

# TROOP 726 FLASH

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## Upcoming Events

Spring Court of Honor – March 16

Council Field Sports Day at Los Mochos - March 19.

Mt. Wittenberg Hike – March 20

Horseback Riding – March 26-27

TLT Training – April 1 – 2

Ben Eversole and Eric Nikssarian Eagle Court of Honor – April 3

Annual Planning Conference – April 16

Mission Peak Hike - April 17

Earth Day - April 23

Stamp Collecting MB - May 1

20 Mile Hike, Berkley to Castro Valley! – May 7

Fishing and Crabbing at Point Pinole – TBD



## Meeting Dates

Committee Meeting – Apr 4 and May 2, 7:00 pm (Faith Lutheran Church)

ASM Meeting –Mar 14 and Apr 11

Board of Review – Mar 21 and Apr 25

PLC Meeting – Mar 24 and Apr 28

Troop Meetings –Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm sharp at Masonic Center (No Troop meeting on Apr 20, Spring Break). The Masonic Center will not be available to us on the following 2011 dates: Feb 23, April 27, June 22, Sept 28. Instead we have the center on the Tuesday of the week, except in June when our scouts will be at summer camp.

## Troop 726 Website

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



## Court of Honor

Our next **Court of Honor is on March 16**. Troop Court of Honors are held four times a year and it is a time that we publicly recognize our scouts for their attendance and advancements. It is important that all families are represented. The scouts and leaders appreciate having a full audience and the support of our troop families. Please plan on attending even if your scout is not receiving recognition at this Court.

The Eagle Scout Court of Honor is a special celebration and presentation of the Eagle Scout Award. It is done at the request of the Eagle scout and his family. This spring we will be celebrating our new Eagle Scouts with three separate courts. **Ben Eversole and Eric Nikssarian's Eagle Court of Honor is on Sunday April 3**. We are working on getting a firm date for the others. Please keep an eye out for announcement of their dates.



### **Mt. Wittenberg Hike – March 20**

Scout in Charge: Jacob schultz, Adult in Charge: Mr. Guerin

Another Rim of the Bay hike that we have not done in 4 years. Come join the Troop on **March 20**, as we work our way to the High Adventure Trip.

### **Horseback Riding – March 26 - 27**

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



Joining in on the fun! For this event, we will sleep on the beach **overnight on March 26** and go for a horseback riding the next day. The hike is limited to 16 attendees - 3 adult drivers and 13 scouts. All the other campsites at Half Moon Bay State Beach are now booked. The cost will be \$59 per scout and \$45 per adult.

### **TLT Training - April 1 – 2**

Scout in Charge: SPL, Adult in Charge: Mr. Guerin

This training is for our new Scouts to earn their "Trained" patch. We'll be meeting **Friday afternoon April 1** and returning **Saturday morning April 2** from Lake Chabot.

### **Ben Eversole and Eric Nikssarian Eagle Court of Honor – April 3**

Please join us in celebration of Ben Eversole and Eric Nikssarian's achievements. **Eagle Court of Honor will be held on April 3, 2011, 2 PM, at Masonic Center.**



### **Annual Planning Conference - April 16**

Scout in Charge: SPL, Adult in Charge: Mr. Guerin

Each Patrol is to bring their five ideas to the Planning Conference. The Scouts will select the calendar for next year. **April 16, 5:00pm at Mr. Guerin's house, 18507 Center St, CV.**

### **Mission Peak Hike - April 17**

Scout in Charge: Ryan Flynn, Adult in Charge: TBD

Rim of the Bay hike that we have not done in many years. This will be one of our final 10 hikes for the Hiking Merit Badge.

**April 17, be there!**



### **20 Mile Hike! Berkeley to Castro Valley – May 7**

Scout in Charge: Bryant Ling, Adult in Charge: Mr. Guerin



This is the final hike for the Hiking Merit Badge and for tune up for the High Adventure Trip. **Mark your calendar, May 8.** More details to come.

### **Stamp Collecting MB – May 1**

Scout in Charge: Ryan Flynn, Adult in Charge: Mr. Avery



The Stamp Collecting MB will be on **Sunday, May 1 from 9:00 - 4:30 at WESTPEX, to be held at the Burlingame Marriott.** The cost will be \$12 and scouts will have the opportunity to complete the merit badge in 1 day. This event is limited to the first 6 scouts. This is an annual event at WESTPEX so there is always next year. The Stamp Collecting MB is the 4th rarest MB to be earned.

## **Fishing and Crabbing at Point Pinole – TBD**

Scout in Charge: Allen Saylor, Adult in Charge: Mr. Avery

Our second annual Crabbing outing was rained out but we are planning to reschedule. Pay attention at Troop Meetings for updates.

## **Rim of Bay, Mount Tamalpais Hike**

By Scout in Charge: Ryan Flynn

Many scouts attended the Rim of the Bay, Mt. Tam hike on Saturday, Feb 12. It was an exhilarating experience, fun filled and action packed to the last. We may have “lost our heading”, but we never stopped having fun



## Activity Accounting Report Form

From Mr. Woo

All leader or scout in charge, please download the Activity Accounting Report Form from the Scoutlander under the Form section. Enter every transaction whenever you receive or spend any money. The form will help you gather all transactions information until your activity is finished. That's when the balance becomes Zero. You need this form whenever you deposit or withdraw money to/from the treasurer. For the record please prepare the form at home and make a copy for the treasurer before you meet the treasurer. The treasurer must sign your form when you make a deposit.

## 2010-2011 Troop Fundraising Plan

The next fundraising event is Hike-A-Thon – Month of April (seek sponsors), hike on May 14, 2011. Mrs. Pica, Mrs. Eslick and Mrs. Wilson will be organizing our Spring fundraiser.



## 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](http://www.SFBAC.org), and then go to training or My Scouting and than select online training for the above. You will need to register.

### EVERY SCOUT DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER!

If you take training, update or new, it doesn't get placed in our troops data base unless I receive the info. Please, inform me of your trainings. You can email the info, mail it, place it in my troops mail box or fax it to 510 -521 0441.

The following trainings will be held:

1. New on-line trainings appear all the time. Check in occasionally and see what's new!
2. SLS adult Leader training: AUGUST 27, 2011
3. IOLS, Intro to Outdoor Leadership Skills adult training : May 19 and June 10-11, 2011  
OR Sept. 15 and Sept 24-25, 2011.
4. Upcoming High Adventure training: Wilderness First Aid: 6/4 -5/2011 *or* 6/18 – 19, 2011.  
Canoe Hat: July 9, 16-17, 2001. Hat ReBoot: October 29, 2011.

Need info about future trainings? Have questions about training? Call Randy Wright at 510-885-0527 or email [wright-s@comcast.net](mailto:wright-s@comcast.net). All fliers are on the Tres Ranchos District Web page via [www.sfbac.org](http://www.sfbac.org).

# Be A Trained Leader



## Friends of Scouting

The Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign is underway and we have until April 30 to meet our goal. As mentioned many, many times before, we do not know your financial information, but our goal is to have each family donate what they can. Weather it is \$1.00 or \$1,000, it is up to you. Every little bit will help us meet our goal of 100% family participation. FOS pledge cards are available in our troop mail boxes.

Friends of Scouting is the annual campaign where the San Francisco Bay Area Council asks Scouting families, business and civic-minded citizens to support our mission of providing the Scouting program to thousands of young people in the Bay Area. The registration fees paid each year goes directly to the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America, whereas, the funds collected during the FOS campaign stays with the local council and helps with items such as maintaining our council camps, camperships for summer camp, and day camp programs. This is a council campaign, not a troop fundraiser.



## Troop 726 – Summer Camp Week 2011

**Troop 726 is returning to one of our favorite Scout camps June 19- 25, 2011!** SFBAC Camp Royaneh, one of the oldest and most scenic Boy Scout camps, is located among serene redwood groves along Austin Creek near the Russian River, about 30min west of Santa Rosa not far from the rugged Sonoma coast.

Please mark your family calendars for **Sun 06/19 through Sat 06/25!**

This big event is considered by most of our boys to be their best annual Scouting experience, and we would like to see 100% participation by all patrols, especially since we will be attending our own council's summer camp program. As announced previously, the estimated cost of this trip would be \$415, but the troop committee leadership has voted to subsidize part of the cost from the unit's general fund, therefore the charge is only \$325 per Scout (plus special merit badge fees). **The initial deposit of \$150 and signed parental permission slip below is due by Tuesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>** (to Mr. Yi. Michael Yi's Dad). Please budget for the remaining balance of \$175, and plan an appointment for the doctor-approved **BSA health form to be completed ASAP (turn in to Mrs. McGrue, Larry Whitmeyer's mom)**. These final details are due by Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, payment from Scout acct, check payable to Troop 726, or apply to the SFBAC Campership family financial aid link ([www.sfbac.org](http://www.sfbac.org)).



# Royaneh Summer Camp, Here We Come!

## Raven Patrol Outing

By Scout in Charge: Sam Pica

On Feb 26, the Raven Patrol with the two new scouts, Kendall and Mac, worked on the First Class requirements 1, 4A – 4E, which is to find direction in day/night without a compass, and cooking requirements.



Bryant & Jack working with Ravens & Mac & Kendall

GO



Ben & Mac getting ready to cook

Raven



Kendall



Mac, Kendall & Ravens using shadow technique



## Red and Green Dinner

On Feb 9 scouts and family enjoyed the annual Red and Green dinner. There were no shortage of yummy food and funny skits. See for yourself in the photos on the next 2 pages.







What's your favorite dish?



**Red  
and  
Green**



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**RAIN DROPS!**



## Sled Building at Troop Meeting

Wow! Check out the new sled for Klondike this year. Thank you, Mr. Eslick, for your tremendous talent, time, and planning in putting the sled together. Our scouts will enjoy it for many many years to come.









## Scout Advancements

*By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Advancement Coordinator*

There were no Advancements in February. The following MB's were earned:

Raymond Akagi	Citizenship in the Nation	03/02/11
Mitch Avery	Citizenship in the Nation	03/02/11
Ryan Flynn	Personal Fitness	02/02/11
Keane Hubbard	Citizenship in the Nation	02/19/11
	Railroading	02/22/11
Allen Saylor	Personal Management	02/08/11



Mitch has now earned all his Eagle Required MB's for Life and Allen has earned all his Eagle Required MB's for Eagle.

### Advancement Notes from 2010:

Among the 32 scouts who were active with Troop 726, 27 of them earned a rank advancement. There were 41 rank advancements total in 2010 summarized as follows:

Gold Palm -	1	Bronze Palm -	2
Eagle -	4	Life -	5
Star -	7	First Class -	2
Second Class -	5	Tenderfoot -	8
Scout -	7		

Our scouts earned 230 Merit Badges in 2010. The most popular merit badges were as follows:

Tracking -	21
Signaling -	20
Carpentry -	19
Pathfinding -	16
Citizen in the World-	12
Archaeology -	11
Wood Carving -	10

Scouts who earned the most include:

Seamus Guerin -	18	Raymond Akagi -	13
Kyle Avery -	13	Bryce Fong -	13
Mitch Avery -	11	Larry Whitmeyer -	11
Michael Yi -	11	Sam Pica -	10
Kenji Pinzon -	10		



By the numbers, the Troop camped 431 nights and hiked 453 miles in 2010. Service hours are still being calculated.



## Troop News

We have 3 new scouts - Kendall Law, Zurvohn Maloof, and Mac Strand.

# Welcome to T726!

### High Adventure Trip in August

Looking for something exciting to do in the summer? How about joining your fellow Scouts for the **High Adventure Trip, August 7 – 14, 2011**. Some of the activities tentative included in the trip are: hike the Half Dome in Yosemite, climb Mt Whitney, overnight at Furnace Creek, Death Valley, and visiting Las Vegas area. **IN ORDER TO ATTEND YOU MUST COMPLETE THE HIKING MERIT BADGE BEFORE WE LEAVE!!!** More information will be available soon. Don't miss out on this once-in-a-life-time opportunity. Plan ahead and start getting ready for the trip!

### Council Field Sports Days

Sharpen your Marksmanship Skills! Have FUN!!! BSA Rangemasters will open the Rifle, Shotgun, Archery and BB Ranges for Scouts to practice their marksmanship skills. Bring a sack lunch and spend the day!

#### Session Dates:

Saturday, March 19th, 2011 at Ranchos Los Mochos, Livermore. The day will run from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm.

#### Who's Eligible:

All Webelos (must be accompanied by an adult), Boy Scouts and Venturers.

#### Cost:

\$5 program fee per person plus:  
Rifle: \$.50 target  
Shotgun: \$.50 each target

#### Contact info:

For more information contact Emily at (510)577-9218 or Emily.Determan@scouting.org.

## 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](mailto:SandiaChang@comcast.net), or if you prefer, put the article in her mail slot by the Wednesday before the end of the month.

### Ravens



The Raven Patrol did meetings and had the Red and Green dinner. It was yummy with awesome food and dessert.

Update on patrol position:

Patrol Leader: Sammy Wilson and Steven  
Assistant P.L: Aviram and Kyle  
Scribe : Ben Eckman  
Grub Master : Terrance  
Quarter Master: Zackery  
Cheer Master: Sam Pica

By Sam Pica

### Cobras



We haven't done much except working on Citizenship in the Nation merit badge.

By Keane Hubbard

### Scorpions/ Dragons



We went to the crab feed and it was fun.

By Larry Whitmeyer

### Owls/Rocks



All of the Owls are very excited about summer camp. Unfortunately, this next summer camp will be the last for Ben Andrews and Bobby Paiz. They will both be sorely missed next year.

By Allen Saylor

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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*

During the month of March we will be welcoming new scouts to our troop. Some of these new scouts will be crossing over from a Cub Scout Pack and some may be new to scouting. Please take the time to introduce yourself to our new scouts and get to know both the scout and his family. In the April Newsletter, we will introduce them officially, but until then when you see someone new at our meetings, please welcome them with an open scouting spirit.

Towards the end of March, we will be preparing and distributing our annual Hike-a-thon sponsor forms and information packets. Mrs. Pica, Mrs. Eslick and Mrs. Wilson will be organizing our Spring fundraiser. If your scout account is running low on funds, this is the time to step up and hike. The Hike-a-thon is designed so that each scout can get out of it, what they put in. If you are work at it, you can pay for a whole year of scouting with just this one fundraiser.



### Annual Health and Medical Record

Once again, Mrs. McGrue is in charge of collecting the updated form. She has placed the blank forms in the mail box. If you haven't turned in your form yet, please give the completed forms to Mrs. McGrue (Larry Whitmeyer's mom) ASAP.

### 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](mailto: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!

### 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!

### Kind

A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not hurt or kill harmless things without reason.

## 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!