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Upcoming Events

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March on the Capital Oct 23 - 25

Committee Meeting – Sept 7, 7:00 pm (Faith Lutheran Church)

Board of Review – Sept 8 and Oct 19

ASM Meeting – Sept 14

PLC Meeting – Sept 24 and Oct 22

Troop Meetings –Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm sharp at Masonic Center (exceptions: no meeting on Sept 9, special meeting on Sept 10, meeting at Independent school on Sept 23)



Special Troop Meeting with Presentation by Mr. Fred LaCosse, Sept 10

Adult in Charge: Mrs. Lozano

Entire family is invited to this special presentation by Mr. Fred Lacosse on "Your American Freedoms: Protect Them or Lose Them", in celebrating the 222nd anniversary of the signing of the constitution of the United States of America. Mr. Fred LaCosse is a prominent Bay Area television anchor and T.V. host. This free event will take place at **Masonic Center, on Sept 10, 7pm**, refreshments to follow immediately.

Family Camp at Coyote Hills and Court of Honor, Sept 12 - 13

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

Come and join in at this special annual family camp event, **Sept 12 – 13, at Coyote Hills, Dairy Glen camp site** to celebrate the Troop's birthday. There are a lot of fun events planned for everyone, family fun, bike ride, court of honor, cooking by patrol, dinner, campfire, fire barrel, and to mention breakfast the following morning. Come see what our Scouts can cook up!

Tres Rancho-O-Rama, Sept 19

Scout in Charge: Jack Zhao, Adult in Charge: Mr. Markison and Mr. Guerin

We need people to help man the booth for the Tres Rancho Rama. **This event will take place on Sept 19 from 9 am to 3 pm at Kennedy Park, Hayward.** Jack Zhao is the Scout in charge. There is no cost, just come in full class A uniform. We again will be setting up and operating the Monkey Bridge and helping Mr Guerin with a Pine wood Derby track. Bring your car, but be willing to share it with the boys that will be visiting. This is a recruitment day, so when you do your shift, invite some of your friends to come and have fun. Scouts get a FREE hot dog. See Jack at the next troop meeting to sign up.

Popcorn Blitz Day, Sept 20 (in conjunction with Health and Fitness Festival) and Sept 27

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

Any boy who wants to have actual popcorn to "show and sell" must let Mrs. Schultz (925-283-1973) know as she have to place an order with the council by August 31st otherwise if they want to sell popcorn they will be doing it from a brochure.

"Show and Sell" popcorn will be available starting Sept.19th through October. (This is when they have actual boxes of popcorn with them to sell). Unopened popcorn you don't sell can be returned

We have **two "Blitz" days** scheduled in **Sept. for the 20th** (in conjunction with Health Fair at CVHS) and **27th**. On these days we will be working in groups. Boys can participate in both days if they want to. We will have actual popcorn for the boys to sell as well as order forms so they can do the "military option" (people pay us money and Trails End sends popcorn to the service personnel around the world)

"Take orders" (brochure sales) will be happening during the same time (through end of Oct). Popcorn from these sales will not be delivered until the end of November.

2009 Health and Fitness Festival, Sept 20

Scout in Charge: TBD, Adult in Charge: Mrs. Lozano

The Castro Valley Education Foundation (CVEF) Health and Fitness Festival is a community-wide event to help raise awareness about childhood obesity that is an epidemic in our community. This event will take place on **Sept 20, from 10:30 am to 5:30 pm, at CVHS Stadium**. The free event will provide valuable free health screening and health information from community health and fitness providers. There are activities for all ages, sponsor and vendor booths, performances at the Center for the Arts and more. Our troop will be running a family fitness challenge activities featuring and physical fitness merit badge and backpacking fitness awareness.



Rim of Bay Hike at Mt. Tamalpais, Oct 3

Scout in Charge: Mathew Lozano, Adult in Charge: Mr. Avery

There will be a Rim of the Bay Hike **on Oct 3 at Mount Tamalpais**. This will be a day hike only with departure and return times TBA, more information to come.

Jeff Stevens Eagle Court of Honor, Oct 17

Adult in Charge: Mrs. Lozano

This very special event will be held on **Saturday, Oct 17, at Masonic Center**, in honor of Jeff Stevens in achieving the highest rank in Scouting, demonstrating their Scout Spirit, service, and Leadership. Please join us to celebrate their tremendous accomplishments.

Car Wash Fundraiser, Oct 4

Adult in Charge: Mrs. Schultz

This fundraiser event will be on **October 4th at Masonic Center**. The boys will earn 100% profit on carwash tickets that they pre-sell (every scout to sell 5 tickets). We need a lot of help on this day and ask everyone to reserve a part of the day to do a two hour shift (9:30am to 11:45am, 11:30am to 1:45pm, or 1:30pm to 3:30pm).

These our the fundraisers for the fall and the goal is for boys to earn money to be able to pay for next years summer camp as well as their other activities.



March on the Capital, Oct 23 - 25

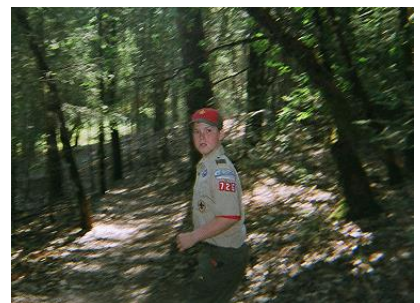
Scout in Charge: TBD, Adult in Charge: Mr. Guerin

Join Scouts from around California on Oct 24, 2009 for a march from Raley Field to the California State Capitol to kick off Scouting's 100th Anniversary celebrations and deliver the California Scout Report to Governor Schwarzenegger. The event will be hosted by the Golden Empire Council and more than 10,000 participants are expected. We will **leave from Masonic Center on Oct 23 at 6 pm and return on Oct 25 at 4 pm**. We will camp overnight for two nights at Camp Pollock. On Sunday, we will be visiting Old Town Sacramento and the Train Museum. The cost for the weekend is \$47.

100 Years of Scouting

SFBAC Troop Summer Camp 2009 (By Scout in Charge: Ben Eversole)

The Troop packed up and headed up to Wente Scout Ranch during the week of **June 21th to June 27th**. We enjoyed a great week. Whether Scouts were soaking up the sun at the lake, rolling past on mountain bikes, or obtaining merit badges, there was a great time being had. Overall it was a very smooth and successful week with 124 completed and 27 partial merit badges.



SFBAC Troop Summer Camp 2009 (more photos)



Brownsea Training

(by Scout in Charge: Bryce Fong)

This week long training (June 14 – 20) was fun and everyone should go.



Summer Camp Group Pictures



Departure Day, June 21



Return Day, June 27

Lion Club Carnival (By Scout in Charge: Larry Whitmeyer)

On July 4, 10-12 Scouts plus 6 adults participated in fun service event. The set up was very organized this year and came together quickly. A lot of team work was executed. Everything went well for the day and everyone seemed to have a lot of fun. Thanks to everyone who lent their support and participated in the carnival this year.



U-Waste Fundraiser

As a major fundraiser and service project to the community, our Troop participating in a U-waste fundraiser held on **July 11, 2009**, at Canyon Middle School. Prior to the event Scouts distributed flyers to Castro Valley Neighborhoods individually with an adult. Scout also distributed fliers at BART, Safeway, and PW Market over several days prior to the event. The following Scouts helped with flier distribution, Raymond Akagi, Mitch Avery, Ryan Flynn, Bryce Fong, Keane Hubbard, Freddie Kao, Bryant Ling, Mathew Lozano, Bobby Paiz, Casey Perrault, Kenji Pinzon, Allen Saylor, Edgar Woo, Jack Zhou and Jason Zhou. Plus Mitch's brother, Kyle Avery, helped out as a Weblo.

The event day was a great success. THANK YOU to all who came out to help. We received several comments on how our scouts were helpful and kind. It was a long hard day and everyone did a great job. Special thanks to all the adult leaders who put in extra efforts to ensure the event ran smoothly, Mrs. Davidson for permission slips, Mr. Markison for BART/Business Flyer Distribution, and Mr. Guerin and Mrs. Lozano for event day coordination.

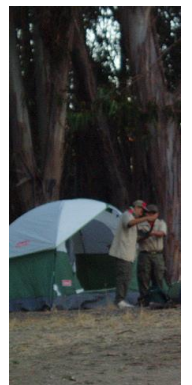
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Lake Chabot Outdoor Troop Meeting (By Raymond Akagi and Mr. Guerin)

At the Lake Chabot overnight camp out , July 17 – 18, we worked on our rank. Scouts in attendance were Raymond Akagi, Mitch Avery, Ben Eversole, Bryce Fong, Keane Hubbard, Freddie Kao, Eric Nikssarian, Will Oliveira, Jacob Schultz, Jack Zhao, and Jason Zhao. Thanks to the following adults for attending; Mr. Markison, Mr. Fong, and Mr. Guerin.

We set up camp at the Lookout Ridge. Eric Nikssarian was the senior scout on hand to help sign off on the requirements. For dinner people cooked spaghetti, stir fry, rice-a-roni, on a backpack stove. We didn't have to take anything home because we cleaned the pots and pans before we left. We went on a hike while Eric and Mathew were (singing) their hearts out. Will ended up sleeping in the tent with Larry after opened two tents that were missing things. It was a fun event and a great chance to work on any and all requirements.



Lookout Ridge, Anthony Chabot Regional Park, July 17-18, 2009

Troop Big Adventure Trip to Oregon

By Jacob Schultz (Scout-in-Charge)

The Dragons Patrol, Casey, Raymond, and Ryan went to a high adventure trip in Oregon from July 27 to Aug 8. During the first half of the trip, we went water rafting, cave exploring, and fishing. The second half of the trip, we went to camp for a week where we all earned merit badges. It was a fun experience for all.

By Raymond Akagi

When we went to Oregon the weather was very different through out the trip. It would be sunny and be drizzling. At the beginning of the trip it was really hot and the last night of summer camp it was really cold. The thunder storms were pretty cool. We went to many different places, Lake Shasta, Valley of the Rouge State park, Lake Selmac, Crater Lake National Park, and finally the Boy Camp Makualla.

It was exciting when we went zip lining. The Tarzan swing was awesome. The white water rafting was way better at the Rogue River then the float trip we went on before. There was actually white water and drops. It was fun to go fishing and it was exciting to actually catch a fish. It was really hot outside but really cold in the river. We played some games. When we had kayaks Casey would pirate somebody else's and kick them off.

At Camp Makualla, there were a lot of mosquitoes. I got a lot of mosquito bites. The camp staff would let you check out a mountain bike for free to ride around on. I liked how the food was served cafeteria style so one person didn't have to get food for everybody and if you wanted seconds you had to get seconds for yourself. Casey beat the camp record at tying the sheep bend during the contests.

Special thanks to Mr. Perrault, Mr. Schultz, and Mrs. Schultz for taking us on this big adventure!



Departure Day, July 27, Masonic Center

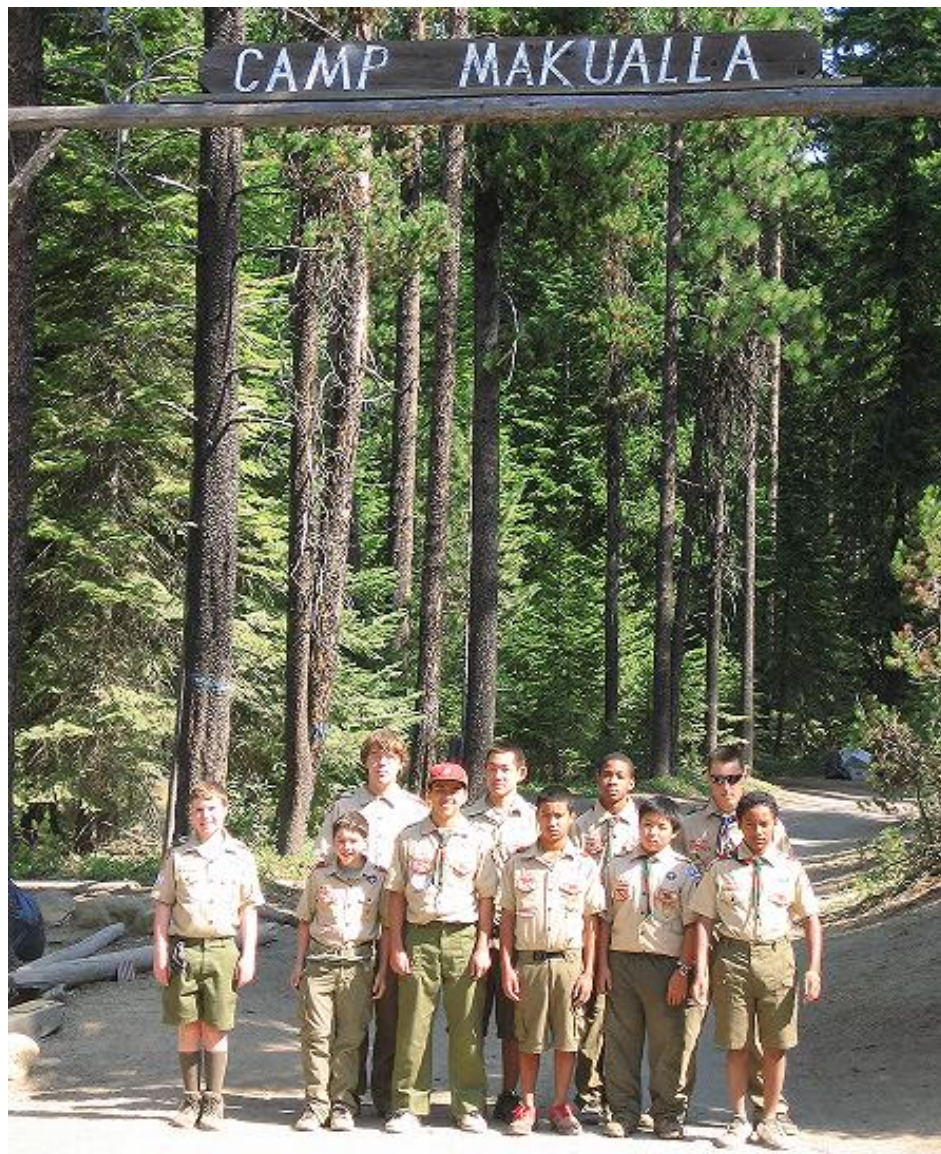
Troop Big Adventure Trip to Oregon (more photos)



Shasta Caverns, July 28



Rouge State Park, July 28



Camp Makualla, Aug 8

Lake Chabot Outdoor Troop meeting and Overnighter (By Will Oliveira)

Friday night through Saturday morning (Aug 21- 22), Troop 726 conducted its monthly PLC meeting and work on advancement opportunities at Lake Chabot's Hawk Ridge campsite. John, Ben, Mitch, Jason, and I (Will Oliveira) all enjoyed a good dinner and breakfast along with a load of fun. Most importantly, we all got a lot of work done on rank advancement ending with three scouts going home finished with their scout master's conference. After the night was over, the only person who wasn't happy was the extremely lost stranger who, ironically, was looking for "lost Ridge".



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 a 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 Boy Scout Fast Start, Youth Protection, Safe Swim and Safety Afloat, Troup Committee Challenge and many more. Please check out all the online trainings. These are free online. Please go to www.SFBAC.org, then go to training, >adult training, >the training program and than 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. This is a new National Policy and is required on tour permits.
4. Also, beginning January 2009, you will be required to take a training called **"Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather Training."** This is only available online.
5. **"This is Scouting"** is now on line. If you haven't taken NLE please take this course at www.sfbac.org under adult training.
6. **Boy Scout Leader Outdoor Training** is being offered on Sept 17, and Sept. 26 – 27, 2009. You need to take this if you're an assistant Scoutmaster as this will probably be REQUIRED beginning Jan. 1, 2010. Please see Mr. Wright for a flyer.

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.

Troop News

Congratulations (from Mrs. Lozano Troop 726 Committee Chair)

It is my privilege to announce the attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout by Mathew Lozano and Jeff Stevens; both scouts passed their Eagle Board of Review on June 17, 2009. The panel members said they did a wonderful job on their projects and presentation. One panel member commented that he now knows more about refinishing a floor than he ever thought possible (Jeff's Eagle Project).

Congratulation to our newest Eagle Scouts -- may they continue to soar to new heights!

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 726 Website (from Mr. Woo)

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



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!

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 are:
Patrol Leader – Aaron and Jason
Assistant Patrol Leader – Jeremy and Mitch
Quarter master – Austin
Grub Master – Raymond
Scribe – Keane
Cheer Master – Tyler and John
Jason obtained his Scout rank. Jeremy became a Tender Foot.

By Jason Zhao

Scorpions



The Scorpions Patrol did not go on any outings this month.

By Larry Whitmeyer

Dragons



The Dragons Patrol (excluding a certain someone) went on the BIG ADVENTURE OREGON TRIP. It was fun. We did caving, ziplining, actual white water rafting. We also tried a new scout camp (Camp Makkualla). It was terrific.

By Ryan Flynn

Owls



At the most recent Troop meeting, Steve celebrated his birthday.

By Steve Davidson

Rocks



Recently, the Rocks Patrol went from five members to three. Taking up a job offer in Idaho, Mrs. Nikssarian, along with Eric and his sister Lisa, have left. They moved at the beginning of August. Meanwhile, Mr. Nikssarian stayed behind to finish their house and worked. Adam, who will attending college nearby, has stayed back as well. In the name month, Jeff Stevens aged out. We look forward to his eagle court.

By Ben Eversole

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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

Hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and are now ready to get back to school, back to scouts and back to a regular routine. This summer we did our annual U-Waste event with the Castro Valley Sanitary District and they were very pleased with the results of the event. Together we helped divert a total of 35,210 lbs of unwanted sensitive documents, electronics, household batteries and fluorescent light bulbs and 3,420 gallons of latex paint from the landfill in just 6 hours. Thank you to all that helped!

In April when we put together our troop calendar we tried our best to get accurate dates for council and district level events. This year several date changes were announced over the summer and, in response, we have done some juggling with our events for September and October. Please review the front page of this newsletter and watch the email announcements carefully for date changes. September and October are always very busy months for the troop; please try to make it to as many outing and events as possible.

The fall is also a big fundraising time for our troop and your scout accounts. We are providing several opportunities for the scout and his family to participate to raise money for their scout account. You may participate in as many of these events as you want. Also remember that some of the fundraising events also work double as a service project. Talk to Mr. Guerin if you need Service Hours.

Looking for Fun Things to do? Check out These Free Events!

September 7 is a **California Free Fishing Day**
<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/fishing/freefishdays.html>

September 26 is a **Free Museum Day**
<http://microsite.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/>

Scout Advancements

By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Advancement Coordinator

No advancements to date this summer. Please call Mr. Avery (925-698-1514) for a Board of Review appointment. The next two BOR dates are, Sept 8 and Oct 19.

Two Fun District Events in October

Rocket Jamboree

This event will be held on **Saturday, October 10 and Sunday, October 11 at Camp Park in Dublin**. This is a Tres Rancho District event and scouts may sign up directly by contacting Mr. Gentile at 510-461-0863.



Fall Camporee/Pumpkin Fest

This event, hosted by Achewon Nimat Lodge (Order of the Arrow), will be **Friday thru Sunday, October 9 - 11 at Camp Royaneh**. This is an Order of the Arrow event and if your patrol is interested in participating, please talk to your patrol advisor.



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!

Loyal

A Scout is true to his family, Scout leaders, friends, school, and nation.