

TROOP 726 FLASH

Upcoming Events

10 Miles Bike Ride San Leandro Shoreline– Jan 19

University of Scouting– Jan 26



Fishing and Crabbing at Point Pinole– Jan 26-27

Native Sons Crab Feed– Jan 28



Winter Awareness Training – Feb 2

Scout Sunday – Feb 3



Dodge Ridge Skiing– Feb 10

Red and Green Dinner – Feb 13 Troop Meeting

Wa Sung Crab Feed – Feb 23 (to be confirmed)

Training Hikes– Feb 16, Mar 16, and Apr 20

Training Bike Ride– Feb 23, and Mar 30, and Apr 13



Klondike Derby – Mar 1 – 3

Wilderness Survival Outing – Mar 23-24

Meeting Dates

Board of Review – Jan 21, Feb 18

Committee Meeting – Feb 4, Mar 4

PLC Meeting – Feb 2 (after Winter Awareness Training), Feb 24

Troop Meetings – Weekly on Wednesdays 7 pm sharp at Masonic Center. Feb 20 is nomination, Feb 27 is election.

Website

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

Raymond Akagi 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.



10 Miles Bike Ride San Leandro Shoreline– Jan 19

Scout in Charge: Raymond Akagi, Adult in Charge: Mr. Fong

Troop 726 is planning a 4 mile and a 10 mile bicycle trip on the **San Francisco Bay Trail at the San Leandro Marina on Jan 19, 2013, 8:30 a.m-12 noon**. This is good for a beginner and the first one of 4 practice rides to get ready for the Lake Chabot Bike Ride in June. **Meet at Masonic center for carpool**. End at Masonic center. The event is FREE. Bring snacks (don't need lunch), water bottle, glasses, gloves, helmet, spare tube, safety equipment. Wear Class B, windbreaker or jacket, tennis shoes. Sign up Now!



Native Sons Crab Feed– Jan 28

Scout in Charge: Ben Eckman and Jacob Shultz, Adult in Charge: Mr. Markison

This is a community service event is **on Jan 28, from 6-9pm at the Hayward Veteran's Building on Main Street.** We need 8-9 Scouts and 3-4 adults to participate. Come have some fun serving crab and maybe make some money for your scout account.

Fishing and Crabbing at Point Pinole– Jan 26-27

Scout in Charge: Zachary Eslick, Adult in Charge: Mr. Siu and Mr. Maloof

- What: Crabbing and Fishing outing
- **When: Saturday, January 26 meet at the Masonic Center 10:30 AM.**
- Return: We will return to the **Masonic Center** around **11:00 AM on Sunday, Jan 27th.**
- Cost: \$15.00
- Please Bring: Overnight Personal Gear, Deep Sea Fishing pole and tackle (if you have one), Crabbing Net and bait (Chicken, anchovies, squid seem to work well) .
- Scouts and adults 16 years or older need a fishing license if they choose to fish from the shore.
- No Fishing License required if we fish from the pier.
- **SACK LUNCH** for Saturday.



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crab pot

Winter Awareness– February 2

Scout in Charge: Austin Xing-Le and Zack Eslick , Adult in Charge: Andrews and Mr. Wright

On **Feb. 2nd** our lesson will be at the **Masonic Center**. Remember that this is necessary to go on any snow outings (Klondike Derby, Dodge Ridge Snow Boarding and Skiing).

Scout Sunday– February 3

Scout in Charge: Keane Hubbard, Adult in Charge: Mr. Hubbard and Mrs. Lozano

Each year for Scout Sunday we gathered together to celebrate that a Scout is Reverent. Scout Sunday is on **February 3, 2013**, at Faith Lutheran Church in Castro Valley. The service begins at 9am and last about 1 hour. Refreshments are served. Boys and girls from all over Castro Valley and Hayward attend this event. This will be a "Scout Ran Service" and all **family members are invited.**

Faith Lutheran Church is very supportive of Scouting and Troop 726. Please plan on attending and helping Troop 726 give back to the Faith Lutheran Church for all they do for us during the year.

Our Scout in Charge of this event is Keane Hubbard. Please keep an eye out for additional information and the permission slip

A Scout is Reverent

Model Airplane Contest

Troop 726 - once again we have been invited to participate in the **model airplane contest** sponsored not only by our Chartered Organization but also by all the American Legions in the area. We will be competing against other Troops in the area and possibly other youth groups.

The rules are not only to build the model, but also to construct a diorama of an historically accurate battlefield setting and to write up a history of the plane and the event depicted in the diorama.

The exact date of the contest will be sometime in the spring and will be held at the Oakland Aviation Museum on 8252 Earhart Rd, Oakland.

This year the model is a F-4E Phantom II from the Vietnam War era. A former pilot of such may be speaking about his experiences in the near future, details TBA.

Troop 726 has won this event the only three times we have entered this contest. The winning model goes on display at the museum and there is usually a prize of some kind. What has changed this year is that Bryce is now in college.

Last night Kyle and Luke approached me about working on this event. Please contact me if you are also interested and we will decide on a Scout in Charge who will lead the process from there. Thank you, Mr. Avery



Kyoshi Ito Eagle Project– To be Determined

We will be landscaping all around the **Masonic Center**. Planting plants in front of the large sign at the entrance way. We will be lining an irrigation system around from the sign around to the back parking lot. We will also be constructing a terrace on the hillside behind the back parking lot. Please, I need hardworking scout that follow instruction for this project to run smoothly. Wear good working boots, garden gloves if you have any. Lunch will be provided. The dates of project are yet to be determined. Please see Kyoshi when it comes time to sign up!

Wa Sung Crab Feed – Feb 23

Please save the evening of **Feb 23** for a possible service project again at the Wa Sung Crab Feed.

Save the Date!

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.

The Boy Scouts of America list the following as required to become a "Trained Adult Leader."

1. Youth Protection Training
2. Leader Specific Training

Trainings offered by the Boy Scout of America online at www.sfbac.org. Proceed to the "My Scouting" section on the right side of the page.

Leader specific for Committee Members can also be taken online and is called Troop Committee Challenge.

Leader Specific Training for Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters **can't** be taken online and must be taken as a participant training. These are required for Scoutmasters and their assistants.

1. Scout Leader Training – an all Saturday or three evening sessions.
2. Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skill is a weekend course.

We also require the following trainings if you plan on attending or leading Troop outings pertaining to certain outdoor experiences. 1- 5 can be found online. # 6 is provided to our troop via the Troops instructors. Leave no Trace isn't offered online and must be taken in group training.

1. Weather Hazards
2. Safe Swim
3. Safety Afloat
4. Climb Safely
5. Trek Safely
6. Winter Awareness
7. Leave no Trace

8. University of scouting on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2013, offers many training opportunities. Please see www.sfbac.org for more info. Cost is \$20 for all day.

If you take any of these trainings, please inform me of what and when taken. If you have any training questions, please contact me.

Thanks,
Randy Wright
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Wright-s@comcast.net

EVERY SCOUT DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER!

Troop News

Mr. Siu is the Committee Chair Person

We made our official announcement at the Court of Honor in December but some of you were missing. As a member of the selection committee it pleases me very much to announce by broadcast email that Mr. Siu has accepted the position of Committee Chair. Please welcome Mr. Siu and be patient with him in his new position. Please also take the time to thank Mrs. Lozano for the depth and breadth of her dedication during her time as Committee Chair. Thank you both - Mr. Avery

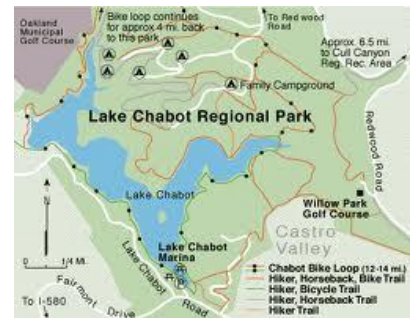
Adult Quartermaster and Adult Historian Positions Filled

Mr. Eslick has accepted the position of Adult Quartermaster and Mrs. Fusinati has accepted the position of Adult Historian. Thank you!

Get Ready for bike ride around Lake Chabot

Troop plans to have a bike ride on June 1st!!!!

Bike ride is on June 1st around Lake Chabot. It is a challenging 12 mile ride with elevation changes. If you don't have a bike, it's time to get one. Get your safety gear as well (gloves, helmet, spare inner tube, safety glasses). Don't forget a water bottle and snacks. Because this is a 12 mile bike ride with elevation gain we plan to have multiple training bike rides to be fully prepared. The dates for the training rides are **January 19th (San Leandro Marina), February 23rd (Alameda Creek Trail), and March 30th (Iron Horse Trail), and May 11th (practice at Lake Chabot).** We will meet at **Masonic Center about 8:30 am and return at 12 pm on these training rides.** Contact Raymond Akagi with any questions. Come join in the fun. See you all out there!!!



Trip to Summit Mt. Whitney

We are currently planning a trip to summit Mt. Whitney, the tallest in California. In order to climb it, we need to get several permits.

If you are interested in climbing Mt. Whitney, please tell me at this week's troop meeting so we can get the right amount of permits. You should have had some previous hiking experience for this.

If you are interested, note that you will have to attend ALL these training hikes:

- 2/16 12 miles
- 3/16 14-15 miles
- 4/20 12 miles
- 5/18 Mt. Wittenburg 10 miles
- 5/4 hike-a-thon 10 miles
- 7/27-7/28 Pinnacles



Some of these hikes will require at least 20 pound packed backpacks.

If you are interested, e-mail me, tell me soon or follow me on twitter @averythemitch

Scout Master Minute

By Phil Avery, Troop 726 Scout Master

Here we are in 2013. The clock ran out on the Mayan Calendar but the world did not end and life goes on. Of course watching the Mayan Calendar wind down was a fun distraction and source of jokes with no real anticipation of apocalyptic consequences. However, watching the pages turn on our Troop calendar is fraught with the portent of real dire straits for those who do not heed the warnings of the tick tock of time.

The following dates all represent 18th birthdays of various Life Scouts and the number of days left as of January 9 to complete their Merit Badges, Projects, Write-Ups and other assorted odds and ends associated with the approach to Eagle. You will know who you are by your birthday.

04/21/13	102
05/19/13	130
06/09/13	151
06/15/13	157
06/25/13	167
07/17/13	189
09/27/13	261

Three of the Merit Badges, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, and Family Life, require 90 days to complete. Scouts need to start the 90 day process and leave enough time to plan, execute, and write up their projects.

There are surprisingly few open weekend dates available to the Troop to work on Eagle Projects as well. With each passing open weekend the clock ticks louder. It will not be a Troop issue to accommodate a last minute dash to Eagle. It is up to the Scout to demonstrate Communication and Personal Management in this process while respecting everybody's time.

At the other end of the Troop the clock is also ticking. We have a skulk of nine Foxes who have been in the Troop for almost a year and none are even at Tenderfoot. The Patrol Flag, Yell, and Cheer is holding all of them up. Let's make it a goal for all of you to get to Tenderfoot before the new Webelos cross over in March.

The clock also ticks on our outings. Some are coming along nicely. Others need some serious work with planning and reservations right now – Wilderness Survival and Mt. Wittenberg Kayaking among them. Don't get caught with the outing calendars ending causing the world wide destruction of the events that your fellow scouts are looking forward to.

Maybe someday a future culture will discover a Scout Camp as an archaeological dig and study our Troop calendar and draw all manner of conclusions about what it meant to the Scouts who used it.



Thank you Mrs. Lozano for your Dedicated Service to Troop 726!



Mrs. Lozano and Committee Members and Scout Master and Assistant Scout Masters of Troop 726



Winter Court of Honor – Dec 5
SPL: Kiyoshi Ito, ASPL: Ryan Flynn, Photo by Mr. Fong



Winter Court of Honor – Rank Advancement



Samuel Kim - Scout



Zurvohn Maloof – Second Class



Spencer Vanderpan – Tenderfoot



Kyle Avery – Life, Keane Hubbard - Life

(Not pictured)
 Steele Eubanks – Scout
 Ashir Bhalla-Levine – Scout
 Marcos Andrade – Life
 Seamus Guerin – Eagle 3rd Silver Palm



Austin Le - Life

Winter Court of Honor – Thank you Mrs. Lozano



Brown Bag Lunch Packing and Holiday Gathering

Photo by Mr. Fong

During Dec 19th the Holiday gathering, we packed brown bag lunches to be distributed to people in need. Thank you to everyone for bring in food donation, items for packing lunches, and working hard to assemble the lunches. We also did the white elephant gift exchange game, enjoyed the holiday music provided by our very own Scout Band, and had our filled of holidays sweets.



Brown Bag Lunch Packing and Holiday Gathering – Scout Band



Brown Bag Lunch Packing and Holiday Gathering – White Elephant



Brown Bag Lunch Packing and Holiday Gathering – Yummy Sweets!



Aviation Merit Badge – Dec 28

By Scout in Charge: Jeffrey Jiang, Photo by Mr. Siu and Mr. Pica

On Dec 28th, Troop 726 went to the United Maintenance Base at SFO to learn about Aviation. We looked at engines and many other different parts of airplanes and talked about their functions. We also saw commercial airliners in their hangars undergoing maintenance. We learned about the basic controls of flight and what gives planes lift. We then made our own model planes and got to go into and inspect a plane.



Aviation Merit Badge – Dec 28



Thank you, United!



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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.



Troop 726 - if you are interested in working at summer camp next year as staff, then here is the information.

San Francisco Bay Area Council CAMP STAFF INTERVIEWS

The San Francisco Bay Area Council would like to extend to you an invitation to come and interview for a position on the 2013 Council Camp Staff. Please fill out a camp staff application and bring it with you to your interview. The application can be found at:

http://www.sfbac.org/files/images/seasonal_camp_staff_application_link.pdf

There are 100+ full-time and 50+ two week Counselor-in-Training (CIT) positions available this year. If you want to be considered for one of these positions, please plan to attend an interview during the following dates and times:
Jan. 5, 2013 from 9:00 - 4:00 PM or Feb. 2, 2013 from 9:00 - 4:00 PM

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

All members of Fox patrol have Scout rank now. Many of us also went to the Aviation Merit badge United Airline tour. It was fun!

By Patrick Lee

Bats

On January 12, 2013, we went indoor rock climbing. The area was massive. My patrol members and I had a great time trying to scale the colossal walls. I have never rock climbed before, so this was very special. Climbing the walls was surely a challenge. It was hard to find the hand grips and foot grips. Sometimes when you slip from a foot grip, it makes you have an adrenaline rush that courses through your body. At one point, some of us raced each other trying to see who was faster at scaling. The races were definitely something to remember because of the fierce competition. I am absolutely positive that everyone that went there had an exceptional time!

By Matthew Kuan

Ravens
No submittal

Cobras
No submittal

Scorpions/ Dragons

Happy New Year! There are some of us feeling the pressure set as our senior year rapidly comes to a close and the clock tick to our 18th birthdays. Other than that it is business as usual.

By Travos Engstrom

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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 Jose Siu, Troop 726 Committee Chair

Happy 2013 Troop 726!!!

This is my first entry into our Troop 726 Flash as the Committee Chair.

My heart and prayers go to the victims and families of the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. http://www.sfbac.org/files/images/Scout_Notice.pdf

As we start 2013 I would like to encourage everyone to take a look at your family calendars and make sure all the troop events are included. Troop 726 scouting calendar runs year round from September to August.

The re-charter process occurred in November and Mrs. Chen took care of our paperwork for us. Thank you Mrs. Chen. In January or February you should be receiving your membership cards. Please keep them in a safe place and remember to bring them to all Board of Reviews.

Parents: Please keep an eye out for emails about our events. Permission slips, and invitation to our family events are all communicated by group and individual emails. **If you are not receiving emails, please contact our webmaster** rayakagi@comcast.net



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!

A Scout is Trustworthy

A Scout tells the truth. He is honest, and he keeps his promises. People can depend on him.

Attention All

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.**