

TROOP 726 FLASH

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Upcoming Events

Rim of the Bay Hike – Dec 11

Holiday Gathering – Dec 15

Casey Parrault's Eagle Court of Honor – Jan 29

University of Scouting – Jan 29

Scout Sunday – Feb 6

Fishing and Crabbing at Point Pinole – Feb 19

Klondike Snow Camp – March 4 - 6

Horseback Riding – March 26



Meeting Dates

Committee Meeting – Dec 6 and Jan 3, 7:00 pm
(Faith Lutheran Church)

ASM Meeting – Dec 13, Jan 10

Board of Review – Jan 17

PLC Meeting – Dec 16, Jan 27

Troop Meetings – Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm
sharp at Masonic Center
(No meeting on Dec 22 and Dec 29, Holidays).

Troop 726 Website

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



Rim of the Bay Hike – Dec 11

Scout in Charge: Larry Whitmeyer, Adult in Charge: Neil Guerin

Enjoy a 10 mile hike through spectacular Pinnacles National Park. With an elevation gain of 1,400 feet through the Hike Peaks Trail you will have outstanding views. You'll need a flashlight through Bear Gulch Caves. It's been 5 years since the Troop has been to Pinnacles. This hike qualifies for the Hiking Merit Badge and is part of getting ready for our High Adventure Trip next summer.

We will depart from Masonic Center at 8 AM on Saturday, Dec 11, 2010, returning to Masonic Center between 6 – 7 PM. Scouts need to wear Class A for travel and Class B for hike. The cost is \$10 for gas and parking fees. In addition, bring a lunch, 10 essentials, weather related clothing, and \$10 spending money for dinner. Permission slips have been placed in your mail box. Don't miss out, sign up early!



Holiday Gathering – Dec 15

Scout in Charge: Will Oliveira, Adult in Charge: Mrs. Lozano

Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at 7:00pm is our Holiday Gathering. This year the troop has decided to celebrate the holiday's by giving back to the community. On Wednesday, December 15, we will be assembling 70 brown-bag lunches for the homeless. The lunches will be delivered the next day to a community organization that will distribute them to the homeless. Will Oliveira is the scout-in-charge; if you have any questions, please contact Will. Each patrol has been requested to bring the 'fixings' for the bag lunches.

Ravens: Juice boxes, Capri Sun or bottle water. Each Raven is requested to bring 10 each.

Cobras: Brown lunch bags, Ziploc-style sandwich bags, and napkins. Each Cobra has been assigned an item and amount. Ask Will if you forgot.

Dragons/Scorpions: Fruit. Each Dragon/Scorpion should bring 10 pieces of fruit (apples, oranges or bananas only)

Owls: Bread, peanut butter and jelly.

All families (mom, dad, siblings) are invited to join in the making of the bag lunches. Please come and enjoy holiday music performed by some of our scouts and get to know the other families in the troop.

The University of Scouting – Jan 29

Scout in Charge: Will Oliveira, Adult in Charge: Mrs. Lozano

University of Scouting is a counsel event where all Adult Volunteers and Parents; and all Boy Scout, Venture, and Varsity Youth can attend to learn about the Scouting program, including Den Chief Training, Camping, Cooking, Budgeting, Indian Lore, Trekking, and MUCH more.

The event is on **Saturday, January 29 at Foothill High School in Pleasanton**. Our Troop provides food items for lunch as a fund raiser event for scouts. More information and sign up will be available.

2010-2011 Troop Fundraising Plan

Please return money for **See's Candy** and **Popcorn Sales** to **Mrs. Schultz** as soon as possible. The next fundraising event is **Hike-A-Thon** – Month of April (seek sponsors), hike on May 14, 2011



Raven's Geocaching Outing at Don Castro Regional Park

By Scout in Charge: Sam Pica

On Saturday, November 6th, the Raven Patrol along with Mr. Wilson and Mr. Guerin went to Don Castro for a geocaching outing. Scout in charge was Sam Pica. We hiked and learned about measuring and using a compass with a map. The Ravens first split into groups and learned to estimate their pace and how to estimate height by using a stick. After that, we went for a hike around Don Castro Park. After using the maps and compass and a few setbacks, they were 2/3 of the way to the geocache. We never actually found the cache but learned some important skills and had fun. Scouts who attended were, Sammy Wilson, Zachary Eslick, Kyle Avery, Steven Decker, Sam Pica, Ben Eckman, and Seamus Guerin.



Chabot Recruitment Overnight Camp (WEBLO Night)

By Scout in Charge: Bryce Fong

On November 13-14, 2010 Troop 726 held a Webelos recruitment campout at Hawkridge Lake Chabot. The scouts that attended were: Seamus Guerin, Bryce Fong, Zachary Eslick, Kyle Avery, Steve Davidson, Ben Eversole, Sam Pica, Terrence Tsang, Abiram Jacob Schultz, Michael Yi, Ryan Flyn, Will Olivera, Mitch Avery, Austin Le, and Ben Eckman. The adults that attended were Mr. Guerin, Mr. Fong, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Avery, and Mr. Markison. We engaged in many fun activities with the Webelos such capture the flag and alphabet game. The 2 patrols cooked delicious meals of pizza, spaghetti and cobbler, for breakfast we had Poptarts and eggs. At our nighttime campfire we had skits and at the end we had a flag retirement. The weather was excellent and was not cold at night or in the morning.

Masonic Center Service Project -- Dead Tree Removed

By Mrs. Lozano

On Nov 14, 2010, the dead tree at the Masonic Center was removed, cut in to useable pieces, and the branches were chipped to use as ground covering. A BIG thank you to Mr. Avery, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Eversole, Mr. Guerin, Mr. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Lozano, Mr. and Mrs. Schultz Mr. Yi, Michael Yi and Jacob Schultz for their team work and efforts. Also thank you to Cresco Equipment Rental for their donation of equipment and Mr. Johnson (Will's Grandfather) for his heavy duty blower that made quick work of the clean up. The Masonic Center director is very pleased with our troop and our community service agreement with them has worked out very nicely.



Scouting for Food – Nov 13 and Nov 20

By Scout in Charge: Marcos Andrade

On Saturday, Nov 14, 17 scouts and 11 adults attended the first part of Scouting for Food event where we went door to door placing door hangers asking people to leave cans and other non perishable food items on their door steps. A week later on Nov 20th, 23 Scouts, 17 adults, and many other family members braved the rainy weather and went back to pick up the food items. After collecting, we separated, bagged, and counted the items. This year, we collected total of **1,510 items**. Thank you everyone for lending a hand with this very worthwhile community service project in collecting food for those less fortunate in our community. Special thanks for Ms Saylor for providing breakfast for everyone.



Hungry Scouts (and family) fueled up before heading out to hang door hangers or collect food. **Thank you, Ms Saylor** for the wonderful "all you can eat" breakfast bar.





Scout in Charge – Marco Andrade
And his many helpers.





1510 Items Collected! Great Job Everyone!



Scout Advancements

By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Advancement Coordinator

The following scouts earn **historic merit badges** in November.

Ryan Flynn	Carpentry	10/16/10
Michael Yi	Pathfinding	10/30/10
Jacob Schultz	Tracking	11/16/10
Will Oliveira	Tracking	11/16/10



Signaling



Pathfinding



Tracking



Carpentry

We have had the following **rank advancements** in November.

Second Class	Kyle Avery	11/15/10
First Class	Austin Le	11/15/10
Life	Jacob Schultz	11/15/10
	Larry Whitmeyer	11/15/10
Eagle	Ben Eversole	11/17/10



The next Board of Reviews is Jan 17, 2010

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. New on-line trainings appear all the time. Check in occasionally and see what's new!
5. University of Scouting in January 29, 2011. A one day event where you can take all sorts of trainings. We are also offering Scout Leader Specific training. Check out the courses being offered on the council web page.

Every Adult leader is trained in Youth Protection!! Thanks

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 News

Prepare for High Adventure Camp in the Summer

On Dec 11, our troop is having the first of the 5 10-mile hikes, part of the requirements for the hiking merit badge. You must earn the hiking merit badge in order to take part in the High Adventure Camp/Trip in the summer.

Weekly Troop Meetings

Remember Scouts need to maintain at least 50% Troop meeting attendance to go on outings. This month the Troop spent a productive night cleaning our Troop's cooking gears. We also spent time planning holiday gathering as well as having patrol time.

The U.S. Postal Service Scouting Stamp

On 27 July, 2010, the U.S. Postal Service added another collectible postage stamp to its repertoire of commemorative stamps with their dedication of the first-class 44-cent Scouting stamp. The Scouting stamp, which celebrates 100 years of the U.S. Scouting movement, was dedicated at the National Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia.

The design of the *Scouting* stamp, which is the creation of Craig Frazier, seeks to capture the spirit and outdoor adventure of scouting by depicting a backpacking scout set against the silhouette of a scout surveying the countryside through a pair of binoculars.

Read more at Suite101:

<http://www.suite101.com/content/usps-celebrates-100-years-of-scouting-a266829#ixzz17NEdrv3U>



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



All Ravens who are going to Klondike need to sign up for Winter Awareness Training. On the 27th, we need to bring books for advancement camp

By Zachary Eslick

Cobras



We are doing well and thriving.

By Keane Hubbard

Scorpions/ Dragons



In the month of November, there was a Webelos recruiting camp out. Many of our Patrol scouts attended and had a great time enjoying good food and a fun camp fire show.

By Will Oliveira

Owls/Rocks



The most money ever paid for a cow in an auction was 1.3 million dollars.

—Owls random fact of the month.

By Ben Andrews

BOY SCOUT SUMMER CAMP STAFF INTERVIEWS

Looking for a great job for the summer of 2011? Scout Camp is the place! There are a variety of positions available. Check the council website for more details.

www.sfbac.org

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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

It is time to renew our rental agreement with the Masonic Center for the 2011 year. Once again this year our rental fee is waived in exchange for service projects. When the center has a project, please step forward and lend a helping hand.

In addition, our contract clearly states the following:

- The building is designated a "NO SMOKING" building and eating and drinking is limited to the Dining Area. No food or drinks allowed in the lobby or formal room (carpet areas).
- There is to be NO CHEWING GUM of any kind inside or outside on the premises. If any is found, the tenant (us) will be assessed the cleaning fee to remove it.
- There is to be no Mylar or other types of Sparkles, or other small invasive party favors utilized in the building or outside in the parking lot. This type of material is extremely hard and time consuming to clean up.

These very simple rules should be very easy for us to abide by. I ask all leaders, parents and scout to help me keep our agreement to keep the building clean.

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

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. Markison the fabulous pictures in this issue of Troop Flash.

Helpful

A Scout is is concerned about other people. He does things willingly for others without pay for reward.

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!