBQ from 4:00 - 8:00, **Saturday, June 30**. Food will be provided.

Masonic Center Flag Presentation – July 5

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

The **Masonic Center** will host an Independence Day dinner and is looking for 4 scouts to present the flags. They will feed you. Please contact Mr. Avery if you are interested in leading or attending.

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!

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

Troop 726 – Summer Camp Week 2012



Troop 726 is going to Wente Scout Reservation June 17- 23, 2012! Wente Scout Reservation, one of the most popular Boy Scout camps in Northern California, is located among the rolling hills and woodlands about 10 miles east of the town of Willits near the headwaters of the Russian River. While the actual cost of this trip is \$418 the troop committee leadership has voted to subsidize \$100 per scout from the unit's general fund, therefore the charge is \$318 per Scout (plus special merit badge fees). **The initial deposit of \$150 and signed parental permission slip is due.** The remaining balance of \$168 and the doctor-approved BSA health form is due by March 14. Checks payable to Troop 726, cash or Scout Accounts accepted. **For further information please contact Mr. Yi**, Summer Camp Coordinator: 510-582-1673 or email myschool97@yahoo.com or **Mr. Avery**, Scoutmaster at 925-698-1514 or email pack705@earthlink.net. **Merit badge and activity schedule was handed out on May 2 Troop meeting. Scouts need to plan their merit badge classes and consult with Mr. Avery.**

Mt. Tam Bike Ride – Aug 25 – 26

Scout in Charge: Bryce Fong Adult in Charge: TBA

Our reservation is subject to cancellation if the repair work at the campsite is not completed in time.



Troop Overnight Meeting – July 27 - 28

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

The outing will be at **Garin park**. More info to come.

Fishing Overnight – July 6 – 7

Scout in Charge: Kiyoshi Ito, Adult in Charge: Mr. Pinzon and Mr. Wilson

Save the dates for this fun outing...stay tuned for more info to come!

Grand Canyon Trip

Scout in Charge: Will Oliveira, Adult in Charge: Mr. Avery and Mr. Maloof

Troop 726 is planning a program for our Grand Canyon trip. The highlights of the trip includes camping and hiking at Colorado River, Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Furnace Creek, Death Valley, and Devil's Postpile. **The dates are August 4 – 12.** The cost is **\$525**. We are limiting this trip to 12 people including the two ASM/drivers, Mr. Avery and Mr. Maloof. **Permission slip and \$ need to be turned in by June 6.**

High Adventure Trip This Summer!!

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.*

Nothing really new but please review the following. Not much new except,

1. Wood Badge: a great training for learning and using advanced leadership skills. Go to www.sfbac.org to adult training to Wood Badge. Currently you will see it when you log into www.sfbac.org. Questions? Please contact me!
2. YLT (Youth Leadership training) for you. See listing below with dates and opportunities.

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.

Pacific Skyline Council NYLT \$225.00
June 9 to 5, 2012 at Boulder Creek Scout Reservation
<http://www.pacsky.org/Training>

Mount Diablo Silverado Council June NYLY \$252.00
June 18 to 23 at Camp Lindblad
<http://www.bsa-mdsc.org/training/national-youth-leadership-training-nylt/june-nylt>

San Francisco Bay Area Council / Piedmont Council NYLT \$295.00
June 25 to 30, 2012 at Cutter Scout Reservation
<http://www.sfbac-nylt.org/>

White Stag Leadership Development Academy / Alameda Council NYLT \$295.00
July 8 to 14 location to be determined
<http://www.whitestag.org/>

Mount Diablo Silverado Council July NYLY \$252.00
July 15 to 20 at Camp Herms
<http://new.bsa-mdsc.org/training/national-youth-leadership-training-nylt/July-nylt>

White Stag Leadership Development Academy / Alameda Council NYLT \$295.00
July 22 to 28 location to be determined
<http://www.whitestag.org/>

White Stag Leadership Development Program \$250.00
August 5 to 11 at Camp Wolfboro
<http://www.whitestagcrew122.org/>

Santa Clara County Council NYLT \$260.00
August 5 to 11 at Camp Chesebrough
<http://www.scccbsa.org/oa/nylt.html>

Scout Master Minute

By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Scout Master

Service to Others

Service to others is a central part of Scouting. As we were performing our service project at Lone Tree Cemetery this Memorial Day Weekend it struck me that Memorial Day is recognized right in between Mother's Day and Father's Day. Just as we have our soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen of the past, present, and future to thank for our freedom, so do we have their mothers and fathers to thank who gave their sons and daughters to the battles for freedom. No one will ever care for another the way a parent cares for a child. It is quite a mixture of emotions of pride and worry and fear for parents when their children serve in the military service. Our American experience of broad individual liberties is a rare and fragile experiment with freedom in the history of man and is defended by our armed servicemen while their parents pray for their safety. Please remember their mothers and fathers also in your future Memorial Day remembrances.

Service to others can take many forms. Serving in our Armed Forces is only one example. As scouts we have formal service projects such as Scouting for Food, Flag Placement on Memorial Day, and Eagle Projects. We also have informal service projects such as leaving no trace when leaving a camp site. Simply being a good citizen, a good student, a good parent, or a good son are everyday examples of how we can all serve others. In scouts we call this doing a good turn daily.

As Americans we are heirs to a great tradition of volunteerism and service. Taxpayers before you have voluntarily parted with their money so we can all have roads, schools, parks, and libraries. An all volunteer military has been the functioning model of National Defense. Our Freedom to Assemble has resulted in many volunteer organizations such as the American Legion, the Masons, the Odd Fellows, the Rotary Club, the Elks, the Kiwanis, volunteer Fire Departments, municipal bands, and our very own Boy Scouts of America. How will you help carry on the traditions of America and honor those who came before you while at the same time preserving the greatness of America for those yet to come?



Boy Scout Oath or Promise

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.

Skills Weekend/Black Diamond Mines Hike-a-Thon

Photo by Mr. Siu and Mr. Avery

Skills Weekend by Scout in Charge: Mitch Avery

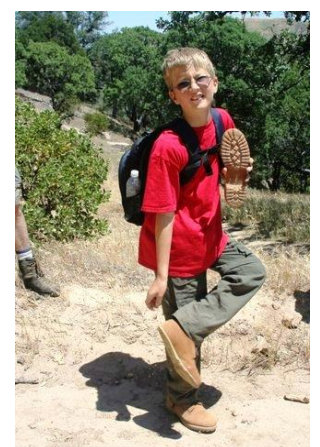
On Friday May 18th to Sunday May 20th, many scouts came out to Black diamond Mines for a weekend of fun. There were 50 billion mosquitos and the allergies were so bad I couldn't see. Never the less, we hiked 10 miles and went on a tour of the mine

Hike-a-Thon by Scout in Charge: Jacob Schultz

On Saturday may 19th approximately 25 scouts went on a 10+ mile hike in the black diamond mines park in Antioch for the Hike-A-Thon, on a route that took them through some very interesting sights, and some serious elevation changes. for a lot of scouts this was their first serious hike, and they all had a blast. The younger scouts had a great time identifying animals from a rattlesnake, to a red tailed hawk, and learning what sort of plants not to touch.



Skills Weekend/Black Diamond Mines Hike-a-Thon



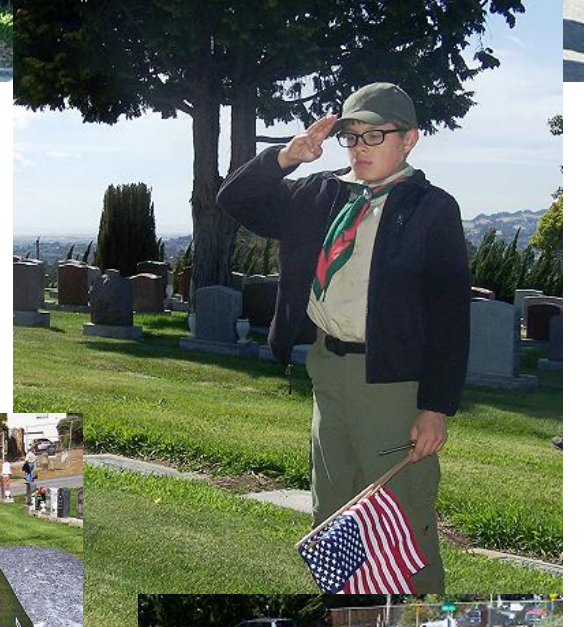
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Memorial Day Lone Tree Flags

By Scout in Charge: Zack Eslick, Photo by Mr. Avery

On May 25 at 3:30 pm, Troop 726 went to Lone Tree Cemetery to place flags at on the graves of our American Veterans. We had a decent turn out, but to remind all who didn't participate to please come next year. It's a great opportunity to honor our veterans. Next on May 28 at 10:00 am, we assembled for the memorial Day ceremony. We had 3 scouts. Next year, we want more. Finally on May 28 at 4:40 pm, we returned to remove the flags. We had 4 scouts so next year we want MORE SCOUTS.



Memorial Day Lone Tree Flags – More Photos



Chapel of the Chimes

By Scout in Charge: Aviram Bhalla-Levine, Photo by Mr. Avery

On May 27, Ashir, Curtis and me (Aviram) went to the Chapel of the Chimes. We went there to perform the flag ceremony for the Native Sons of California who held a memorial day service. Curtis was the caller. I helped the American flag and Ashir held the flag of California. Mr. Avery was there supervising. The members of the Native Sons of California appreciated our services and we were very excited to participate!



Flag Presentation by Aviram, Curtis, and Ashir

Tres Rancho Rama

By Scout in Charge: Michael Yi, Photo by Mr. Siu

At Tres Ranch-O-Rama on June 2, our theme was doing lashings and knots. We demonstrated our knots and asked the other kids to show us how to do the knot, if they could do it, I would give them a pencil and talk to them about troop 726 and how good it is. We tried very hard to recruit cub scouts and other kids. We even noticed a couple kids seemed very interested in our troop and will possibly join it. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Eslick for being the adult-in-charge for this event and everyone who came to help, scouts and adults alike.



Tres Rancho Rama – More Pictures

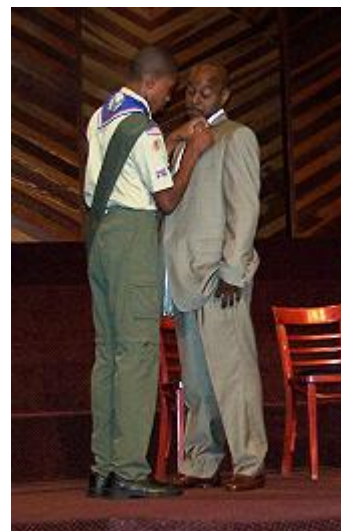


Larry Whitmeyer Eagle Court of Honor

Troop 726, friends and families celebrated Larry Whitmeyer's achievement as Eagle Scout on June 3, 2012 at International Christian Center, San Leandro, California. Congratulations!



Larry Whitmeyer Eagle Court of Honor – Congratulation!



Troop News

Bryce Fong Awarded Boy Scout Scholarship

On June 3, 2012 at Saint Leander Church, Bryce Fong was awarded the Musgrove/Applied Fusion Scholarship. The award is given annually to selected registered members of the Boy Scouts of America who meet all requirements. This is a Merit-based award given to Eagle Scouts which have demonstrated academic ability, creativity in community service, leadership and personal initiative. Each award is for the amount of \$5000.



Group picture of 5 recipients: Bryce in center, (Mr. Jeff Musgrove 2nd from left)



Mr. Jeff Musgrove, President of Applied Fusion Inc. and Bryce.

Troop News - Continued



Ben Andrews
in Rowell
Ranch Rodeo
Parade –
Castro Valley,
May 12, 2012



Samuel received scout
book – May 24, 2012



Treves
received
neckerchief
and slide –
May 24, 2012

Troop News – Formal Wear Instruction

Troop instructor, Jose Velasco, provided training on formal wear during troop meeting on May 9. Great job!



Troop News – Formal Wear Instruction (Continue)



National Outdoor Badges

Do you enjoy camping under the stars, rafting a whitewater river, or hitting the trail afoot, on a bike, or even on a horse? Can you pitch a tent, find your way, and bandage an ankle using only materials in your pack? Are you prepared to do any of these in rain, snow, sleet, or heat? If so, the National Outdoor Awards are for you. There is nothing virtual about these awards—you can earn them only by demonstrating both knowledge and experience in the outdoors. So, if you are a Boy Scout and think you are tough and disciplined enough to hike or ride the miles, camp the nights, and run the rivers or lakes, then read on and see if the National Outdoor badges or possibly the National Medal for Outdoor Achievement could be for you!

National Outdoor Badges for Camping, Hiking, Aquatics, Riding, and Adventure

Now when a Scout excels in outdoor participation, there are new awards to show for it! This program, conceived by the National Camping Task Force of the BSA®, includes a series of five badges designed to recognize a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout who has exemplary knowledge and experience in performing high-level outdoor activities. The award consists of five emblem segments positioned around the perimeter of a beautiful center emblem. All are embroidered in full color. The segments represent five areas of emphasis: Riding, Hiking, Camping, Aquatics, and Adventure, with rigorous requirements to earn each segment. The center emblem features an outdoor scene with fleur-de-lis and the words "National Outdoor Awards".

The five National Outdoor Badges recognize a Boy Scout who demonstrates both knowledge and experience in camping, hiking, aquatics, riding, or adventure. Scouts earning the National Outdoor badges have demonstrated that they are knowledgeable, safe, and comfortable in the outdoor activity covered by the badge. National Outdoor badges may be earned in the following areas:

Camping. A Boy Scout or Varsity Scout may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Camping upon successfully completing the following requirements:

1. Earn the First Class rank.
2. Earn the Camping merit badge.
3. Earn two of the following three merit badges: Cooking, First Aid, Pioneering.
4. Complete 25 days and nights of camping—including six consecutive days (five nights) of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America—including nights camped as part of requirements 1 through 3 above.

A gold device may be earned for each additional 25 nights of camping. A silver device is earned for each additional 100 nights of camping. The Scout may wear any combination of devices totaling his current number of nights camping.

Hiking. A Boy Scout or Varsity Scout may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Hiking upon successfully completing the following requirements:

1. Earn the First Class rank.
2. Earn the Hiking and Orienteering merit badges.
3. Complete 100 miles of hiking or backpacking under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America, including miles hiked as part of requirement 2.

A gold device may be earned for each additional 50 miles hiked. A silver device is earned for each additional 200 miles of hiking. The Scout may wear any combination of devices totaling his current number of miles hiking.

National Outdoor Badges (Continued)

Aquatics. A Boy Scout or Varsity Scout may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Aquatics upon successfully completing the following requirements:

1. Earn the First Class rank.
2. Earn the Swimming and Lifesaving merit badges.
3. Earn the Mile Swim BSA Award.
4. Earn at least one of the following merit badges: Canoeing, Rowing, Small Boat Sailing, Whitewater. Complete at least 25 hours of on-the-water time, applying the skills that you learned in the merit badges.
5. Complete at least 50 hours of any combination of swimming, canoeing, rowing, small-boat sailing, or whitewater activity under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America, including time spent in requirements 2 through 4.

A gold device may be earned for each additional 25 hours of aquatic activity. A silver device is earned for each additional 100 hours of aquatic activity. The Scout may wear any combination of devices totaling his current number of hours of aquatic activity.

Riding - A Boy Scout or Varsity Scout may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Riding upon successfully completing the following requirements:

1. Earn the First Class rank.
2. Complete at least one of the following:
3. Cycling merit badge and 100 miles of cycling; or
4. Horsemanship merit badge and 50 miles of horseback riding.
5. Complete 200 miles of riding activities, either on a non-motorized bike or a stock animal, under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America, including the miles in requirement 2.

A gold device may be earned for each additional 100 miles of riding. A silver device is earned for each additional 400 miles of riding. The Scout may wear any combination of devices totaling his current number of miles of riding.

Adventure - A Boy Scout or Varsity Scout may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Adventure upon successfully completing the following requirements:

1. Earn the First Class rank.
2. Complete either the Wilderness Survival or the Emergency Preparedness merit badge.
3. Complete 10 of any combination or repetition of the following adventure activities under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America:
4. A backpacking trip lasting three or more days and covering more than 20 miles without food resupply
5. A canoeing, rowing, or sailing trip lasting three or more days and covering more than 50 miles without food resupply
6. A whitewater trip lasting two or more days and covering more than 20 miles without food resupply
7. A climbing activity on open rock, following Climb On Safely principles, that includes camping overnight
8. Earn the National Historic Trails Award
9. Earn the 50-Miler Award
10. Attend any national high-adventure base or any nationally recognized local high-adventure or specialty-adventure program

Items 3a-g may be repeated as desired. A single activity that satisfies multiple items in 3a-g may be counted as separate activities at the discretion of the unit leader. Similarly, a single activity that doubles an item in 3a-d may be counted as two activities at the discretion of the unit leader. A gold device may be earned for each additional five activities. A silver device is earned for each additional 20 activities. The Scout may wear any combination of devices totaling his current number of activities.

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.

SCOUT DAY WITH THE A'S, June 17 1:05 game vs the Padres

Scout day with the Oakland A's is less than a month away! We are close to 2,500 scouts reserved and want to make sure all Bay Area scouts, families, and friends can get in on the excitement! New this year, Scout Day will feature a pregame chalk talk with A's in-game host Kara and A's PA Announcer Dick Callahan. In addition, the popular pregame parade and commemorative patch will be back again. This event is open to Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of all ages, as well as their friends and families.

Get your tickets today by visiting www.oaklandathletics.com/scout or contact Valisa Maki at (510)563-2288 or by email vmaki@oaklandathletics.com for group reservations!

Want to make this event special for Dad? Buy your tickets to play catch on the field post game! Visit http://oakland.athletics.mlb.com/oak/ticketing/fathers_da_y.jsp for more details.



Owls

Allen is working on his Eagle project. Ben aged out of the troop. String Theory will unify quantum mechanics, gravity, electromagnetism if it works. So that means there are parallel universes and 10 spec dimensions.

By Owls

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

We went on a eleven and a half mile hike. * people from our patrol went. 6 people are going to summer camp

By Luke Martin



Bats

At Skills Weekend, we had a 11 ½ mile hike and camped in the grasslands at Black Diamond Mines. Josh went to Lone Tree for the Memorial Day flag placement.

By Mac Strand



Ravens

We had several Ravens go to Black Diamond Mines for sign-offs and the hike, and celebrated Memorial Day by honoring veterans and raising American flags at lone Tree ceremony.

By Jeffery Jiang



Cobras

We had a new recruit called Steele Eubanks. He is very energetic and happy. He is ready to go!

By Michael Yi



Scorpions/ Dragons

No submittal

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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

As we move into the summer months, we need to watch the calendar very carefully. No longer are we meeting every Wednesday, instead we will meet per the summer schedule that was handed out at the Summer Court of Honor and available on the Scoutlander website. Scouts, this leaves very little troop time for planning our summer outings, please be prepared to take the phone call from your patrol leaders and to pass the information along. I remind you, to return phone calls in a timely manner.

I'm am proud to announce that beginning immediately after our June Court of Honor, Mr. Zurvohn Maloof will officially take on the responsibility of Advancement Coordinator. He will work with Mrs. Platou and Mr. Avery ensuring a smooth transition. Also, during the summer, Mrs. Davidson will officially pass the handling of our weekly attendance and dues to Mrs. Kim Overton. My sincere thanks to both Mrs. Platou and Mrs. Davidson for all their service to our troop and to Mr. Maloof and Mrs. Overton for stepping forward and taking on these positions of responsibility.



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!

Cheerful

A Scout looks for bright side of things. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

